THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, NEW ALRESFORD, WINCHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1127318

Details

Other names	PCC OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, NEW ALRESFORD
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2008-12-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Pastoral work. Teaching of Christianity. Promoting the whole mission of the church. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED, IN PRACTICE
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£168,346	£177,810	-	-
2024-12-31	£181,583	£184,276	-	-
2023-12-31	£183,454	£185,688	-	-
2022-12-31	£217,625	£191,271	-	-
2021-12-31	£203,919	£204,533	-	-
2020-12-31	£224,131	£160,336	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Wheeler		2022-04-26
Charlotte Susan Teresa Ryton		2020-10-27
Colin Scott-Morton		2021-04-27
Ian Douglas Waring Green		2020-11-10
Jackie Connell		2025-04-29
James Lees		2025-04-29
Jane Margaret Parsons		2018-04-24
Joanna Whiteman		2025-04-29
Jonathan Whale		2021-05-11
Lawrence Will		2023-04-29
MRS ROSIE WARING GREEN		
MRS S CLARKE		
Maureen Ann Skayman		2016-04-26
Miranda Geraldine Pinch		2014-04-29
Paul Whiffen		2023-04-29
Pearl Jeanette Page		2019-04-30
Rex Bernard Corfield		2019-04-30
Susan Roberts		2024-04-29

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St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

2025 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

to be held in St. John's Church
at 8pm
on Tuesday 28th April 2026

Registered Charity 1127318

The Church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford, serves as a witness to the Glory of God in the community by:

Celebrating the life of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

through worship, prayer and service

Caring about one another in Christ

through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting, healing and the recognition of personal gifts

Cultivating personal growth in Christ

through prayer, bible study, preaching and the sacraments

Communicating Christ to our community and to the wider world

through example, teaching, support and cooperation

The Annual Meeting

Tuesday April 28th 2026 in the JPH at 8pm

The report is sent out as early as possible firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask.

At this meeting we will be electing or re-electing two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2027.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC including Deanery Synod representatives. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide ranging decisions on church life at St Johns.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16 years. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England, as an organisation that shares Christ's concern, for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you nominate someone, please be sure that they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of its work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral role and the wider community.

Joanna Whiteman

PCC Secretary

We hope you will be able to attend the meeting

Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St John the Baptist in the Benefice of the Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St John the Baptist Church, West Street, Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No 1127318

Serving PCC members are:

Rector Vacant

Wardens Rosie Waring-Green and James Lees

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod: (all elected in October 2023)

Sue Clarke, Miranda Pinch and Charlotte Ryton

Elected Members:

Pearl Page	(elected April 2025)
Rex Corfield	(elected April 2025)
Maureen Skayman	(elected April 2025)
Susan Roberts	(elected April 2023)
Paul Whiffen	(elected April 2023)
Lawrence Will	(elected April 2023)
Caroline Wheeler	(elected April 2025)
Jackie Connell	(elected April 2025)
Jude Cowen	(elected April 2024)
Diann Adam	(elected April 2024)
Jane Parsons	(elected April 2025)
Joanna Whiteman	(elected April 2025)

Co-opted Members:

Colin Scott-Morton (re-appointed April 2025), Jonathan Whale, Treasurer, (re-appointed April 2025), Ian Waring-Green (re-appointed April 2025).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Role and stand for election to the PCC.

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operation with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish - the whole mission of the Church – Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints a number of groups and committees that meet regularly during the course of the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities for issues including: Ministry, Worship, World (Outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance, representatives are also elected to 'Churches Together in Alresford'.

The number on the electoral roll as reported by the Electoral Roll officer at the Annual Meeting on the 29th April 2025 was 151. In 2024 it was 219. The average number of usual Sunday attendees is 50, plus those who watch online.

In 2025 the PCC met formally six times. During the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the Parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the reports below. The Standing Committee met formally five times and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary to running St John's Church.

The PCC has complied with the duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, the UK Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018. Also the regulations regarding photography and filming in Church.

As in previous years PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities.

St John's is a fully participating member of 'Churches Together' in Alresford.

The PCC would like to thank the Licenced Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

Joanna Whiteman PCC Secretary

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, NEW ALRESFORD

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

TUESDAY 29th APRIL 2025 AT 8PM

Prayers and Welcome – The Rector

(A) **The Vestry Meeting** – All resident parishioners may take part.

1. Election of Church Wardens – Two people are standing for the positions of Church Warden. Rosie Waring Green, proposed by Jane Parsons and seconded by Jon Whale and James Lees proposed by Jane Parsons and seconded by Rosie Waring Green. **Both were elected unanimously** and James was given a set of keys.

(B) **The Annual Meeting** – only electoral members may take part

2. **Minutes of the 2024 APCM** – These were deemed an accurate record

3. **Matters Arising** – No matters arising

4. **Election of PCC members** – No current PCC members are standing down, Five members had served their three year term of office. All wished to stand again. These were: Pearl Page proposed by Jane Parsons and seconded by Margaret Stewart, Caroline Wheeler proposed by Rosie Waring Green and seconded by Ian Waring Green, Maureen Skayman proposed by Jane Parsons and seconded by Sue Clarke, Rex Corfield proposed by Paul Whiffen and seconded by Pearl Page and Jackie Cornell proposed by Miranda Pinch and seconded by Susan Roberts. **PCC approved these re-elections unanimously**. Two new members of PCC were put forward – Joanna Whiteman proposed by Pearl Page and seconded by Jane Parsons and Jane Parsons proposed by Pearl Page and seconded by Kathryn Cook. **PCC approved these unanimously.**

5. **Electoral Roll Report** – Janet Pooley – In the Anglican Church each parish is required to completely renew their Electoral Roll every 6 years. By registering on the Electoral Role, you will be able to play a part in every aspect of church life. You will be able to attend and vote at the APCM and vote in elections for membership of the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod. The Electoral Roll Officer maintains the list and regularly removes the names of those who have died or moved away so that the Roll is as accurate as possible. However many people move away and don't let the church know so a certain amount of initiative is required on the part of the Electoral Roll Officer. It is only by completely revising the Electoral Roll that the church has a more accurate view of membership and this is only possible when people make

the conscious effort to complete a new application form. **Last year the number on Roll was 219, this year it is 151**. Three people have died since the last meeting and 16 have joined. There is no obligation to put one's name on the Roll and some people prefer not to do so. However having your name on the Roll does help with communication. After the APCM the numbers will be sent to the Diocesan Office for their records. A copy is on display in the church porch.

6. **Annual PCC Report –** The report was circulated to all on the Electoral Roll in March. Each individual report, informs, and reflects the life and mission of St John's church.

7. **Financial Report and Annual Accounts Y/E December 31st 2024** - this was sent out as part of the Annual Report. Jon thanked the congregation for their generosity which has meant the church is in a good financial position. He also thanked all who help him with the financial affairs of the church. One question came from Pelham who commented on the CCLA account and whether some monies should be moved to an equity account. This will be considered at the next PCC meeting in May.

8. **Terrier –** Heather went through the report and it was signed off. One copy will be held by the church and another sent to the Diocesan office.

9. **Deanery Synod Report** - this was included in the Annual Report. Heather informed the meeting that the informal arrangement with Alton Deanery will continue to include joint Deanery and Synod meetings. There are no current plans to make this formal.

10. **Rectors Update –** Heather gave her thanks to: Rosie for carrying out her church warden role alone over the last year and doing it so well. Penny for her great administrative skills on behalf of the whole benefice. Much of it in her own time. This includes keeping Facebook and the website up to date. Jon for his financial acumen and oversight and PCC for their various skills and contributions. Rob, who is standing down from doing the notices, was warmly thanked for 17 years dedicated service.
    Heather said that it had been a good year for St John's. She asked the meeting to think of three words that described the church now and how we would like to describe the church in five years time. These words will be used as a basis for future discussions. The young people also did the same exercise. All the words were positive.
    Heather said that we all need to think about what we can do to grow God's kingdom in this place - Breakfast Church's theme on May 11th will be the parable of the mustard seed.
    Heather made comment on the electoral roll going down which is explainable but also said that the worshipping community is more important. There are more

young families connected to the church and work is ongoing to find a children and families worker.
Rosie presented virtual flowers to Heather to be followed up with real ones later!!

11. **Gospel Choir Presentation –** Tim Uffindell presented the report which was circulated before the meeting. He talked about people's motivation for being in church and how that is explored through the mission of Gospel Choir. He talked about the choir being a place for people of faith, of no faith or for those who are searching. Everyone who attends hears a faith based message it is then up to them how they respond. Tim plants the seed and the Holy Spirit does the 'heavy lifting'.

12. **AOB –** PCC members were asked to fill in a declaration form as trustees and return to Jo. Janet asked about progress with the Altar Frontal. Heather said that it would be done. Patrick asked about the missing key for the key cupboard. Rosie said it had not turned up so far but that a new key was available. She thinks it is in someone's pocket!!

The meeting ended with everyone saying The Grace and a social gathering.

Churchwarden's Report

We have had an encouraging year at St John's although it was tinged with sadness at the end of September as we said a heartfelt goodbye to Heather as she left us to move on to a different phase of her ministry. The whole benefice came together to give Heather and Mick a great send off with a brunch provided for all to enjoy. Heather's wonderful dedication to St John's for the last 4 years has been an inspiration and a huge blessing. We are now all working together in this time of interregnum to keep 'the ship afloat' as you might say and to keep encouraging all the congregation to share the example of Jesus in loving and caring for each other.

Nuts and bolts!!

A Quinquennial inspection of the building took place in July 2024 and we STILL await the result of this report with fingers crossed that there are no major issues requiring attention!!

As always, we have a commitment to keeping everyone safe in St John's. Fire safety training for PCC members and Sides People has continued as well as Safeguarding training for the PCC and all volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults. We are really grateful to the people delivering this essential training. There has also been some First Aid training giving many the confidence to help in times of accident or illness.

Growing Together

The CTIA Lent Course by Paula Gooder was well received by all and was a good opportunity to meet new friends from the local churches as well as enjoy some deep and challenging conversations.

Alpha – another hugely successful course was held during the day over the summer with all 14 members completely involved and growing in their relationships with each other and in their faith. Home Groups continue to meet across the parish and offer a variety of different approaches for bible studies.

Social and Outreach

There have been some wonderful opportunities for us all to get to know each other better this year and also for us to invite our friends and neighbours into our church community activities. We have enjoyed the Watercress Festival, Songs of Praise, Harvest Supper and a Table Top Sale amongst the regular Coffee, Cake and Chat, Table Talk, Solos, Men's Breakfast, Mums' Supper, Widowers' Supper and Looking Forward group.

'A Gift from St John's' attracted a record number of visitors as usual. It is always wonderful to see how the whole church works together to help with activities together with the always popular Café providing some mulled wine to warm us!!

Worship and Families

Children and Families Worker – There has been a considerable amount of work going on in the background by a committed team filling in applications with Reverend Amber from Ropley to the Growing Rural Parishes Fund for a grant towards the funding of a Children and Families Worker to work across all churches in the Arle Valley Benefice. The grant has now been awarded and the detail of how this is going to work is being looked at as we write this report. We are confident that this will enable the growth in the number of families and young people becoming more engaged with us all. Families@4,

Chill Chat and Chomp, Monday Meet and Eat and Breakfast Church continue to attract new families and young people. A benefice wide Gift Day to support this project was held in August with a considerable amount of money being either donated or promised through the Parish Giving Scheme so that we have now nearly achieved our target to enable us to employ someone.
The Autumn Light Party, Christingle Service and Crib Service were as lively and meaningful as usual. A Youth Alpha has been requested which will begin in the Spring.

So much of what we offer at St John's is enabled by volunteers, who deserve many thanks.
More thanks also are due to our Ministry Team, who continue to be very busy and a great support in this time of interregnum, and also to our Pastoral Care Team. We look forward to the year ahead and more opportunities for all at St John's to share their faith with the people of Alresford.

James Lees and Rosie Waring Green
Churchwardens

Alresford Deanery Synod Report

There are currently three members from St John's: **Miranda Pinch, Sue Clarke, and Charlotte Ryton.**

Deanery Synod meets every few months, and at the moment our Deanery is informally linked with Alton Deanery. Recently we have had some interesting discussions. In particular an army chaplain came to talk to us about how we would respond in times of emergency including war. First it was reassuring to know that all sorts of schemes are in place should the worst happen – food stockpiled, emergency radios ready etc – but secondly it was made clear that in such an emergency the churches would be expected to play their part. As he pointed out, often the easiest building to find in a town or village is the church so therefore it would become a hub for information and dissemination of emergency supplies. He also talked about the need for resilience and flexibility and these attributes were also referenced in other discussions such as dealing with the world our young people live in.

Children's, Youth and Family Work

As always there has been much fun and laughter with our families, children and young people! We have also enjoyed a variety of times when we have come together to learn more about faith and the world around us. We all love the times too when we are involved in all age activities such as the Harvest Supper. The biggest sadness for us has been the departure of Heather off to Wiltshire to spend more time with her family. We have very much valued her inspiration and encouragement.

Children's and Families Worker
This is the third year that the Diocese has invited applications to its Growing Rural Parishes project, and together with our friends in Ropley Benefice, we were successful in becoming part of it for 2026.
Growing Rural Parishes (GRP) is a partnership whereby the Diocese promises to provide £14,000 funding over 3 years, and in return, we promise to do more of what we love - and that is welcoming new people to our churches. There is a particular emphasis on encouraging more younger people, and with this in mind, we are planning to recruit a Children's and Families Worker on a 2-3 year contract. GRP is an exciting moment for our Benefice in lots of ways, and we are looking forward to growing closer to the team at Ropley. The work starts in Spring 26, and there will be regular updates.

Chill, Chat, Chomp – a mid-week weekly group for year 7 upwards - continues to have fun and enjoy some challenging discussions. The young people have also been involved in some great volunteering in helping to prepare Light Party boxes and sort the sweets etc needed for the Christingle Service as well as helping out with St John's 'Gift from St John's'. We really enjoyed being able to assemble the new comfy sofas for the refurbished West Room, and love meeting in there on a Wednesday after school to chat, eat, play games etc

Autumn Fun Light Party went ahead this year continuing the new outreach for parents coming with their children. We had a great turn-out of over 35 children with their parents together with 20 helpers who all had a wonderful time creating 'jam jar lanterns', lighthouses and stained-glass windows along with doughnuts on a string and many more activities.
We were able to enjoy the fire-pit outside just before it started to rain but we all managed to see a beautiful double rainbow as it started to rain – however this did not deter our amazing helpers!! After food – always essential – there was a word treasure hunt trail in the beautifully illuminated church and ending with a fantastic dance version of the song 'Shine' plus a new song My Lighthouse! There was a great buzz of conversation and enjoyment between all ages.

Services – Christingle Service this year was again very well attended!! The Crib Service was also incredibly busy this year with about 300 children and adults attending and all being involved in the retelling of the nativity story; as usual we managed to recruit a 'real' baby playing the part of baby Jesus. Mothering Sunday and Remembrance services also had many uniformed youngsters joining us. Breakfast Church all age service continues to flourish with a relaxed start and more involvement from the families and of course tempting goodies to start our morning!!
Families@4 – continues to be run by the families themselves and includes an interactive story, craft, a song and of course a drink and a biscuit!! The theme is followed up in Breakfast Church the week after, therefore reinforcing the gospel message.
Chatterbox – the Parents / Carers Toddler Group continues to encourage new families although with the change of pre-school free places we have seen a drop in numbers attending. This is run by a team from the families but there are several of us who go along to help; we really enjoy this connection with the youngest members of our community.

Monday Meet and Eat – CTIA volunteers have been very active in providing a place for families with primary school children to come and have time to play together, and to share in a hot meal. We have a group of regular families who join us and in fact have now grown to 10 families altogether who also enjoy the adult conversations while the children are playing!!
Links with Schools – we enjoy regular visits from the children and families of Sun Hill Junior School for their Harvest, Christmas and Easter services. The children present storytelling and songs to the rest of the school and parents.
Perins also hold their annual Christmas concert at St John's for pupils and parents.
We are always happy to have any offers of help and we would really appreciate prayers for the way forward for the children, young people and families of St John's and the local community. Thank you all for your support.

Rosie Waring Green

Catering Team Report

We have had another great year as a Catering Team.
As usual the Lent Lunch was an enjoyable and well attended event... and delicious homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese was enjoyed by lots of parishioners.
We managed a successful Harvest Supper in October 2025, and it was so lovely to see the church community together, sitting down and enjoying each other's company and entertainment!! Especially lovely this year to see so many families enjoying the evening. And the mulled wine and mince pies were well received after the Carol Service.

As a team we continue to serve the Church and its community and are also very grateful to those who are always willing to roll up their sleeves and help in any way they are able and even with the washing up at the end of the event. We are also enormously grateful for those who generously provide raffle prizes and delicious puddings for us all to enjoy. We would not be able to cater in the same way if this generosity was not forthcoming.

We would always welcome new faces to our Catering Team so please contact me if you would like to join us.
Our yearly commitments include the Frugal lent lunch, The Harvest Supper and Mulled wine & mince pies at the Carol Service, along with any other ad hoc church catering requirements. We look forward to 2026 and looking after your catering needs.

I cannot thank everyone in the team enough for their support and commitment to the Catering events, especially Hefin Tudor who steps in to take the lead when my other commitments prevail and the honorary member of the team Peter Tudor who is always ready at the door to take your money and sell you raffle tickets! ... we really are a great team!

Pippa Sherry

Church Cleaning

On behalf of all the congregation, I would like to thank our dedicated team of Church Cleaners, who diligently, week in / week out, keep our beautiful Church clean. Each person has a section to clean, and they choose their own time of working, fitting in around the services and other events being carried out in Church, We could always do with more helpers, so if you are able to offer some time, as little as 1/2 hour a week / fortnightly / monthly, especially to clean whilst one of our stalwarts has a well- earned break, I shall be very pleased to hear from you.

Hefin Tudor.

Churches Together in Alresford

At the beginning of the year the committee had a re-think about the future of CTiA. It has become difficult to recruit more members to the committee and so it was decided than in future we would reduce the number of events we would arrange throughout the year.

We selected Paula Gooder's book 'Lentwise' as the study book for Lent and those in house groups found it very helpful. The annual Good Friday walk of witness around the town again attracted a large number of participants. In September we held an away day at Old Alresford Place and had an inspiring talk from the Revd Philip Bromley who is the ecumenical officer for Wiltshire. During the afternoon we held a brief AGM when the role of chair of the committee passed from Rosemary Chambers from St Gregory's to Jon Hughes from The Methodist church. The day ended with a service for the renewal of the CTiA covenant and with a sermon from Bishop Peter Doyle.

At Christmas we continued the tradition of carol singing in the residential homes and flats in Alresford. We made slight changes to the arrangements this year which ensured a good number of singers at each venue. As usual we sang carols at the top of Broad Street on the Saturday before Christmas. The collections from all the Carol singing went to Firefly which continues to be the CTiA charity.

Diann Adam's and Jackie Connell are currently the representatives from St John's but we would love to have others join us. Together we can do so much more: together we build new and meaningful relationships, together we learn from one another and understand one another and together we are a much stronger witness of the one we are all called to serve.

Coffee Cake & Chat

Once again we have had a very successful year. Every second Tuesday of the month finds the John Pearson Hall full of chatter and laughter as coffee/tea and homemade cake is enjoyed. Each month there is a 'Pause for Thought' enjoyed by all, which often sparks some discussion. For several years now we have supported Winchester Hospice and this will continue into the future.

Thanks must be given to our wonderful cake makers, Pearl Page, Elizabeth Johnson and Erica Cook; plus Margaret Stewart who makes the most fantastic cheese scones. The morning is open to all and it is always so good to see so many non-church goers joining us. Do come and join us on the second Tuesday of the month 10am -11.30am

Angela Peel

Creation Care

More talk of looking after God's wonderful World and how we can reduce the damage we are causing.

Climate Service

In April we had a good Climate Service with Rev Sam Scott, the diocese environment officer, giving an inspiring talk on what each of us can do.

Merger

Mid-year the Bees Knees and the Creation Care Team merged to combine resources and to work together.

The Lorax Day

The Lorax day was a super idea having tables of sustainable cleaning products, children's activities, climate change related information, the film of The Lorax book by Dr Suess and of course some food. Not as many people turned up as had been hoped. But many of the stalls at the event should be repeated as part of other St John's events. Don't forget the Lorax ending statement

'UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to change, Its not.

Sunday Garden and Green Fair

The next day was the Sunday Garden and Green Fair with many stalls outside in Broad Street. Our stall was more successful here, as it was taken to where people already were.

Plants

There is still one plant growing in the church representing God's natural world. Not forgetting the regular flowers arranged so well during the year. More plants would be welcome.

Eco Church

We are still working toward the Eco Church Silver Award. There are questions to answer on the sustainability of our church and community activities and points are awarded accordingly.

Future

Look out for future magazine articles, posters, talks and activities related to caring for God's world.

Don't forget - UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to change. It's not.

'Remember that even the smallest change is worth more than the grandest intention.'

Creation Care Team

Fabric Report

Year on year there is a mixture of fabric and maintenance efforts both internally in the church and hall buildings as well as externally in the churchyard.
In 2025 we again held two very successful churchyard clear up days...both were well attended by the usual volunteers, enjoying refreshments thanks to Pearl Page. We were delighted to see some new volunteers, and their children. During the second clear up day we managed to remove a lot of material from the hedge by church cottages on the SW of the churchyard, this along with an amount of material from the area by the mower shed filled a large skip. The clear ups are again organised for 2026 on clock change days – we would love to see you. They are a good chance to meet and chat. Please don't leave it to the usual suspects.
In 2025 we again employed a contractor to maintain the southern end of the churchyard, together with the team of mowing volunteers the churchyard survived a fairly dry summer. Some hollows in the ground were filled with excess chalk, which was covered by topsoil and seeded. During 2026 we will need to resolve the issue of arisings from grave digging. There aren't many areas of the churchyard where this can be accommodated. Further advice is required from the diocese on this matter.
Internally the major item of note was the refurbishment of the west room, new cupboards and a full redecoration. This is now a very comfortable room for meetings and smaller group discussions. Early in 2026 we intend to address the JPH kitchen renovation works including works to the ceiling – part of this cost is covered by a grant from the Diocese. Another grant earlier in 2025 enabled us to replace some of the failed double-glazing units in the main JPH hall windows. Volunteers also undertook a touch up painting job in the JP Hall – trust that you agree a small effort can make a decent impact.
There continue to be ongoing discussions regarding the heating of the church and hall, currently we are reviewing various options and reports. Inevitably any replacement of the heating system will be a significant capital expenditure, this process will involve further consultation with the diocese. As part of this process, we will look to reduce the environmental impact of the whole estate.
Again in 2025 Paul Whiffen managed the process of dealing with all the annual maintenance requirements. Paul has now retired from this role – whilst we are indebted to Paul for the many years of effort in this role, we are now urgently seeking a volunteer to take over this role, which is largely a coordination role booking various contractors.
So much of the maintenance effort is undertaken by volunteers - thank you to all of them. We all need to do our bit to keep the church buildings and churchyard in top condition. Please do let the churchwardens know if there are items that need attending to.

James Lees

Flower Arrangers

I begin my report remembering our lovely church flower arranger, Pearl Court. We lost Pearl in July and she is missed so very much not just for her arranging abilities but because she was such a wonderful person. She had spent many years happily serving St John's and creating wonderful displays.

Once again, a big thank you goes out to the Church Flower Team for all their time and effort during 2025. It has been a very busy year with flowers being sponsored every week throughout the year which was really amazing. Thank you to all those people who sponsored flowers during the year. Unfortunately, at the point of writing, there are plenty of slots free for this year so please select your preferred date if you wish to sponsor a pedestal to remember a special birthday, anniversary or a loved one. The list for sponsoring flowers in St John's is now available at the back of Church and sponsorship is £30.

The cost of flowers still continues to increase and is an ongoing challenge for the arrangers who are always trying to source the best flowers and deals on offer at the time. Sadly, the team has lost five arrangers during the year for one reason or another and we thank them for everything they have contributed to flower arranging in St John's. The task of completing a flower arrangement is rewarding but very time consuming. Duties include buying the flowers, taking the previous arrangement apart, then completing a new arrangement and hoping that the sponsor likes the finished article.

During the year the Flower Team made up bunches of daffodils for Mothering Sunday, decorated the church for Easter, Church Festivals, Harvest and Christmas along with the weekly sponsored arrangements both in the Nave and Lady Chapel. Many thanks to the ladies who provide and arrange the flowers in the Lady Chapel.

The Flower Team looks forward to another a year of flower arranging and friendship.

Maureen Skayman

Looking Forward

We've had a good year this year, and have some new members who have, sadly, been bereaved recently. We now meet most weeks for breakfast, lunch, supper or a Sunday lunch. We usually have at least 8 each time, sometimes as many as 15. We talk about everything and nothing as well as our personal experience of bereavement. We had an enjoyable trip to Chichester Theatre in August to see Top Hat and we had a joint Christmas lunch with the men's widower's group. Our group is open to any 'widow' of long or short standing.

Sue Clarke

Lay Pastoral Assistants' Report

The members of the team have continued to visit people living in Alresford, offering pastoral support, throughout the year. The new LPA's who were trained at the end of 2024 have become active members of the team. This year we have said goodbye to 2 of our most experienced visitors. Sadly, Carol Reid died in July and in the autumn Nancy Webb decided the time had come for her to stand down. Both have given many years of dedicated service, for which we are very grateful, and they are very much missed.

Throughout the year we have all come together for meetings, for prayer, further training and a social get-together. Some members of the team have a particular interest in supporting the bereaved and they will be there for those who have recently lost a loved one and will be actively involved at funerals in church. We also visit those in hospital, although these days most people are back home before we hear news of their stay. We are always ready to visit those in their own home; anyone who is lonely, unable to get out or someone who would simply welcome a visitor. If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit then please do get in touch. Our details are in the magazine or can be obtained from Penny in the parish office.

Jackie Connell and Sue Clarke

Magazine

The magazine is issued eleven times a year (not in August) and we have had some positive responses to the articles. We would like a greater diversity of material so if anyone would like to contribute, we'd be very grateful but in the meantime thanks to Elizabeth Johnson who regularly updates us about Bellringing. Within our financial restraints we have tried to have as much colour as we can.
The magazine wouldn't happen without the help of many people – the committee Jennifer Miller, Elizabeth Petheran, Ruth Page and Caroline Hawkins; also proof readers Alison Starr and Janet Pooley. Thanks also to Pelham Allen who collects the copies from the printer and to Margaret Stewart and Kathy Cook who sort them and put them into bundles. Thanks also to the phalanx of people who deliver the magazine around the Benefice. If I've missed someone out, accept my apologies and please be sure your contribution is valued.

Charlotte Ryton

St. John's Prayer Team

We are delighted that prayer has become an even more embedded part of everyday life in St John's, and we would encourage you to tell others that they can email or phone and share a request or a thank you to the Prayer Team – details below. There is a definite sense of St John's being a real 'house of prayer' with so many opportunities and variety of approaches to engage everyone who enters.

We regularly check the 'Say One for Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge honour to be able to share these concerns and anxieties in prayer with the Lord. We also

have the Prayer Tree in the porch - we would encourage everyone to take time to read and to pray through the many very meaningful thoughts and prayers shared on this Tree. It is a real privilege for us all to engage with these prayers; it is an essential part of our outreach to the town, as it may be that the porch is as far as some members of the public venture into St John's.

It was also very special to be part of the Gift from St John's event in December, chatting to the public as they enjoyed the craft activities, the Café, and writing their Joys they had experienced in the last year. All these activities gave us opportunities to become engaged in many deep and important conversations in the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.

The Prayer Space in the north corner of the church has been much appreciated by many visitors and members of the congregation as a quiet reflective space to pray and take time to be still. The weekly prayer sheet is now displayed and offers the opportunities to pray for local and national needs as well as praying for those who are unwell in our community.
The Votive Candle area of the church in the south corner of the church is also much valued as a place to be still and to light a candle, either to remember a loved one or as a prayer offering.

We continue to be busy as a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone – 07891120662 – or email Rosie Waring Green – rosie@22rwg.co.uk – for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray for you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God.
If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through.

Rosie Waring Green

Safeguarding Report

Once again, we ran successful drop-in sessions for DBS checks and were able to achieve 100% up to date DBS checks for St John's momentarily.
Unfortunately, the company who do the checks were subject to a data breach in August of 2025 which affect some people at St John's. As a result of this breach the diocese chose to move back to doing DBS checks using paper forms. This has resulted in DBS checks taking considerably longer to undertake. It is not clear why the diocese has chosen this system, and it is hoped that we will be able to move back to online checks in the future. We once again ran group training sessions for both basic and foundation courses which were well attended. The safeguarding log continues to be updated as necessary with two incidents being logged this year. No further action was required for both incidents. The parish dashboard continues to be updated as required.
Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility and any concerns relating to safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults should be escalated to myself or Alison.

Sarah Wilding

Table Talk

We meet on the third Friday of each month from 12- 2pm in the JPH for an informal bring and share lunch followed by small group discussions about something of topical interest. The range of topics we cover is huge and usually relates to something in the news, although we steer way from anything too political. It's a great opportunity to look at what is happening in the world from a Christian perspective and those who come really value the opportunity to discuss things openly with other people. During Lent we met weekly and watched and discussed the film ' The Way' which follows the story of a pilgrim as he makes his way along the Camino de Santiago. It's a powerful film which promoted some deep and lively discussions.

Table Talk is open to all and we welcome newcomers, so if you're someone who would l enjoy the opportunity to discuss what is happening in the world around with others the please do come and join us.
Jackie, Sue and Miranda.

Tower Report

Alresford ringers have had a busy year as one band covering Old and New Alresford towers. The Sunday services at both towers are well supported although still not enough ringers to man both 9.30 services simultaneously meaning only the 11am services at Old Alresford had bells.
With St Mary's bells being heavily used for teaching new ringers, who are making good progress, both towers could have bells for both 9.30 services in the future.
There were 2 weddings at St John's, 2 at St Mary's and 1 at Ovington .
Alresford ringers still give outreach help to other towers in the area. Many of the band are DBS checked all have safeguarding certificates.
Many special events were marked by ringing, the reasons for the ringing advertised on social media usually with plenty of positive comments.

Elizabeth Johnson

World Team

These are the overseas projects we support:
Ashray UK: the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Ibillin, Israel, sends regular newsletters from Abuna Elias Chacour. Sadly the news has been grim since the continuing conflict in the Middle East but they continue working with the students to prepare them to be a positive factor in the traumatized society.
Church Mission Society: our partners are Sarah and Simon Cawdell who are in Gulu, Uganda. Sarah is head of a theological college and Simon leading a Rooted in Jesus course. We have frequent updates via their Facebook page and CMS newsletters.

The Michael Project, Zimbabwe: they are very grateful for all the support that they receive from St Johns. They now support 30 children on full Michael Project scholarships and 100 plus pre-schoolers, (education in Zimbabwe is not free) In the last year they have welcomed a record 11 new children into the Shalom family and saw 6 children placed in forever homes. The Michael Project were very thrilled and grateful for the wonderful gift received from the Coffee Morning on the 1st of November, and ask for your continued prayer support.

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: We receive regular updates from Anita the sponsorship secretary. St John's has continued supporting several children until their higher education for which they are very grateful.

Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu: the home for elderly and destitute people continues to care for those damaged by leprosy. In the last year they have constructed new buildings including individual cottages for the residents.

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Community and Outreach/St John's World Team. The Team has been in abeyance during 2025 due to loss of members of the committee, but hopes to re-activate in 2026.

Hilary Carr

St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Treasurer: Jon Whale, 12 Buttermere Gardens, Alresford, SO24 9NN

Standing Committee Approval Certificate

We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes, all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ending 31 December 2025 and that the financial statements have our approval.

J S Whale ..... 30/01/26 .....

Jonathan Whale, Treasurer — Date

..... 30.1.26. .....

James Lees, Church Warden — Date

Rosie Waring Green ..... 29.1.26 .....

Rosie Waring Green, Church Warden

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1127318
Set out on pages	1 TO 36		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:	H Ellis	**Date:**	09-03-2026
Name:	HEATHER ELLIS		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT		
Address:	BEHEGAN LYNES, BANK CHAMBERS, BROOK STREET, BISHOPS WALTHAM, HAMPSHIRE, SO32 1AX		

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

Year Ended 31 December 2025

Treasurer	Jon Whale 12 Buttermere Gardens Alresford Hampshire S024 9NN
Assistant Treasurer	Jane Parsons 54 Jacklyns Lane Alresford Hampshire SO24 9LG
Bank- Current Accounts:	NatWest Bank Winchester, Old Bank (A) Branch 105 High Street Winchester Hampshire S023 9AW
Bank - Deposit Account:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd The CBF Church of England Funds 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ
Independent Examiner:	Behegan Lynes Bank Chambers Brook Street Bishops Waltham Hampshire S032 1AX

Registered Charity Number 1127318

TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

After two difficult years in 2022 and 2023, we saw considerable progress in 2024 towards achieving a more balanced budget, and this trend has continued in 2025. We once again felt significant financial pressure due to rising costs, but the generosity of our congregation, and a sharper focus on controlling expenditure, has resulted in achieving a more stable position.

In summary, our unrestricted expenditure in 2025 was £178k (this is a decrease of £2k compared to 2024) and our unrestricted income was £168k (also a decrease of £2k). As a result our expenditure has once again exceeded our regular income - this year by approximately £10.5k, so unfortunately we continue to spend more that we bring in through regular giving and fundraising.

During the year we invested in the purchase of some additional new chairs (for a total of £3.6k) using more funds from the very generous legacy previously given by the Diverall family. In accordance with our accounting policy the cost of this acquisition is being written off over three years, with £10.8 k of depreciation included in the unrestricted expenditure of £178k for 2025 as referred to above. The remaining net book value of the chairs (£21.6 k) will be written off in equal instalments over the period 2026-27.

There are a number of reasons for our current position:

- Regular giving this year has been £83k, with a further £20k coming through Gift Aid. This is an increase of £5k on 2024. We continue to make good use of the Parish Giving Scheme, and a further £6k was received via generous legacies
- In another positive sign, we have also received specific donations for the planned Children's & Families Worker post of £10k, plus a further donation of £1k. We generated less through our social and fundraising activities- this was down from £8k to £5k. Our income from magazine advertising and sales was an excellent £10k. As we have had to draw on our savings, we received less interest from our investments with CCLA - £5.8k which was down by £2.4k
- In terms of reducing our expenditure, our heating costs were £8.7k – a reduction of £1.3k; on the other hand, our magazine printing costs were up by £1.6k; and our routine maintenance costs remained stable with us spending less on the church, but more on JPH with the renovation of the West Room
- The Diocese has also helped in that our CMF contribution in 2025 was £2.8k lower than in 2024
- This year we have continued to take a stricter approach to expenditure, and wherever possible, found cheaper ways of doing things.

So, at 31 December 2025 our funds were £183k (£85k unrestricted, £63k designated, £35k restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £32K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £35k in funds restricted for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.

The table below shows the trend of our unrestricted funds over the past 6 years:

Date	31/12/20	31/12/21	31/12/22	31/12/23	31/12/24	31/12/25
Unrestricted & Designated Funds (£k)	187	155	182	168	159	148.2

At our last APCM, we agreed to try to balance our income v expenditure over the next 2 years, and this remains our target. We know however that we need to replace our heating system in 2026, so additional fundraising will be required to fund this. We will also have to carefully manage our plans to employ a Children's and Families Worker as part of our upcoming involvement in the Growing Rural Parishes Project .

So in effect, we remain in a viable financial position for the foreseeable future, but our operations in 2025 have again been underwritten by the continued receipt over the years of generous legacies and donations

Despite the financial challenges of the past 4 years we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities. We contributed £79k to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund. We also donated £4.1k to causes including the Childrens Society, the Michael Project, CMS, Ashray, Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, and many members of the congregation have also continued to give generously to the Pannai Orphanage.

Administering a charity with £183k of assets is above all a team effort and I would like to thank all those who contribute so much to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; David Griffiths and Nolly Nutman who maintain our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Colin Scott-Morton who has kindly taken on the work of reclaiming the VAT on our building works; to Charlotte, Liz and the team who produce the magazine, to the large team of people who count and record our collections each week, and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes and his colleague Heather Ellis, for reviewing these financial statements. Finally, a massive thank you goes to Jane Parsons in her invaluable role as Assistant Treasurer.

Jonathan Whale
Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	122,520.78	17,362.90	-	139,883.68	127,711.30
Other trading activities	5,492.77	-	-	5,492.77	8,728.74
Church Activities	29,918.47	-	-	29,918.47	29,247.63
Other income	10,414.97	-	-	10,414.97	15,895.22
Total income	**168,346.99**	**17,362.90**	**-**	**185,709.89**	**181,582.89**
Expenditure on:					
Costs of Generating Funds	1,054.82	-	-	1,054.82	1,726.27
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	3,160.00	12,507.77	-	15,667.77	4,640.57
Church Activities	173,595.33	5,976.79	-	179,572.12	177,909.05
Major Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	**177,810.15**	**18,484.56**	**-**	**196,294.71**	**184,275.89**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(9,463.16)**	**(1,121.66)**	**-**	**(10,584.82)**	**(2,693.00)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	40.00	1,069.14	-	1,109.14	2,009.32
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,069.14)	(40.00)	-	(1,109.14)	(2,009.32)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	1.00
Net movement in funds	**(10,492.30)**	**(92.52)**	**-**	**(10,584.82)**	**(2,692.00)**
Total funds brought forward	**158,751.72**	**34,829.40**	**-**	**193,581.12**	**196,273.12**
Total funds carried forward	**148,259.42**	**34,736.88**	**-**	**182,996.30**	**193,581.12**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	85,080.40	-	-	85,080.40	95,485.85
Designated					
Church Repair Fund	25,000.29	-	-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Growing Younger	426.89	-	-	426.89	426.89
JPH Repair Fund	4,999.85	-	-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Reserve Fund	31,793.19	-	-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Sheridan Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	958.80	-	-	958.80	1,045.65
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Bell Fund	-	7,030.48	-	7,030.48	6,896.48
C Brill Fund	-	3,725.79	-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Chalk Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Chatterbox	-	146.13	-	146.13	605.00
Children & Families Worker	-	11,764.28	-	11,764.28	-
Children's Society	-	-	-	-	-
Constance Were Trust Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
David Hasted Legacy For Churchyard Upkeep	-	9,200.00	-	9,200.00	9,600.00
Gift From St John's	-	79.12	-	79.12	161.28
Monday Meet And Eat	-	209.53	-	209.53	728.14
Pannai Orphanage Donations	-	-	-	-	8,840.00
Raise the Roof	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Donations	-	2,085.23	-	2,085.23	4,272.71

Ringers Fund		-	496.32	-	496.32	-
	Total funds	**148,259.42**	**34,736.88**	**-**	**182,996.30**	**193,581.12**

Balance Sheet detailed

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
2701	Audio System	-	-
2702	New Chairs	21,646.69	28,841.12
2703	Old Chairs	-	-
	Total Fixed assets	**21,646.69**	**28,841.12**
Current assets			
3001	NatWest Current Account	27,711.70	19,849.38
3002	NatWest Gift Aid Account	2.43	2.43
3003	NatWest Flower Account	618.19	467.58
3004	Lloyds Fees Account	10.00	10.00
3005	CCLA (CBF) Account	126,002.19	140,125.16
3009	Nationwide Account	-	-
3020	Legacy Investment Portfolio	-	-
Z05	Accounts Receivable	14,762.50	11,403.67
	Total Current assets	**169,107.01**	**171,858.22**
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	525.09	-
Z04	Accounts Payable	7,232.31	7,118.22
	Total Liabilities	**7,757.40**	**7,118.22**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**182,996.30**	**193,581.12**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(10,584.82)	124,261.56
Z01	Starting balances	165,950.20	41,687.64
Z03	Gains on investment assets	27,630.92	27,631.92
	Total Reserves	**182,996.30**	**193,581.12**
	Represented by Funds		
	General (Unrestricted)	85,080.40	95,485.85
	Designated	63,179.02	63,265.87
	Restricted	34,736.88	34,829.40
	Total	**182,996.30**	**193,581.12**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
2701: Audio System	(20,508.86)	-	20,508.86	-	-	-
2702: New Chairs	21,646.69	-	-	-	21,646.69	28,841.12
Total	**1,137.83**	**-**	**20,508.86**	**-**	**21,646.69**	**28,841.12**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
3001: NatWest Current Account	41,490.99	16,807.89	(30,587.18)	-	27,711.70	19,849.38
3002: NatWest Gift Aid Account	(21,836.57)	-	21,839.00	-	2.43	2.43
3003: NatWest Flower Account	193.19	-	425.00	-	618.19	467.58
3004: Lloyds Fees Account	10.00	-	-	-	10.00	10.00
3005: CCLA (CBF) Account	53,338.12	46,371.13	26,292.94	-	126,002.19	140,125.16
Total	**73,195.73**	**63,179.02**	**17,969.76**	**-**	**154,344.51**	**160,454.55**
Current Asset - Debtors						
3010: Debtors	101.52	-	(101.52)	-	-	-
Z05: Accounts Receivable	13,889.43	-	873.07	-	14,762.50	11,403.67
Total	**13,990.95**	**-**	**771.55**	**-**	**14,762.50**	**11,403.67**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	525.09	-	525.09	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**525.09**	**-**	**525.09**	**-**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	3,244.11	-	3,988.20	-	7,232.31	7,118.22
Total	**3,244.11**	**-**	**3,988.20**	**-**	**7,232.31**	**7,118.22**

Net total assets	**85,080.40**	**63,179.02**	**34,736.88**		**-**	**182,996.30**	**193,581.12**
Represented by							
General (Unrestricted)	85,080.40	-	-		-	85,080.40	95,485.85
Designated - ChurchRep	-	25,000.29	-		-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Designated - Growing	-	426.89	-		-	426.89	426.89
Designated - JPHRepair	-	4,999.85	-		-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Designated - Reserve	-	31,793.19	-		-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Designated - Youth	-	958.80	-		-	958.80	1,045.65
Restricted - Bells	-	-	7,030.48		-	7,030.48	6,896.48
Restricted - C&F Worker	-	-	11,764.28		-	11,764.28	-
Restricted - CBrill	-	-	3,725.79		-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Restricted - Chatterbox	-	-	146.13		-	146.13	605.00
Restricted - Gift from St J	-	-	79.12		-	79.12	161.28
Restricted - Hasted Churchyard	-	-	9,200.00		-	9,200.00	9,600.00
Restricted - Meet and Eat	-	-	209.53		-	209.53	728.14
Restricted - Pannai	-	-	-		-	-	8,840.00
Restricted - ResDons	-	-	2,085.23		-	2,085.23	4,272.71
Restricted - Ringers	-	-	496.32		-	496.32	-
Total	**85,080.40**	**63,179.02**	**34,736.88**		**-**	**182,996.30**	**193,581.12**

Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bells							
Restricted	6,896.48	134.00	-	-	-	-	7,030.48
Sub-totals	**6,896.48**	**134.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7,030.48**
C&F Worker							
Restricted	-	11,746.83	-	17.45	-	-	11,764.28
Sub-totals	**-**	**11,746.83**	**-**	**17.45**	**-**	**-**	**11,764.28**
CBrill							
Restricted	3,725.79	-	-	-	-	-	3,725.79
Sub-totals	**3,725.79**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,725.79**
Chatterbox							
Restricted	605.00	-	458.87	-	-	-	146.13
Sub-totals	**605.00**	**-**	**458.87**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**146.13**
Children Soc							
Restricted	-	382.00	382.00	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**-**	**382.00**	**382.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
ChurchRep							
Designated	25,000.29	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.29
Sub-totals	**25,000.29**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**25,000.29**
Gift from St J							
Restricted	161.28	-	82.16	-	-	-	79.12
Sub-totals	**161.28**	**-**	**82.16**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**79.12**
Growing							
Designated	426.89	-	-	-	-	-	426.89
Sub-totals	**426.89**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**426.89**
Hasted Churchyard							
Restricted	9,600.00	-	400.00	-	-	-	9,200.00
Sub-totals	**9,600.00**	**-**	**400.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**9,200.00**
JPHRepair							
Designated	4,999.85	-	-	-	-	-	4,999.85
Sub-totals	**4,999.85**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4,999.85**
Meet and Eat							
Restricted	728.14	-	518.61	-	-	-	209.53

	Sub-totals	**728.14**	**-**	**518.61**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**209.53**
Pannai								
Restricted		8,840.00	2,725.00	11,525.00	(40.00)	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**8,840.00**	**2,725.00**	**11,525.00**	**(40.00)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
ResDons								
Restricted		4,272.71	1,878.75	5,117.92	1,051.69	-	-	2,085.23
	Sub-totals	**4,272.71**	**1,878.75**	**5,117.92**	**1,051.69**	**-**	**-**	**2,085.23**
Reserve								
Designated		31,793.19	-	-	-	-	-	31,793.19
	Sub-totals	**31,793.19**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**31,793.19**
Ringers								
Restricted		-	496.32	-	-	-	-	496.32
	Sub-totals	**-**	**496.32**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**496.32**
Youth								
Designated		1,045.65	-	86.85	-	-	-	958.80
	Sub-totals	**1,045.65**	**-**	**86.85**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**958.80**
General								
Unrestricted		95,485.85	168,346.99	177,723.30	(1,029.14)	-	-	85,080.40
	Sub-totals	**95,485.85**	**168,346.99**	**177,723.30**	**(1,029.14)**	**-**	**-**	**85,080.40**
	Totals	**193,581.12**	**185,709.89**	**196,294.71**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**182,996.30**

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Regular Giving SO GA	4,310.00	-	-	-	4,310.00	3,350.00
0102 - Regular Giving by envelope GA	495.00	-	-	-	495.00	605.00
0104 - CAF Vouchers	1,088.00	-	-	-	1,088.00	1,511.99
0105 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct GA	65,150.22	-	-	-	65,150.22	62,580.40
0201 - Regular Giving Standing Order NGA	1,260.00	-	-	-	1,260.00	1,390.00
0202 - Regular Giving by envelope NGA	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	143.30
0204 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct NGA	3,175.00	-	-	-	3,175.00	3,268.00
0301A - Sunday Collections GASDS	3,354.21	-	-	-	3,354.21	3,703.56
0301B - Sunday Collections non GASDS	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	5.00
0302 - Wedding Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0303 - Funeral Collections	95.00	-	-	-	95.00	65.00
0304 - Baptism Collections	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	47.90
0306 - One off Gift Aid envelopes	920.70	-	-	-	920.70	7,226.00
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	1,188.98	-	-	-	1,188.98	2,644.46
0307A - Donations by card reader GA	1,859.01	-	-	-	1,859.01	2,140.92
0308 - Midweek Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0402 - Church Donations Box	1,216.59	-	-	-	1,216.59	1,044.65
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	1,010.00	-	-	-	1,010.00	875.00
0500 - Other specific donations	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	315.00
0501 - One off donations outside services	4,461.66	-	-	-	4,461.66	1,511.94
0502 - Donations by Ringers and Others	-	-	134.00	-	134.00	140.00

0503 - Lango Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
0504 - Pannai Donations	-	-	2,180.00	-	2,180.00	3,210.00
0506 - Lent Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
0509 - Bell Fund NGA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0513 - Bell Fund GA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0517 - Churchyard Donations	-	-	-	-	-	2,100.00
0518 - Monday Meet and Eat donations	-	-	-	-	-	1,258.00
0519 - Gift from St John's donations	-	-	-	-	-	943.07
0520 - Children's Society income	-	-	382.00	-	382.00	-
0521 - Children & Families Worker Project	17.45	-	10,140.97	-	10,158.42	-
0522 - Ringing Team income	-	-	496.32	-	496.32	-
0601 - Gift Aid on unrestricted income	20,238.64	-	-	-	20,238.64	21,132.81
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income	-	-	2,400.86	-	2,400.86	500.00
0700 - Legacies received	6,143.32	-	-	-	6,143.32	3,034.60
0801 - Grants Recurring - Unrestricted	35.00	-	-	-	35.00	35.00
0802 - Grants Non Recurring - Unrestricted	5,362.00	-	-	-	5,362.00	384.70
0803 - VAT Recovered	-	-	-	-	-	-
0804 - Grants Non Recurring - Restricted	-	-	1,628.75	-	1,628.75	2,545.00
0805 - Government Grant - COVID-19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies Totals	**122,520.78**	**-**	**17,362.90**	**-**	**139,883.68**	**127,711.30**
Other trading activities						
0901 - Watercress Festival Fund Raising	3,618.97	-	-	-	3,618.97	3,097.26
0902 - Other Fund raising activities	-	-	-	-	-	377.38
0903 - Social Events	1,508.80	-	-	-	1,508.80	3,288.04
0903A - Youth Group Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	78.14
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	365.00	-	-	-	365.00	387.00
0905 - Concerts	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.92
Other trading activities Totals	**5,492.77**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5,492.77**	**8,728.74**
Church Activities						
1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	9,584.17	-	-	-	9,584.17	10,759.00
1201 - Sale of Books, Christmas Cards etc.	110.00	-	-	-	110.00	-
1202 - Income from use of Church	5,845.00	-	-	-	5,845.00	4,237.00
1203 - Income from use of JPH	3,676.47	-	-	-	3,676.47	3,559.00
1204 - Magazine Sales - Casual	50.80	-	-	-	50.80	25.40
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subscriptions	4,693.03	-	-	-	4,693.03	4,427.23
1206 - Magazine Advertising	5,909.00	-	-	-	5,909.00	6,200.00
1207 - Printing	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	40.00
Church Activities Totals	**29,918.47**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**29,918.47**	**29,247.63**
Other income						
1001 - Interest received	5,877.17	-	-	-	5,877.17	8,248.39
1302 - Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	2,303.35
1303 - Ovington Payments	1,134.45	-	-	-	1,134.45	983.55
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	2,268.90	-	-	-	2,268.90	1,977.38
1305 - Bighton Payments	1,134.45	-	-	-	1,134.45	983.55
1307 - Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,399.00
Other income Totals	**10,414.97**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**10,414.97**	**15,895.22**
Income and endowments Grand totals	**168,346.99**	**-**	**17,362.90**	**-**	**185,709.89**	**181,582.89**
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Costs of Generating Funds						
1701 - Cost of Watercress Festival	186.13	-	-	-	186.13	17.99
1702 - Cost of fundraising, inc LL, HS, CR etc	-	-	-	-	-	325.34
1703 - Cost of Social Events	812.07	-	-	-	812.07	1,300.10
1705 - Cost of supporting regular giving	-	-	-	-	-	-
2320 - Credit and debit card	56.62	-	-	-	56.62	82.84

charges						
Costs of Generating Funds Totals	**1,054.82**	-	-	-	**1,054.82**	**1,726.27**
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations						
1709 - Monday Meet and Eat expenditure	-	-	518.61	-	518.61	590.38
1710 - Gift from St John's expenditure	-	-	82.16	-	82.16	781.79
1711 - Childrens Society Expenditure	-	-	382.00	-	382.00	-
1801 - Annual Charitable Giving	2,800.00	-	11,525.00	-	14,325.00	2,895.00
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	360.00	-	-	-	360.00	373.40
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations Totals	**3,160.00**	-	**12,507.77**	-	**15,667.77**	**4,640.57**
Church Activities						
1712 - Chatterbox Toddler Group expenditure	-	-	135.00	-	135.00	-
1900 - Parish Share	78,987.84	-	-	-	78,987.84	81,723.59
2001 - Assist staff salary/pension/honoraria (B	20,693.99	-	-	-	20,693.99	19,535.80
2002 - Organist/choir/salaries/honoraria	3,460.00	-	-	-	3,460.00	3,495.00
2101 - Working expenses of Incumbent (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2102 - Working Expenses of Assistant Clergy (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2103 - Working expenses of assistant staff (B)	-	-	-	-	-	133.04
2104 - Rectory/ Staff housing (B)	2,022.89	-	-	-	2,022.89	1,740.17
2105 - Benefice Administration expenses	378.84	-	-	-	378.84	378.84
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	1,113.13	-	961.29	-	2,074.42	3,221.08
2301 - Church Insurance	3,573.90	-	-	-	3,573.90	3,498.23
2302 - Church Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	288.97
2303 - Church minor repairs	1,572.10	-	-	-	1,572.10	1,221.72
2303A - Church Clock Repairs 2021/22	-	-	-	-	-	-
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	1,856.22	-	-	-	1,856.22	9,328.77
2305 - Telephone	2,022.94	-	-	-	2,022.94	1,740.19
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	818.00	-	-	-	818.00	423.81
2307 - Provision of Services	1,693.09	-	-	-	1,693.09	1,919.92
2308 - Music/choir/robes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2309 - Church Grounds	2,877.94	-	3,500.00	-	6,377.94	3,377.74
2310 - Flowers	906.19	-	-	-	906.19	691.55
2311 - Sunday School, 2nd Sunday & Youth Group	-	86.85	40.50	-	127.35	446.35
2312 - Training/Course Fees BRILL	-	-	-	-	-	-
2313 - Subscriptions	625.00	-	-	-	625.00	575.00
2314 - Other support costs	901.24	-	-	-	901.24	4,728.57
2315 - Administration	1,585.95	-	-	-	1,585.95	1,635.49
2316 - Bank Charges	125.00	-	-	-	125.00	67.50
2401 - Church Gas - L038224	4,820.29	-	-	-	4,820.29	5,681.45
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	851.23	-	-	-	851.23	1,039.12
2403 - Church Running - Depreciation	10,823.35	-	-	-	10,823.35	9,613.00
2502 - Magazine Printing	11,069.80	-	-	-	11,069.80	9,482.60
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	34.55	-	-	-	34.55	91.70
2504 - JPH - Insurance	1,191.35	-	-	-	1,191.35	1,166.17
2505 - JPH - Electricity	1,702.46	-	-	-	1,702.46	2,078.20
2506 - JPH - Gas - L038225	1,368.15	-	-	-	1,368.15	1,217.57
2507 - JPH - Water	484.46	-	-	-	484.46	326.94
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	11,929.19	-	1,340.00	-	13,269.19	3,410.41
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	2,332.14	-	-	-	2,332.14	2,180.02
2510 - JPH - Consumables	747.25	-	-	-	747.25	618.54
2601 - Audit Fees	940.00	-	-	-	940.00	832.00
Church Activities Totals	**173,508.48**	**86.85**	**5,976.79**		**- 179,572.12**	**177,909.05**

Major Capital Expenditure						
2700 - Major repairs/redecoration to church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2800 - Major repairs to JPH	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Capital Expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure Grand totals	**177,723.30**	**86.85**	**18,484.56**	**-**	**196,294.71**	**184,275.89**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d) Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.
VAT reclaim grants are recognised when received.
Other Grants and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All other income
All other income is recognised when it is received.

e) Resources used
Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded when the award creates a legal obligation on the PCC.

Church activities
The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

Depreciation
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25%-33% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10 - 33% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments would be stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

g) Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

h) Cash and Deposits
Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Disclosures

Employees: The average number of employees during the year 2025 was 1.

Pension Provision. The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a Defined Benefits Scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the employer's contributions payable
A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £2.5m (notification on 1 March that this figure should be £5.5m) on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiner's Fee: The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is £800 +VAT.

3. PCC Funds

The PCC's policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

4. Financial Policies and Protocols

In April 2021 the Standing Committee (SC) reviewed internal financial practices and approved:

a) Payments

Cheques issued are signed by two signatories from a panel consisting of the Churchwardens, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Cheques are seldom used now.

Online BACS payments are made by the Treasurer and monitored by the Assistant Treasurer. Payments are scheduled and countersigned by a Churchwarden and the Treasurer at regular intervals. Direct debit payments are approved when the supply or service starts.

An **Expenditure Approval Register** is maintained in which all non-pay or charitable giving payments over £1000 are recorded and presented to the SC annually for approval. The register gives details of the supplier, amount, purpose and what prior approval has been given.

Expense reimbursement claims should be submitted to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with written receipts, and confirming that any appropriate authorisation has been obtained. Clergy should complete and submit an expense claim form along with receipts and mileage details.

b) Delegated Authority for Spending

Generally - up to £500. Church Officers can spend on routine items within their area of responsibility up to £500, without the need to seek prior approval. The Treasurer will monitor these payments and spending patterns for reasonableness, raising concerns if necessary. If possible more than one quotation should be sought for non-routine expenditure.

From £500 to £1000. Items expected to exceed £500, up to £1000, should be approved in advance by the Clergy (Mission) or Churchwardens (other matters), with the Treasurer advised when approval given. Unusual items should be approved in consultation with the Treasurer.

Over £1000. Items exceeding £1000 should always be approved in advance by the SC. In an emergency, SC members should be consulted, if possible, before action taken and expenditure incurred.

Substantial expenditure of an unusual nature, such as extensive repairs or improvements, should be approved in advance by the PCC on recommendation from the SC with estimated costs.

c) Specific Approvals

The **Fees Bank Account** is managed by the Benefice Administrator and monitored by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. The monthly return of statutory fees to the diocese and the corresponding payment is approved before submission by the Treasurer and a Churchwarden.

Flower Fund Bank Account for Church flowers is managed by the Treasurer.

Fabric Maintenance Work is overseen by the Fabric Manager, who is authorised to obtain quotations for projects up to £500 for approval by the SC. Projects over £1000 need a report outlining the proposed work for prior approval.

d) Management of Income

Cash received should always be counted by two people together as a matter of best practice in order to protect them from challenge. The Independent Examiner regularly stresses the importance of this in his report on the Annual Accounts. This should apply to Church collections, donations box, fund-raising, social events and all other activities where the money accrues to the Church.

Income received must be accounted for gross (without deduction of any expenses incurred raising the income) and expenses claimed for subsequent reimbursement by the Treasurer.

Investment of Surplus Funds. The SC and PCC should adopt a policy for the investment of funds judged surplus to current requirements. This should have regard to the length of time the money is unlikely to be required and the risk of loss on the chosen investments.

e) Annual Charitable Giving

The amount and allocation of annual charitable giving is considered and approved by the PCC each year, usually in November, following the receipt of appropriate information and recommendations from the Treasurer.

In addition to this, decisions may be made by the clergy and churchwardens throughout the year, consulting with SC where it is considered appropriate, to allocate collections for particular services to specific charities or other appropriate causes.

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This 2025 Annual Report and the accompanying financial statements were adopted by the PCC meeting on

Signed: Date: 10.03.26

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, N

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Accounts

St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

to be held in St. John's Church
at 8pm
on Tuesday 29th April 2025

Registered Charity 1127318

The Church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford, serves as a witness to the Glory of God in the community by:

Celebrating the life of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

through worship, prayer and service

Caring about one another in Christ

through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting, healing and the recognition of personal gifts

Cultivating personal growth in Christ

through prayer, bible study, preaching and the sacraments

Communicating Christ to our community and to the wider world

through example, teaching, support and cooperation

The Annual Meeting

Tuesday April 29th 2025 in the church at 8pm

The report is sent out as early as possible firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you're an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask.

At this meeting we will be electing or re-electing two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2026.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC including Deanery Synod representatives. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide ranging decisions on church life at St Johns.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16 years. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England as an organisation that shares Christ's concern for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you nominate someone, please be sure that they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of it's work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral role and the wider community.

Joanna Whiteman

PCC Secretary

We hope you will be able to attend the meeting

Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St John the Baptist in the Benefice of the Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St John the Baptist Church, West Street, Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No 1127318

Serving PCC members are:

Rector	The Rev'd Heather Brearey
Wardens	Rosie Waring-Green

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod: (all elected in October 2023)

Sue Clarke, Miranda Pinch and Charlotte Ryton

Elected Members:

Pearl Page	(re-elected April 2022)
Rex Corfield	(re-elected April 2022)
Maureen Skayman	(re-elected April 2022)
Susan Roberts	(elected April 2023)
Paul Whiffen	(elected April 2023)
Lawrence Will	(elected April 2023)
Caroline Wheeler	(elected 2022)
Jackie Connell	(elected 2022)
Jude Cowen	(elected 2024)
Diann Adam	(elected 2024)
James Lees	(elected 2024)

Co-opted Members:

Joanna Whiteman (appointed October 2024), Colin Scott-Morton (appointed April 2024), Jonathan Whale, Treasurer, (re-appointed May 2022), Ian Waring-Green (re-appointed May 2022).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Role and stand for election to the PCC.

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operation with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints a number of groups and committees that meet regularly during the course of the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities for issues including: Ministry, Worship, World (Outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance, Representatives are also elected to 'Churches Together in Alresford'.

The number on the electoral roll as reported by the Electoral Roll officer at the Annual Meeting on the 23rd April 2024 was 218. The average number of usual Sunday attendees was 65, plus many attendees online.

In 2024 the PCC met formally six times. During the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the Parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the reports below. The Standing Committee met formally five times and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary to running St John's Church.

The PCC has complied with the duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, the UK Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018. Also the regulations regarding photography and filming in Church.

As in previous years PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities.

St John's is a fully participating member of 'Churches Together' in Alresford.

The PCC would like to thank the Licenced Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

I would like to thank David Carr, Rosie Waring-Green and everyone else who has supported me in my new role as PCC Secretary.

Joanna Whiteman PCC Secretary

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, NEW ALRESFORD

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 23RD, 2024 AT 8PM

Present 50 Parishioners

Prayers and Welcome – The Rector

(A) **The Vestry Meeting** – all resident parishioners may take part

Election of Church Wardens – Heather Brearey (HB) – We have one person standing as Church Warden, Rosie Waring Green, proposed by Sue Roberts and seconded by Charlotte Ryton (all in favour and agreed). There was someone else who was going to stand for the role of Church Warden but after careful consideration and prayer decided that it is not right for them at this time. Therefore, there is a vacancy for Church Warden.

(B) **The Annual Meeting** – only electoral role members may take part

1. **Minutes of the 2023 APCM** – The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were duly approved and signed with no issues. Proposed by Susan Roberts and seconded by Charlotte Ryton.

2. **Matters Arising** - No matters arising

3. **Election of PCC members** – Two people leaving the PCC committee, Janet Pooley and Nolly Nutman. Three ex-officio Deanery Synod members: Sue Clarke, Charlotte Ryton and Miranda Pinch. The existing members are the following: Susan Roberts, Rex Corfield, Pearl Page, Lawrence Will, Caroline Wheeler, Jackie Cornell, Paul Whiffen, Maureen Skayman, Colin Scott-Morton and Jon Whale (Treasurer). Ian waring Green will be co-opted at the next meeting.

   Four new members have been proposed and seconded: Jenifer Miller, James Lees, Diann Adam and Jude Cowen. Proposed by Miranda Pinch, seconded by Lawrence Will – all in favour.

4. **Electoral Roll Report** – Janet Pooley – the number of entries on the Electoral Roll of 2023-2024 is currently 218, in comparison to the Electoral Roll for 2022-2023 with an overall reduction of 5. 7 people were removed, having passed asway or relocated and 2 people were added. Removing people from the Roll as they have passed away is often a sad moment and a time for reflection. Mention of Stan Upton who passed away and who was a pillar of the community and a textbook example of a Hampshire born and bred countryman. Every five years there is

renewal of the Roll, which must be done this coming year. Therefore Janet will be asking everyone to indicate their willingness to be added to the new Roll.

5. **Annual PCC Report** – This is put together by a team of people and is a positive report. The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

6. **Financial Report and Annual Accounts y/e December 31st 2023.** Jon Whale had put together a video which was played to Parishioners in his absence. In terms of our financial situation it is an improving picture and we are moving in the right direction. Last year (2022), we had a high overspend with the shortfall figure being over 37K. At that time we agreed on how we could improve this and the income of the church. The plan this time last year was to get to a better position and the good news is that we are indeed moving in the right direction. In 2023 our expenditure gap was down by 9K, while the income, excluding legacy, is up by 13K. The income went up to 162K. The gap has fallen from 37K in 2022 to 15K in 2023 which is amazing progress.. It is thanks to many people in the congregation and their generosity including gift aid and donations. There were no questions from parishioners.

7. **Terrier and Inventory Report** – Janet Pooley – All church property is recorded in terms of what comes into the church and what goes out of the church so the particularly, for insurance purposes, we have a good record of what we possess. We do this every year and a copy of the report goes to the office. This year's Terrier and inventory has already been signed off by Heather and the Churchwardens.

8. **Deanery Synod Report** – HB – As a Deanery we are now linked to Rwanda. The PCC voted not to have this as we have various links ourselves but the Deanery voted to have this link. We have for a trial period, until after Easter next year, joined the Alton Deanery. The first chapter meeting happened a few weeks ago. A date is yet to be confirmed for the first meeting of the joint Deanery Synod. If it continues to work well, and after the review at Easter 2025, it will be legally signed.

9. **Rector's Update** – HB – we have had a positive year and are in a better position now than when I came including financially. The three things we are looking at as a PCC as future vision for the church: prayer, replacement of the North Door with glass doors and breakfast/café church.

10. **AOB** – No questions

11. **Presentations** – Vision Day - **Susan Roberts** – we looked at what we thought would be good for the church. We started with prayers and we prayed for the church. We reviewed looking at getting new doors at the side of the church and how we would raise money for this. We spoke about café church, possibly second Sunday of the month to engage with more of the town's community. **Lawrence Will** – Rev Kate Seagrave headed the vision day, her job is to help churches develop and grow. We were asked to come up with three questions; what does the church give to the community? What does the church do well and what do we not do well? These questions were discussed in groups. **Charlotte Ryton** – prayer event – covered the follow-up from the vision day and what was the take home message. There were eight stations set up around the church that helped us think about the positives taken from the vision day. **Jackie Connell** – it was an amazing atmosphere in church with everybody praying which was very powerful at times. It was interesting how we all pray very differently. **Rev Heather Brearey** – reiterated the 3 initiatives under discussion: prayer, café/breakfast church and glass doors. She added thanks to Ruth and Chris Kipling who freely offered food, drink and their time as well as Kate who led us in prayer.

A time for thanks – HB – Hanna has been writing notes for PCC meetings and this evening for which we are very grateful. However we do need a PCC secretary. Two people are leaving the PCC, Janet and Nolly, a thank you card was presented. Jane has been our Churchwarden for six years and has been a huge support to me and everyone. She is now standing back and we are grateful for all of her help and support over the years. Jane will continue to help Jon Whale with the finances. Rosie Waring Green presented Jane with a gift, card and flowers from the congregation.

Heather closed the meeting in prayer.

Rector's Report

The APCM is a time to look back and reflect on the year, giving thanks to God for all that has happened and also a time to look to the future and what we would like to see happening in the coming year.

The various reports contained in the APCM report, reveal that it's been a good year in the parish. We have grown. New people have joined and are finding faith.

You the people of the Arle Valley Benefice all deserve a massive well done, and a big thank you. I want to say a particular thank you to all the church wardens and PCC members who give generously of their time as your representatives - to meet with me and help to discern God's will for the parish as we go forward. It's not an easy job and they do it diligently and well and they deserve our thanks. Also due our thanks is Penny our administrator.

As I've reflected on the past year or so ahead of the meeting today, I'm reminded that church is what we make it. We are the people of God, an outpost of his kingdom in our parish. In Christ, we have everything we need, to be the people God is calling us to be and everything we need, to do the things that God is calling us to do.

You might agree that it feels like the Church of England that we thought we knew is passing away, and a new one is being born - but no-one is quite sure what that will look like yet. This is a liminal moment. A time of rapid change. I wonder if the same might be true of our country too. Society seems to be becoming more secular and yet there's a growing interest in Christianity among the young. AI promises much and threatens more. Old certainties are being shaken.

We begin this new year looking forward to what the future holds. Our PCC's and I are spending time looking at our future vision, our ministry for the next 5, 10 or 20yrs, we need everyone to help with this.

Let us know about your good ideas your thoughts for the future. And Pray, pray, pray.

Let's listen for the whispers of God beckoning us out with him into the new. Let's learn together - so if something doesn't work as well as we hope it will then let's try again - never giving up, never giving in to despair

Our priority must be to build up the worshipping community and reach out beyond it to draw new people to Jesus, by building on the good things that are going on now, and the many seeds that have been planted over the years. As Rector here I stand as the latest in a long line of predecessors with the graves of some of my predecessors in our churches and a couple of my predecessors still very much alive, I see often to chat to or have coffee with! That all reminds me that I'm just a steward here passing through. And it reminds me too that it's not about me and it's not all up to me. You are the church of God in Alresford, Old Alresford, Bighton, Ovington and Itchen Stoke. The people around you need you, and they especially need you to point them to Jesus.

St Paul reminds us that with Jesus the worst thing is never the last thing. There's always hope. My prayer for us today and for the year ahead is that we would grab hold of that once again and dare to dream about the bright future that God has for us as we walk hand-in-hand together with him. God Bless you. **Reverend Heather Brearey. Rector.**

Churchwarden's Report 2024

What an amazing year we have had at St John's although tinged with sadness at the APCM in April as we said a heartfelt to Jane Parsons as she retired as churchwarden. Her wonderful dedication to St John's for the last 6 years has been an inspiration and a huge blessing.

Nuts and bolts!!

I am going to start this report with the 'nuts and bolts' of church life – necessary but not always exciting!! Having said that, the journey of looking after the fabric and safety of our church has seen some truly wonderful events particularly with the arrival of the new stackable chairs. This was a finely balanced operation with the selling of the old chairs to give space for a remarkable transformation of reviving the church floor and then the arrival of the fabulous new chairs. We enjoyed 2 Sunday services in the JPH and were grateful for so many offers of help in removing and replacing chairs, furniture etc.

A Quinquennial inspection of the building took place in July and we await the result of this report with fingers crossed that there are no major issues requiring attention!!

As part of a commitment to keeping everyone safe in St John's, there has been extensive fire safety training for PCC members, sidespeople etc as well as Safeguarding training and we are really grateful to the people delivering this essential training.

There has been a team of people looking at the way forward for a new heating system which is a long term but essential project. There are already outside agencies involved giving advice. Let's try and think 'outside the box' as we move into a new more energy efficient and reliable source of heating and lighting.

Watch this space for the refurbishment of the West Room.

Growing Together

We started the year using the 24/7 Lectio Course together with our CTIA friends as a Lent Course. "The Lectio Course" (How to Hear God by Praying the Bible) is a five-session video series with Pete Greig and special guests exploring the ancient practice of Lectio Divina. This was a great way to dig deeper into a beautiful form of prayer and experience it in fresh ways.

Vision Day - At the beginning of March PCC members and group leaders representing many aspects of church life spent the day together at St Paul's Church Winchester discussing:

What is the greatest gift God has given the church?

How have you personally grown in your faith since worshipping here?

What has your congregation been given by God to share with the wider community?

Next steps were listed and prayed about in a meeting in April. This will all be reviewed in April 2025 so watch this space??

Alpha – another hugely successful course was held in the Autumn with all 14 members completely involved and growing in their relationships with each other and in their faith. A Home Group has emerged expressing a longing to learn and grow together.

Social and Outreach

There have been some wonderful opportunities for us all to get to know each other better this year and also for us to invite our friends and neighbours into our church community activities. We have enjoyed the Barn Dance, Watercress Festival, Songs of

Praise, Harvest Supper, Quiz with fish and chips amongst the regular Coffee, Cake and Chat, Table Talk, Solos, Men's Breakfast, Mums' Supper, Widowers' Supper and Looking Forward group.
A Gift from St John's attracted a record number of visitors as did the Christingle Service the following day
Open Day was a new initiative to showcase to the town and also to ourselves all the amazing activities – social and worship related, that happen at St John's. The highlight of course was seeing Heather on the bouncy castle!! It was quite extraordinary to see the diverse and interesting activities that take place within and without of St John's.

Worship and Families

This year has seen a great growth in the number of families and young people becoming engaged with us all. Families@4, Chill Chat and Chomp, Monday Meet and Eat continue to attract new families and young people. The Autumn Light Party, Christingle Service and Crib Service were as lively and meaningful as usual. A Confirmation Service led by Bishop David was a very moving event and quite unique as it took place during the Families@4 service and was a very relaxed event!!

So much of what we offer at St John's is enabled by volunteers, who deserve many thanks.
More thanks also are due to our Ministry Team, who continue to be very busy and a great support to Heather, and also to our Pastoral Care Team. We look forward to 2025 and more opportunities for all at St John's to share their faith with the people of Alresford.
Rosie Waring Green

Alresford Deanery Synod Report

There are currently three members from St John's: **Miranda Pinch, Sue Clarke, and Charlotte Ryton.**

Alresford Deanery and Alton Deanery have unofficially joined forces, with Revd. Canon Andrew Micklefield serving as Area Dean and Revd. David Chattell as Assistant Area Dean. This arrangement is for a trial period and will be reviewed.

Meetings are held partially in plenary sessions, followed by separate discussions for more localized topics.

Main Issues Covered Last Year

Partnership with a Diocese in Rwanda: Our own benefice has voted against this partnership.

Children's Ministry: Discussions focused on the current state of children's ministry within our churches and schools, as well as ideas for future development.

Focal Ministry: The development and progress of Focal Ministry were also key topics of discussion.

Bees Knees

January 2025: A report on the past year One scientist remarked that he thought Climate change and global warming was a scientific problem, but the more he explored the more he realised it was all about human attitudes. It is human greed, competition and selfishness that drives climate change. The result is graphically exposed in the current fires burning up Los Angeles. So the Bees Knees is a small group of local people who want to register the urgency of tackling climate change and to change attitudes, not least the attitude that says we can do nothing about it. Our concerns overlap with the Creation care group and we have had two breakfast meetings with them. We have particularly appreciated some of their articles in the Parish Magazine. Because we are a Christian group we look at climate change and we look at what the Bible has to say to us about the creation. So our year opened with a study of St John's Gospel: the opening words of which "In the beginning was the word" tell us that this is the story of the new creation brought about by the birth, lifting up (passion), death and resurrection of Jesus. We then followed up with a study of Richard Rohr's book "The universal Christ" which challenges us to see God's world in a more complete way so that we engage our feelings as well as our thoughts and think beyond binary terms
We enjoyed our Christmas party for which everything, by and large, was home produce and which included our traditional Christmas crackers made from newspaper. As well as meeting with the Creation care group we have also met with the Diocesan advisor on ecology, the Revd.Sam. He kindly spent a morning with us and helped us to think through some of the issues that we raised – not least, what are the areas where we can make the most impact. Our other meeting was by kind invitation of Roger Harrison to meet at Itchen Stoke Mill where we heard how his traditional water meadows allow the grass for grazing to grow during the winter months – and how human waste is having an effect on local rivers, especially on invertebrate life. As 2025 opens we are planning some kind of musical or review on climate change in an attempt to persuade people to "take on" the issue. We are likely to read Ruth Valerio's book "saying yes to life" which got derailed by Covid, and we shall be choosing a specific topic on which to reflect and take action - water seems to be a major current concern for people the world over. We hope to change attitudes, the way we think and do things, and so the course of climate change. Well, we have to start somewhere and the only place we can change for certain is ourselves. **DET Sue Clarke**

Children's, Youth and Family Work 2024

What a delight to be able to look back over the last 12 months since the last Youth Work report!! There has been much fun and laughter as well different times when we have come together to learn more about faith and the world around us.
Chill, Chat, Chomp – a mid-week weekly group for year 7 upwards - continues to have fun and enjoy some challenging discussions. We are about to start a 10-week Youth Alpha course which will give rise to many questions and hopefully some answers for the young people growing up in today's challenging world. 3 of our young people were confirmed by Bishop David in the summer which was a very joyful occasion. The young people have also done some great volunteering in helping to prepare Light Party boxes and sort Christmas gifts for the children of the Sun Hill schools as well as helping out

with St John's Open day and Gift from St John's. We are all looking forward to the refurbishment of the West Room which will give us more space to 'Chill, Chat and Chomp'!

Autumn Fun Light Party went ahead this year continuing the new outreach of parents coming with their children. We had a great turn out of over 35 children and their parents and also 20 helpers who all had a wonderful time creating 'jam jar lanterns', lighthouses and stained-glass windows along with doughnuts on a string and many more activities. After food – always essential – there was a word treasure hunt trail in the beautifully illuminated church and ending with a fantastic dance version of the song 'Shine' plus a new song My Lighthouse! There was a great buzz of conversation and enjoyment between all ages.

Services –Christingle Service this year was very well attended and in fact we needed to double the space needed for the lighting of the Christingles!! The Crib Service was also incredibly busy this year with about 300 children and adults attending and all being involved in the 'Advent Countdown' in the Follow the Star story. Mothering Sunday and Remembrance services also had many uniformed youngsters joining us. The Second Sunday All Age service has now become Breakfast Church with a relaxed start and more involvement from the families.

Families@4 – has been running for a year by the families themselves and includes an interactive story, craft, a song and of course a drink and a biscuit!! First Sunday of the month. Great to see new families coming along and feeling comfortable in church.

Chatterbox – the Parents / Carers Toddler Group is thriving and although this is run by a team from the families, there are several of us who go along to help; we really enjoy this connection with the youngest members of our community.

Monday Meet and Eat – CTIA volunteers have been very active in providing a place for families with primary school children to come and have time to play somewhere warm, and to share in a hot meal together. We have a group of regular families who join us and in fact have now grown to 10 families altogether who all enjoy the adult conversations while the children are playing!!

Links with Schools – we enjoy regular visits from the children and families of Sun Hill Junior School for their Harvest, Christmas and Easter services. The children present storytelling and songs to the rest of the school and parents.

Perins also hold their annual Christmas concert at St John's for pupils and parents.

We are always happy to have any offers of help and we would really appreciate prayers for the way forward for the children, young people and families of St John's and the local community. Thank you all for your support. **Rosie Waring Green**

Catering Team Report January 2025

We have had another great year as a Catering Team.

As usual the Lent Lunch was a sell out... and delicious homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese was enjoyed by lots.

We managed a successful Harvest Supper in October 2024, and it was so lovely to see the church community together, sitting down and enjoying each other's company and entertainment!!

As a team we continue to serve the Church and its community and are also very grateful to those who are always willing to roll up their sleeves and help in any way they are able and even with the washing up at the end of the event. We are also enormously grateful for those who generously provide raffle prizes and delicious puddings for us all to enjoy. We would not be able to cater in the same way if this generosity was not forthcoming. We would always welcome new faces to our Catering Team so please contact me if you would like to join us.
Our yearly commitments include the Frugal lent lunch, The Harvest Supper and Mulled wine & mince pies at the Carol Service, along with any other ad hoc church catering requirements. We look forward to 2025 and looking after your catering needs.
I cannot thank everyone in the team enough for their support and commitment to the Catering events, especially Hefin Tudor who steps in to take the lead when my other commitments prevail and the honorary member of the team Peter Tudor who is always ready at the door to take your money and sell you raffle tickets! ... we really are a great team! **Pippa Sherry**

Church Cleaning

Once again, it is time to acknowledge our thanks for the commitment, quality of work and the example set by the dozen or so volunteer Church cleaners who, week in, week out, keep the Church spick and span. Our lovely Church would be all the poorer without them.

Each cleaner has his/her allocated area to clean, and they are free to choose their own time of working during the week, fitting in around services and other events being carried out in Church. We are always glad of volunteers, so if you have a spare hour per week, fortnight or monthly, I shall be glad to talk to you. My number is 733666.This year the Annual Spring Clean will be on Saturday April 12th. Diann Adam has kindly had her arm twisted to take charge of this event. If you are willing/able to help in any way, please notify her on 734896. Bring your own mops, dusters and polish. **Hefin Tudor.**

Churches Together in Alresford

We began the year with a meal together during the week of prayer for Christian unity, which was hosted by members of St Gregory's. During Lent there were ecumenical Lent groups studying Ignation prayer and on Good Friday we organised the Walk of Witness followed by Hot Cross buns in the Community centre. In October we held the annual Shoe Box packing party and organised the Community Christmas Carol service at St Gregory's. The CTiA Christmas Carol singing around the homes for the elderly and in town on December 21st raised money for Firefly International, which was our chosen charity for the year.

At the annual meeting, held in July, James Pinniger stepped down as an Anglican representative on the CTiA committee. He has been involved for many years, serving twice as Chairperson and also as secretary. We thank James for his loyalty and commitment. He is very much missed. Our current representatives are **Sarah Wilding, Jackie Connell and Diann Adam**

Coffee Cake & Chat

On the 2nd Tuesday of every month the JPH becomes our cafe for 'Coffee Cake and Chat.' 20 -30 people come and have a very enjoyable morning enjoying tea/coffee and homemade cake. [The early birds get to enjoy Margaret Stewart's delicious cheese scones!]
Over the years strong friendships have been formed, and new members tell me it is the best place to get to know folk in Alresford. [The 'Pause for Thought' often results in me being asked for a copy of whatever I have said.]
We have been supporting Winchester Hospice from the beginning and in 2024 donated £500
The wonderful cakes are provided by Pearl Page and Elizabeth Johnson and Erica Cook makes a wonderful Gluten Free Victoria Sponge. Jean Clark is whiz at making the drinks
Everyone is welcome; so please come and join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month 10-11.30am. **Angela Peel**

Creation Care

'Right, a Creation Care report for the APCM! What do we write about? What have we done to encourage everyone to think more about the damage we do to God's World? What a wonderful and beautiful world it is.'
What have we done to encourage St John's congregation to think twice about driving that short distance; to reduce waste; not to run their car engine to defrost the windscreen...; to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'
'Here are the highlights...' In April a Climate Service was held entitled 'One World'. A poster was created displaying our Eco Church activities, how we achieved our Bronze Award and how we will achieve the Silver Award.
St John's intercessors have been brilliant in including God's World and Climate change in our prayers each week.
Several articles have been published in the Voice Magazine. A series on 'Keeping the Arle Valley beautiful' and a series of 'Thoughts'.
In October, Sam Scott's (Diocesan Environment Officer) organised a diocesan 'Creation Care and Sustainable Buildings Day'. An interesting day learning what other churches are doing toward the Church of England 2030 Net Zero deadline. Hearing about: - wildflower projects, the Parish Buying Scheme, watching electricity usage in church buildings, solar panel installation and available grants.
Soft plastic, foil and pens have been collected for recycling.
'As always we work closely with Bees Knees.'
'Looking to the future...'
A Climate Sunday Service in 2025
Plants to be introduced in the church. Fed and watered by members of the congregation.
Achieving an Eco Church Silver Award. Arocha have changed the format and questions since we achieved our Bronze Eco Church award so there is some work to be done.
A visit and talk from Sam Scott, Winchester Diocese Environment Officer.
The most economical and environmentally friendly efficient church heating system.

'Note that you may have already seen some of these changes by the time you read this report.'
'Now to finish off with a few thoughts. We must continue to encourage everyone to think more about the damage we do to God's World? To think twice about driving that short distance; to reduce waste; to not run their car engine to defrost the windscreen...?'
'Remember that even the smallest change is worth more than the grandest intention.'
Creation Care Team

Fabric and maintenance report – 2024

During 2024 James Lees agreed to take on the task of co ordinating all matters fabric and maintenance. Thanks to Paul Wiffen and the churchwardens for their efforts for the first half of the year.

As always fabric and maintenance is a mixture of major events and ongoing matters – both internally in the church buildings and externally in the church yard

Internally the major and most significant works undertaken were the sanding and sealing of the floor (which was last undertaken in 2003), the high level cleaning and the arrival of the wonderful new chairs. As with so much of our church life none of this would have been achieved without the significant efforts of a lot of volunteers and tradesman. It is also true to say that this has all been afforded as a result of a very generous bequest.

Alongside the 'capital' works a full range of smaller tasks and regular matters were attended to including PAT testing, lift testing, clock maintenance, and so many other items. There is a full spreadsheet of these annual tasks that are required to keep the buildings safe and secure.

Externally – we have had a full roster of 'mowing volunteers' organised by Ben Howlett who undertake the regular maintaining of the Northern half of the churchyard. The southern half of the churchyard is maintained by a contractor – Top Trees. These efforts have been supplemented by the two churchyard clear up days – on clock change weekends. Volunteers efforts were rewarded with a bacon sandwich and coffee....as well as a good chance to meet and chat.

Every 5 years a diocesan inspection takes place – this Quinquennial inspection took place in the summer of 2024. We are still awaiting the report of this inspection, we do however expect that report to highlight some matters that need attending to.

As regards 2025 – at the beginning of the year we will be refurbishing the west room of the hall complex with new storage. We will also continue our church heating discussions – looking at updating/refurbishing our current systems will be a significant capital item.

Fabric and maintenance matters always relies on many volunteers...thanks to them all. It is however everyone's responsibility to keep their eyes and ears open for matters that need addressing – please feel free to contact James Lees with any items that need attending to. **James Lees**

Flower Arrangers

A big thank you goes out to the Church Flower Arranging Team for all their time and effort during 2024. In particular thanks go to Sue Dix, Pearl Court and Diana Robbins who stood in for me when I was not able to be around to do church flowers at times during the first part of last year.

2024 was a busy year for the Flower Arranging Team with flowers being sponsored every week throughout the year which was really amazing. Thank you to all those people who sponsored flowers. Unfortunately, at the point of writing, there are plenty of slots free for this year so please select your preferred date if you wish to sponsor a pedestal to remember a special birthday, anniversary or a loved one. The list for sponsoring flowers in St John's is available at the back of Church and sponsorship is £30.

The cost of flowers continues to increase and is still a challenge for the arrangers who are always trying to source the best flowers and deals on offer at the time. There are thirteen flower arrangers on the rota at the moment for the Nave and ten for the Lady Chapel. The task of completing a flower arrangement, whilst rewarding, is time consuming. Duties include purchasing the flowers, taking the previous arrangement apart and then constructing a new arrangement.

During the year the Flower Team made up Bunches of daffodils for Mothering Sunday, decorated the church for Easter, Church Festivals, Harvest and Christmas along with the weekly flower arrangements both in the Nave and Lady Chapel.

The Flower Team looks forward to a year of flower arranging and friendship.
Maureen Skayman

Health & Safety Report

Health & Safety (H&S) within St John's continues to develop in order to become more visible, joined up and strategic. Paul Whiffen had no prior experience in leading H&S before beginning (May 2023), but has built on the excellent work done by the previous incumbent and applied some of his own transferable consulting experience.
Key Points in the development of H&S in the year to end Jan 2025 follow.

1/. Fire safety, prevention and response.
A focus has continued on this area which needed some aspects to be rejuvenated. Over 30 people have now attended Fire Training in one of the two courses, a/. Fire Awareness and b/. Evacuation. The former is more fire-fighting with an element of evacuation, the latter is more evacuation with an element of fire-fighting. The choice of who to attend which course has been based on the individuals' age, fitness and role. The style of training is participatory so that suggestions made by the attendees are adopted – this helps to increase awareness and support for the topic. The training courses have been designed and delivered by Paul Whiffen to save costs of bringing in the Fire Brigade.

Two evacuation drills were undertaken in the past 12 months, both at the end of the main 0930 Sunday morning service and therefore involving many of the people who attend the church most frequently.
Regular tests of the Alarm System have continued, as have annual inspections of the Alarm System, extinguishers and emergency lighting.

2/. Risk Assessments

Risk Assessments are carried out before all key events and activities, and signed off. In many cases, this is done by reviewing and updating those from previous years. The process is thorough and has helped bring a H&S culture to St John's.

3/. H&S Document Management.

Hardcopy document filing has required some focus and tidying up. Progress has been slower than intended due to Paul Whiffen's illness / injury & recovery during Spring & Summer 2024 but is moving forward.
Electronic documentation is stored on the church Drop Box and also on Paul Whiffen's laptop. Both are backed up regularly as a matter of routine.

4/. H&S Action Tracking.

Actions for H&S come from a variety of sources including near misses, risk assessments, suggestions from training courses and other ad-hoc sources. An active / living "Action list" is managed on spreadsheet to track progress for actions using RAG (Red, Amber, Green) codes. Progress is reported to PCC meetings every second month and typically actions are completed at the rate of 4 per month.
The Action list is regularly uploaded to the Church Drop Box so that whoever replaces Paul Whiffen on H&S can do the same, perhaps looking back years if needs be...ie, we maintain a form of corporate memory.

5/. First Aid

First Aid is the responsibility of Charlotte Ryton. She is planning First Aid courses in the coming months and also a review of the contents of the First Aid boxes within St John's.

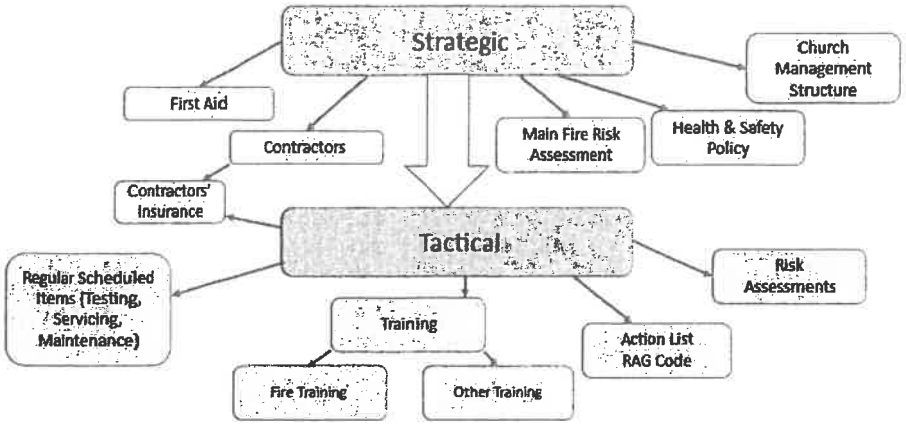
6/. Stepladder Training

Stepladder training was provided to PCC meeting attendees in January 2025.

7/. Learning from Chris James at All Saints Church

Unlike Paul Whiffen, Chris James has some professional experience in H&S and there has been two meetings between us in a nascent "community of practice" approach to share knowledge.
The main outcome from Paul Whiffen's (ie St Johns) perspective is more awareness of H&S as an overall system, including a distinction between strategic and tactical. Paul Whiffen created the following diagram in Dec 2024 to help show how this comes together – it's not a perfect summary but it provides some structure understanding for H&S that was previously missing.

Strategic Health & Safety



Additionally, Paul Whiffen is benefiting from Chris James' experience in key document creation / management.

8/. Relationship with Fabric

H&S at St Johns depends on good relationships with the Fabric area, currently led by James Lees. In a couple of instances, activities that have been held / led by H&S have been handed over to Fabric:

- Tower Clock servicing
- Hearing aid loop maintenance

Paul Whiffen also spent a lot of time in 2024 in supporting the work on the Heating system during a period of problems in getting it working properly.

9/. Next Steps in H&S

The following areas of focus will continue in 2025 – these are in addition to routine / business as usual H&S activities.

a/. Development of the relationship with Chris James (All Saints) and enhancing / updating key H&S documents where necessary.

b/. Continued improvement of hardcopy document storage.

c/. Review of Fire training courses including the question as to whether Fire Brigade sourced training should be provided (though this costs more).

d/. First Aid training to be provided by Charlotte Ryton.

e/. Contractors to be asked to provide copy of professional indemnity and risk assessments for jobs at St Johns. This is a new development for 2025.

Paul Whiffen

Looking Forward

This is a group for widows, a title we all share though not by choice, a social and self help group. Some are newly widowed, others have been alone for some years, all are welcome. We meet mainly to eat, breakfast, lunch and dinner once a month and a new addition, a Sunday lunch also once a month. It's a good way to meet others who 'get it', no two occasions have the same set of people , on average eight to ten of us (from a list of forty plus) get together each time. Some come frequently, others occasionally, whatever works for them. We share laughter, helpful hints, sometimes tears and we look out for one another. Further details from Sue, Beryl or Angela or pick up a card from the prayer table by the candle stand. **SC, BM and AP**

Lay Pastoral Assistants' Report

The Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's) continue to support Heather with visiting and pastoral care within the parish. At the beginning of the year we welcomed some newly trained members to the team and Heather commissioned them for their new role as church representatives in March.

Some members of the team specialise in working with the bereaved, supporting through the funeral and afterwards by offering a listening ear where it is needed. This group also arrange the Service of Comfort and Hope and the Prayers Round the Tree of Remembrance. A small group of LPA's visit those from the parish who are in hospital but they are called on less often because these days people are generally hospitalised for a very brief time. They always like to be told of anyone who is in hospital and, if requested, will add the name to the weekly prayer list.

Throughout the year we meet together for prayer, meetings and training sessions. The LPA's are trained to listen but do not counsel. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visitor please let us know or contact Penny in the parish Office.
Jackie Connell and Sue Clarke

Magazine

Another year has gone by and the magazine is going well thanks to all the people who help - Pelham Allan, Caroline Hawkins, Jackie Connell, Jennifer Miller, Ruth Page, Liz Petheram, Alison Starr, Margaret Stewart, Paul Whiffen - not to mention the troop that march around delivering. We have had to put the price up to cover costs but we think it is still a good buy. Quite a few more people are subscribing rather than buying per issue and we hope more will do so. As usual we did a Christmas special with more colour and more articles which went well. One sadness is that Rose Briar who did the gardening article has retired but we hope to find some other people who might write about gardening. Thanks to those who also contribute articles and thanks to the website Parish Pump that write articles for parish magazines for free! On the subject of articles we are always happy to receive anything our readers would like to contribute - it doesn't have to be religious as this is a church **and** community magazine.

Events - we had several good events last year - table top sale, fish and chip quiz night, harvest supper and of course the Angel Festival among others, but the committee has not yet met for this year. However we are considering slightly reducing what we do so that we can concentrate on a few really good events. **Charlotte Ryton**

St. John's Prayer Team

We have been very encouraged this year by the many times we have been able to thank God for answered prayer and would encourage you to email or phone and share a request or a thank you.

We regularly check the 'Say One For Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge honour to be able to share these concerns and anxieties in prayer with the Lord. We also have the Prayer Tree in the porch and we would encourage everyone to take time to pray through the many very meaningful thoughts and prayers shared on this Tree. It is a real privilege for us all to engage with these prayers.

Some of the Prayer Team joined with others at the end of November at the top of West Street and outside the church to offer the lighting of a candle and to take a prayer as we thought of all the conflicts in the world. This enabled people to encounter prayer in a safe interactive way that they may not have experienced before.

It was also very special to be part of the Gift from St John's event in December, chatting to the public as they enjoyed the craft activities, the Café, and writing their Hopes and Dreams for 2024. All these activities gave us opportunities to become engaged in many deep and important conversations in the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.
We have left these on a board inside the church for everyone to pray through.

The introduction of the Prayer Space in the north corner of the church has been much appreciated by many visitors and members of the congregation as a quiet reflective space to pray and take time to be still. The theme in this area is regularly changed to give us a different focal point for our prayers. The Votive Candle area of the church in the south corner of the church is also much valued as a place to be still and to light a candle, either to remember a loved one or as a prayer offering.

There is a definite sense of St John's being a real 'house of prayer' with so many opportunities and variety of approaches to engage everyone who enters.

We also have a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone – 01962 733237 / 07891120662 – or email Rosie Waring Green – rosie@22rwg.co.uk – for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray for you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God.
If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through.
Rosie Waring Green

Safeguarding Report

I was fortunate to be joined by Alison Mayne as an additional safeguarding officer for the Benefice this year. The workload for safeguarding has increased and it is a huge help to have this shared between the two of us. I am responsible for St John's and Alison will look after the three village churches.
The Church of England decided that anyone who works with children or young people or vulnerable adults needs to have a DBS every 3 years. This is a change from every 5 years that it has been previously. This means that we have a number of people who are out of date and require a new DBS check or a check on their continuous update. This year we have decided to run drop-in sessions in the JPH for anyone who needs a DBS check. This will hopefully focus the application process and allow us to make sure everyone who needs to be is up to date.

Anyone who undertakes a DBS check also must undertake safeguarding training. This year we have decided to run regular sessions in the JPH for those who have difficulty doing this online.
The parish dashboard continues to be updated as required.
Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility and any concerns relating to safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults should be escalated to myself, Alison or Heather. **Sarah Wilding**

Table Talk

Table talk is a 'discussion/eating' group who meet on the third Friday of every month. We have a bring and share lunch (always too much delicious food) then sit around a table or two and discuss any relevant topic. Sometimes this is chosen in advance, sometimes decided by the group when we meet. For Lent we often base our theme around a film,(in 2024 it was Chocolate,) and we try to meet at least four times during this period. We cover politics, ecology, church matters, health issues, anything that needs discussion. In 2024 this included the Post Office, the resignation of Justin Welby, the USA presidential election, climate change etc. New participants are always welcome, we meet in the JPH at 12.00 for lunch. Please come along!
Sue, Miranda and Jackie.

Tower Report 2024

St John's and St Mary's now have a combined band of ringers going from strength to strength. Ringing for the weekly 9.30 service at St John and at St Mary's for their 11am services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Practice night at St John's is on a Friday 7-9pm and at St Mary's from 7.30-9pm on a Monday. Ringing also takes place at other times for teaching session or Quarter Peals.

There were two groups of visiting ringers, (one for a full peal on Boxing Day), plus two commissioned quarter peals which all raised money for the church from their donations. Three weddings took place this year requesting bells. The Freshers Fair and the Angle Festival were well supported ringing wise.
The Annual tower meal was held at The Flower Pots welcoming guests Revd Heather and Mick Brearey who joined ringers and their families and friends.

Outreach help was given throughout the year to neighbouring churches – Cheriton, Tichborne and the Candover Valley churches, supplying ringers for wedding services, a funeral plus bell and belfry maintenance. Assistance was given to teaching ringers from Ropley in preparation for the return of their bells.
Elizabeth Johnson Tower Secretary

World Team

These are the overseas projects we support:
Ashray UK: the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Ibillin, Israel, sends regular newsletters from Abuna Elias Chacour. Sadly the news has been grim since the continuing conflict in the Middle East. The students are now back at

school after several months at home last year. There is hope for a better future by educating the children to be" "ambassadors for reconciliation".

Church Mission Society: our partners are Sarah and Simon Cawdell who are in Gulu, Uganda. Sarah is head of a theological college and Simon leading a Rooted in Jesus course. We have frequent updates via their Facebook page and CMS newsletters.

The Michael Project, Zimbabwe: this is a ministry of River of Life Church in Harare Zimbabwe, and has been established as a result of the growing needs of children at risk. David and Helen Hobbs visited St Johns in May 2024 and were able to give us an up to date report on the work that they do, which includes Shalom Residential Home, and the three pre- schools at Greystone Park, Chikurubi Maximum Security Prison, and at Wingate. In November we held a very successful Coffee Morning which raised £1200 to help them in their work.

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: we receive regular updates from Anita the sponsorship secretary. St John's has continued supporting several children until their higher education for which they are very grateful.

Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu: the leprosy village at Karigiri in South India. Shanthigramam – literally "village of peace" is a haven for elderly and destitute people who have been damaged by leprosy. In the last year they have constructed new buildings including individual cottages for the residents

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Community and Outreach/St John's World Team, and there are regular articles in the Arle Valley Voice magazine. **Hilary Carr**

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Treasurer	Jon Whale 12 Buttermere Gardens Alresford Hampshire S024 9NN
Assistant Treasurer	Jane Parsons 54 Jacklyns Lane Alresford Hampshire SO24 9LG
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Bank - Deposit Account:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd The CBF Church of England Funds 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ
Independent Examiner:	Behegan Lynes Bank Chambers Brook Street Bishops Waltham Hampshire S032 lAX

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New Alresford, Hampshire
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Treasurer: Jon Whale, 12 Buttermere Gardens, Alresford, SO24 9NN

Standing Committee Approval Certificate

We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes, all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ending 31 December 2024 and that the financial statements have our approval.

JSWhale ..... 5/2/25 .....

Jonathan Whale, Treasurer — Date

..... 3/2/25 .....

Heather Brearey, Rector — Date

R.M.Waring Green ..... 5.2.25 .....

Rosie Waring Green, Church Warden

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1127318
Set out on pages	1 TO 43		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:	H Ellis	**Date:**	17-03-2025.
Name:	HEATHER ELLIS		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT		
Address:	BEHEGAN LYNES, BANK CHAMBERS, BROOK STREET, BISHOPS WALTHAM, HAMPSHIRE, SO32 1AX		

TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

After two difficult years in 2022 and 2023, we saw considerable progress in 2024 towards achieving a balanced budget. We once again felt significant financial pressure due to rising costs, but the generosity of our congregation, and a sharper focus on controlling expenditure, has resulted in this progress.

In summary, our unrestricted expenditure in 2024 was £180k (this is an increase of £2k compared to 2023) and our unrestricted income was £170k (an increase of £8k). As a result our expenditure has once again exceeded our regular income - this year by approximately £10k. However, in 2023, this shortfall was £15k, so although we continue to spend more that we bring in through regular giving and fundraising, the gap has narrowed.

During the year we invested in the purchase of new chairs (for a total of £38k) using funds from the very generous legacy previously given by the Diverall family. In accordance with our accounting policy the cost of this acquisition is written off over four years, with £9.6k included in the unrestricted expenditure of £180k for 2024 referred to above. The remaining net book value of the chairs of £28k will be written off in equal instalments over the period 2025-27.

At our last APCM, we agreed to seek to balance our income v expenditure over the next 3 years, and we are now well on target to achieve this.

There are a number of reasons for our current position:

- Your regular giving this year has been £76k, with a further £22k coming through Gift Aid. Although a reduction of £13k on 2023, these figures are still amazing. We continue to make good use of the Parish Giving Scheme, and a further £4.5k was donated via the new card reader
- In another positive sign, we have also received specific donations of £7k, generated £8k through our social and fundraising activities and increased our income from magazine advertising by £2k. We have also received over £8.2k in interest on our savings deposited with CCLA.
- In terms of reducing our expenditure, our gas costs were down by £2.5k; our magazine printing costs were down by £3k; and our routine maintenance costs remained stable
- The Diocese has also helped in that our CMF contribution in 2024 was £8k lower than in 2023
- This year we have also received a number of generous legacies, totalling £3k
- As a PCC we have consciously taken a stricter approach to expenditure, and wherever possible, found cheaper ways of doing things.

So, at 31 December 2024 our funds were £193k (£95k unrestricted, £63k designated, £35k restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £32K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £35k in funds restricted

for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.

The table below shows the trend of our unrestricted funds over the past 6 years:

Date	31/12/19	31/12/20	31/12/21	31/12/22	31/12/23	31/12/24
Unrestricted & Designated Funds (£k)	97	187	155	182	168	159

So in effect, we remain in a viable financial position for the foreseeable future, but our operations in 2024 have been underwritten by the continued receipt of generous legacies and donations. It will be our priority over the next 12 months to further reduce this gap between income and expenditure. In 2025 we will also carry out a valuation of the pension scheme.

Despite the financial challenges of the past 3 years we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities. We contributed £82k to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund. We also donated £6k to causes including the Winchester Youth Counselling, the Michael Project, CMS, Ashray, Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, and the congregation have continued to give generously to the Pannai Orphanage.

Administering a charity with £193k of assets is above all a team effort and I would like to thank all those who contribute so much to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; David Griffiths and Nolly Nutman who maintain our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Colin Scott-Morton who has kindly taken on the work of reclaiming the VAT on our building works; to Charlotte, Liz and the team who produce the magazine, to the large team of people who count and record our collections each week, and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes and his colleague Heather Ellis, for reviewing these financial statements. Finally, a massive thank you goes to Jane Parsons in her invaluable role as Assistant Treasurer.

Jonathan Whale
Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	116,502.43	11,208.87	-	127,711.30	137,897.55
Other trading activities	8,728.74	-	-	8,728.74	8,347.01
Church Activities	29,247.63	-	-	29,247.63	27,001.96
Other income	15,895.22	-	-	15,895.22	10,296.83
Total income	**170,374.02**	**11,208.87**	-	**181,582.89**	**183,543.35**
Expenditure on:					
Costs of Generating Funds	1,726.27	-	-	1,726.27	1,888.06
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	3,328.92	1,311.65	-	4,640.57	5,548.82
Church Activities	175,286.61	2,622.44	-	177,909.05	178,337.14
Major Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	**180,341.80**	**3,934.09**	-	**184,275.89**	**185,774.02**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(9,967.78)**	**7,274.78**	-	**(2,693.00)**	**(2,230.67)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	600.00	1,409.32	-	2,009.32	3,722.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,409.32)	(600.00)	-	(2,009.32)	(3,722.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	1.00	-	-	1.00	-
Net movement in funds	**(10,776.10)**	**8,084.10**	-	**(2,692.00)**	**(2,230.67)**
Total funds brought forward	**169,527.82**	**26,745.30**	-	**196,273.12**	**198,503.79**
Total funds carried forward	**158,751.72**	**34,829.40**	-	**193,581.12**	**196,273.12**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	95,485.85	-	-	95,485.85	106,583.69

Designated					
Church Repair Fund	25,000.29	-	-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Growing Younger	426.89	-	-	426.89	150.80
JPH Repair Fund	4,999.85	-	-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Reserve Fund	31,793.19	-	-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Sheridan Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	1,045.65	-	-	1,045.65	1,000.00
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Bell Fund	-	6,896.48	-	6,896.48	6,998.10
C Brill Fund	-	3,725.79	-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Chalk Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Chatterbox	-	605.00	-	605.00	450.00
Constance Were Trust Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
David Hasted Legacy For Churchyard Upkeep	-	9,600.00	-	9,600.00	10,000.00
Gift From St John's	-	161.28	-	161.28	-
Monday Meet And Eat	-	728.14	-	728.14	-
Pannai Orphanage Donations	-	8,840.00	-	8,840.00	5,491.25
Raise the Roof	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Donations	-	4,272.71	-	4,272.71	80.16
Total funds	**158,751.72**	**34,829.40**		**- 193,581.12**	**196,273.12**

Balance Sheet detailed

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets			
2701	Audio System	-	-
2702	New Chairs	28,841.12	-
2703	Old Chairs	-	-
	Total Fixed assets	**28,841.12**	**-**

Current assets			
3001	NatWest Current Account	19,849.38	29,851.68
3002	NatWest Gift Aid Account	2.43	2.43
3003	NatWest Flower Account	467.58	305.13
3004	Lloyds Fees Account	10.00	10.00
3005	CCLA (CBF) Account	140,125.16	161,876.77
3009	Nationwide Account	-	-
3020	Legacy Investment Portfolio	-	-
Z05	Accounts Receivable	11,403.67	11,108.52
	Total Current assets	**171,858.22**	**203,154.53**
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	-	32.00
Z04	Accounts Payable	7,118.22	6,849.41
	Total Liabilities	**7,118.22**	**6,881.41**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**193,581.12**	**196,273.12**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(2,693.00)	126,954.56
Z01	Starting balances	168,642.20	41,687.64
Z03	Gains on investment assets	27,631.92	27,630.92
	Total Reserves	**193,581.12**	**196,273.12**
	Represented by Funds		
	General (Unrestricted)	95,485.85	106,583.69
	Designated	63,265.87	62,944.13
	Restricted	34,829.40	26,745.30
	Total	**193,581.12**	**196,273.12**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets							
2701: Audio System		(20,508.86)	-	20,508.86	-	-	-
2702: New Chairs		28,841.12	-	-	-	28,841.12	-
	Total	**8,332.26**	**-**	**20,508.86**	**-**	**28,841.12**	**-**

Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
3001: NatWest Current Account	32,996.82	16,894.74	(30,042.18)	-	19,849.38	29,851.68
3002: NatWest Gift Aid Account	(19,656.57)	-	19,659.00	-	2.43	2.43
3003: NatWest Flower Account	367.58	-	100.00	-	467.58	305.13
3004: Lloyds Fees Account	10.00	-	-	-	10.00	10.00
3005: CCLA (CBF) Account	67,461.09	46,371.13	26,292.94	-	140,125.16	161,876.77
Total	**81,178.92**	**63,265.87**	**16,009.76**	**-**	**160,454.55**	**192,046.01**
Current Asset - Debtors						
3010: Debtors	101.52	-	(101.52)	-	-	-
Z05: Accounts Receivable	11,213.67	-	190.00	-	11,403.67	11,108.52
Total	**11,315.19**	**-**	**88.48**	**-**	**11,403.67**	**11,108.52**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	-	-	-	32.00
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**32.00**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	5,340.52	-	1,777.70	-	7,118.22	6,849.41
Total	**5,340.52**	**-**	**1,777.70**	**-**	**7,118.22**	**6,849.41**
Net total assets	**95,485.85**	**63,265.87**	**34,829.40**	**-**	**193,581.12**	**196,273.12**
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	95,485.85	-	-	-	95,485.85	106,583.69
Designated - ChurchRep	-	25,000.29	-	-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Designated - Growing	-	426.89	-	-	426.89	150.80
Designated - JPHRepair	-	4,999.85	-	-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Designated - Reserve	-	31,793.19	-	-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Designated - Youth	-	1,045.65	-	-	1,045.65	1,000.00
Restricted - Bells	-	-	6,896.48	-	6,896.48	6,998.10
Restricted - CBrill	-	-	3,725.79	-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Restricted - Chatterbox	-	-	605.00	-	605.00	450.00
Restricted - Gift from St J	-	-	161.28	-	161.28	-
Restricted - Hasted Churchyard	-	-	9,600.00	-	9,600.00	10,000.00
Restricted - Meet and Eat	-	-	728.14	-	728.14	-
Restricted - Pannai	-	-	8,840.00	-	8,840.00	5,491.25
Restricted - ResDons	-	-	4,272.71	-	4,272.71	80.16
Total	**95,485.85**	**63,265.87**	**34,829.40**	**-**	**193,581.12**	**196,273.12**

Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bells							
Restricted	6,998.10	140.00	241.62	-	-	-	6,896.48
Sub-totals	**6,998.10**	**140.00**	**241.62**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6,896.48**
CBrill							
Restricted	3,725.79	-	-	-	-	-	3,725.79
Sub-totals	**3,725.79**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,725.79**
Chatterbox							
Restricted	450.00	290.00	135.00	-	-	-	605.00
Sub-totals	**450.00**	**290.00**	**135.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**605.00**
ChurchRep							
Designated	25,000.29	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.29
Sub-totals	**25,000.29**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**25,000.29**
Gift from St J							
Restricted	-	943.07	781.79	-	-	-	161.28
Sub-totals	**-**	**943.07**	**781.79**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**161.28**
Growing							
Designated	150.80	78.14	102.05	300.00	-	-	426.89
Sub-totals	**150.80**	**78.14**	**102.05**	**300.00**	**-**	**-**	**426.89**
Hasted Churchyard							
Restricted	10,000.00	-	400.00	-	-	-	9,600.00
Sub-totals	**10,000.00**	**-**	**400.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**9,600.00**
JPHRepair							
Designated	4,999.85	-	-	-	-	-	4,999.85
Sub-totals	**4,999.85**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4,999.85**

Meet and Eat								
Restricted		-	1,258.00	529.86	-	-	-	728.14
	Sub-totals	**-**	**1,258.00**	**529.86**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**728.14**
Pannai								
Restricted		5,491.25	3,348.75	-	-	-	-	8,840.00
	Sub-totals	**5,491.25**	**3,348.75**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8,840.00**
ResDons								
Restricted		80.16	5,229.05	1,845.82	809.32	-	-	4,272.71
	Sub-totals	**80.16**	**5,229.05**	**1,845.82**	**809.32**	**-**	**-**	**4,272.71**
Reserve								
Designated		31,793.19	-	-	-	-	-	31,793.19
	Sub-totals	**31,793.19**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**31,793.19**
Youth								
Designated		1,000.00	-	254.35	300.00	-	-	1,045.65
	Sub-totals	**1,000.00**	**-**	**254.35**	**300.00**	**-**	**-**	**1,045.65**
General								
Unrestricted		106,583.69	170,295.88	179,985.40	(1,409.32)	1.00	-	95,485.85
	Sub-totals	**106,583.69**	**170,295.88**	**179,985.40**	**(1,409.32)**	**1.00**	**-**	**95,485.85**
	Totals	**196,273.12**	**181,582.89**	**184,275.89**	**-**	**1.00**	**-**	**193,581.12**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Regular Giving SO GA	3,350.00	-	-	-	3,350.00	4,340.00

0102 - Regular Giving by envelope GA	605.00	-	-	-	605.00	510.00
0104 - CAF Vouchers	1,511.99	-	-	-	1,511.99	1,311.99
0105 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct GA	62,580.40	-	-	-	62,580.40	67,850.53
0201 - Regular Giving Standing Order NGA	1,390.00	-	-	-	1,390.00	1,260.00
0202 - Regular Giving by envelope NGA	143.30	-	-	-	143.30	30.00
0204 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct NGA	3,268.00	-	-	-	3,268.00	3,016.00
0301A - Sunday Collections GASDS	3,703.56	-	-	-	3,703.56	3,039.12
0301B - Sunday Collections non GASDS	5.00	-	-	-	5.00	55.00
0302 - Wedding Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0303 - Funeral Collections	65.00	-	-	-	65.00	155.00
0304 - Baptism Collections	47.90	-	-	-	47.90	295.90
0306 - One off Gift Aid envelopes	7,226.00	-	-	-	7,226.00	2,476.76
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	2,644.46	-	-	-	2,644.46	1,450.70
0307A - Donations by card reader GA	1,943.12	-	197.80	-	2,140.92	1,394.85
0308 - Midweek Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0402 - Church Donations Box	1,044.65	-	-	-	1,044.65	1,606.57
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	875.00	-	-	-	875.00	910.00
0500 - Other specific donations	-	-	315.00	-	315.00	7,367.00
0501 - One off donations outside services	1,511.94	-	-	-	1,511.94	2,783.63
0502 - Donations by Ringers and Others	-	-	140.00	-	140.00	219.62
0503 - Lango Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
0504 - Pannai Donations	-	-	3,210.00	-	3,210.00	2,290.00
0506 - Lent Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
0509 - Bell Fund NGA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0513 - Bell Fund GA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0517 - Churchyard Donations	-	-	2,100.00	-	2,100.00	-
0518 - Monday Meet and Eat donations	-	-	1,258.00	-	1,258.00	-

0519 - Gift from St John's donations	-	-	943.07	-	943.07	575.00
0601 - Gift Aid on unrestricted income	21,132.81	-	-	-	21,132.81	20,501.89
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income	-	-	500.00	-	500.00	123.75
0700 - Legacies received	3,034.60	-	-	-	3,034.60	10,000.00
0801 - Grants Recurring - Unrestricted	35.00	-	-	-	35.00	35.00
0802 - Grants Non Recurring - Unrestricted	384.70	-	-	-	384.70	2,384.64
0803 - VAT Recovered	-	-	-	-	-	1,114.60
0804 - Grants Non Recurring - Restricted	-	-	2,545.00	-	2,545.00	800.00
0805 - Government Grant - COVID-19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies Totals	**116,502.43**	**-**	**11,208.87**	**-**	**127,711.30**	**137,897.55**
Other trading activities						
0901 - Watercress Festival Fund Raising	3,097.26	-	-	-	3,097.26	3,122.98
0902 - Other Fund raising activities	377.38	-	-	-	377.38	1,544.84
0903 - Social Events	3,288.04	-	-	-	3,288.04	3,311.19
0903A - Youth Group Contributions	-	78.14	-	-	78.14	-
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	387.00	-	-	-	387.00	368.00
0905 - Concerts	1,500.92	-	-	-	1,500.92	-
Other trading activities Totals	**8,650.60**	**78.14**	**-**	**-**	**8,728.74**	**8,347.01**
Church Activities						
1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	10,759.00	-	-	-	10,759.00	12,667.00
1201 - Sale of Books, Christmas Cards etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
1202 - Income from use of Church	4,237.00	-	-	-	4,237.00	2,562.00
1203 - Income from use of JPH	3,559.00	-	-	-	3,559.00	2,440.11
1204 - Magazine Sales - Casual	25.40	-	-	-	25.40	37.80
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subscriptions	4,427.23	-	-	-	4,427.23	4,812.05

1206 - Magazine Advertising	6,200.00	-	-	-	6,200.00	4,443.00
1207 - Printing	40.00	-	-	-	40.00	40.00
Church Activities Totals	**29,247.63**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**29,247.63**	**27,001.96**
Other income						
1001 - Interest received	8,248.39	-	-	-	8,248.39	5,563.76
1302 - Insurance Claims	2,303.35	-	-	-	2,303.35	-
1303 - Ovington Payments	983.55	-	-	-	983.55	1,123.84
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	1,977.38	-	-	-	1,977.38	1,789.24
1305 - Bighton Payments	983.55	-	-	-	983.55	1,819.99
1307 - Sale of Fixed Assets	1,399.00	-	-	-	1,399.00	-
Other income Totals	**15,895.22**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**15,895.22**	**10,296.83**
Income and endowments Grand totals	**170,295.88**	**78.14**	**11,208.87**	**-**	**181,582.89**	**183,543.35**
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Costs of Generating Funds						
1701 - Cost of Watercress Festival	17.99	-	-	-	17.99	20.49
1702 - Cost of fundraising, inc LL, HS, CR etc	325.34	-	-	-	325.34	308.10
1703 - Cost of Social Events	1,300.10	-	-	-	1,300.10	1,490.57
1705 - Cost of supporting regular giving	-	-	-	-	-	-
2320 - Credit and debit card charges	82.84	-	-	-	82.84	68.90
Costs of Generating Funds Totals	**1,726.27**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,726.27**	**1,888.06**
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations						
1709 - Monday Meet and Eat expenditure	60.52	-	529.86	-	590.38	1,194.53
1710 - Gift from St John's expenditure	-	-	781.79	-	781.79	767.75
1801 - Annual Charitable Giving	2,895.00	-	-	-	2,895.00	2,750.00
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	373.40	-	-	-	373.40	836.54
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations Totals	**3,328.92**	**-**	**1,311.65**	**-**	**4,640.57**	**5,548.82**
Church Activities						
1900 - Parish Share	81,723.59	-	-	-	81,723.59	90,185.26
2001 - Assist staff	19,535.80	-	-	-	19,535.80	17,029.32

salary/pension/honoraria (B						
2002 - Organist/choir/salaries/honoraria	3,495.00	-	-	-	3,495.00	3,365.00
2101 - Working expenses of Incumbent (B)	-	-	-	-	-	146.79
2102 - Working Expenses of Assistant Clergy (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2103 - Working expenses of assistant staff (B)	133.04	-	-	-	133.04	-
2104 - Rectory/ Staff housing (B)	1,740.17	-	-	-	1,740.17	1,154.77
2105 - Benefice Administration expenses	378.84	-	-	-	378.84	372.21
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	1,973.06	-	1,248.02	-	3,221.08	2,845.48
2301 - Church Insurance	3,498.23	-	-	-	3,498.23	3,348.16
2302 - Church Cleaning	288.97	-	-	-	288.97	100.00
2303 - Church minor repairs	980.10	-	241.62	-	1,221.72	3,519.82
2303A - Church Clock Repairs 2021/22	-	-	-	-	-	720.00
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	8,793.77	-	535.00	-	9,328.77	5,459.31
2305 - Telephone	1,740.19	-	-	-	1,740.19	1,168.25
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	423.81	-	-	-	423.81	673.92
2307 - Provision of Services	1,919.92	-	-	-	1,919.92	1,270.67
2308 - Music/choir/robes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2309 - Church Grounds	2,779.94	-	597.80	-	3,377.74	4,557.46
2310 - Flowers	691.55	-	-	-	691.55	861.20
2311 - Sunday School, 2nd Sunday & Youth Group	89.95	356.40	-	-	446.35	732.35
2312 - Training/Course Fees BRILL	-	-	-	-	-	-
2313 - Subscriptions	575.00	-	-	-	575.00	325.00
2314 - Other support costs	4,728.57	-	-	-	4,728.57	2,854.60
2315 - Administration	1,635.49	-	-	-	1,635.49	2,612.23
2316 - Bank Charges	67.50	-	-	-	67.50	67.50
2401 - Church Gas - L038224	5,681.45	-	-	-	5,681.45	7,690.88
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	1,039.12	-	-	-	1,039.12	1,179.63
2403 - Church Running -	9,613.00	-	-	-	9,613.00	-

Depreciation						
2502 - Magazine Printing	9,482.60	-	-	-	9,482.60	12,747.05
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	91.70	-	-	-	91.70	86.95
2504 - JPH - Insurance	1,166.17	-	-	-	1,166.17	1,115.99
2505 - JPH - Electricity	2,078.20	-	-	-	2,078.20	2,359.26
2506 - JPH - Gas - L038225	1,217.57	-	-	-	1,217.57	1,795.83
2507 - JPH - Water	326.94	-	-	-	326.94	213.45
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	3,410.41	-	-	-	3,410.41	4,466.56
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	2,180.02	-	-	-	2,180.02	2,139.64
2510 - JPH - Consumables	618.54	-	-	-	618.54	614.60
2601 - Audit Fees	832.00	-	-	-	832.00	558.00
Church Activities Totals	**174,930.21**	**356.40**	**2,622.44**	**-**	**177,909.05**	**178,337.14**
Major Capital Expenditure						
2700 - Major repairs/redecoration to church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2800 - Major repairs to JPH	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Capital Expenditure Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Expenditure Grand totals	**179,985.40**	**356.40**	**3,934.09**	**-**	**184,275.89**	**185,774.02**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d) Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.

VAT reclaim grants are recognised when received.
Other Grants and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from investments
Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All other income
All other income is recognised when it is received.

e) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded when the award creates a legal obligation on the PCC.

Church activities
The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10 - 33% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

The new chairs are being depreciated at 25% per annum starting in 2024. Their current residual value is £28,841.12

Investments

Investments would be stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

g) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

h) Cash and Deposits

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Disclosures

Employees: The average number of employees during the year 2024 was 1. (Unchanged since 2023)

Pension Provision. The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a Defined Benefits Scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the employer's contributions payable

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £2.5m (notification on 1 March that this figure should be £5.5m) on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiner's Fee: The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is approximately £585 +VAT.

3. PCC Funds

The PCC's policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

4. Financial Policies and Protocols

In April 2021 the Standing Committee (SC) reviewed internal financial practices and approved:

a) Payments

Cheques issued are signed by two signatories from a panel consisting of the Churchwardens, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Cheques are seldom used now.

Online BACS payments are made by the Treasurer and monitored by the Assistant Treasurer. Payments are scheduled and countersigned by a Churchwarden and the

Treasurer at regular intervals. Direct debit payments are approved when the supply or service starts.

An **Expenditure Approval Register** is maintained in which all non-pay or charitable giving payments over £1000 are recorded and presented to the SC annually for approval. The register gives details of the supplier, amount, purpose and what prior approval has been given.

Expense reimbursement claims should be submitted to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with written receipts, and confirming that any appropriate authorisation has been obtained. Clergy should complete and submit an expense claim form along with receipts and mileage details.

b) Delegated Authority for Spending

Generally - up to £250. Church Officers can spend on routine items within their area of responsibility up to £250, without the need to seek prior approval. The Treasurer will monitor these payments and spending patterns for reasonableness, raising concerns if necessary. If possible more than one quotation should be sought for non-routine expenditure.

From £250 to £500. Items expected to exceed £250, up to £500, should be approved in advance by the Clergy (Mission) or Churchwardens (other matters), with the Treasurer advised when approval given. Unusual items should be approved in consultation with the Treasurer.

Over £500. Items exceeding £500 should always be approved in advance by the SC. In an emergency, SC members should be consulted, if possible, before action taken and expenditure incurred.

Substantial expenditure of an unusual nature, such as extensive repairs or improvements, should be approved in advance by the PCC on recommendation from the SC with estimated costs.

c) Specific Approvals

The **Fees Bank Account** is managed by the Benefice Administrator and monitored by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. The monthly return of statutory fees to the diocese and the corresponding payment is approved before submission by the Treasurer and a Churchwarden.

Flower Fund Bank Account for Church flowers is managed by the Treasurer.

Fabric Maintenance Work is overseen by the Fabric Manager, who is authorised to obtain quotations for projects up to £500 for approval by the SC. Projects over £500 need a report outlining the proposed work for prior approval.

d) Management of Income

Cash received should always be counted by two people together as a matter of best practice in order to protect them from challenge. The Independent Examiner regularly stresses the importance of this in his report on the Annual Accounts. This should apply to Church collections, donations box, fund-raising, social events and all other activities where the money accrues to the Church.

Income received must be accounted for gross (without deduction of any expenses incurred raising the income) and expenses claimed for subsequent reimbursement by the Treasurer.

Investment of Surplus Funds. The SC and PCC should adopt a policy for the investment of funds judged surplus to current requirements. This should have regard to the length of time the money is unlikely to be required and the risk of loss on the chosen investments.

e) Annual Charitable Giving

The amount and allocation of annual charitable giving is considered and approved by the PCC each year, usually in November, following the receipt of appropriate information and recommendations from the Treasurer.

In addition to this, decisions may be made by the clergy and churchwardens throughout the year, consulting with SC where it is considered appropriate, to allocate collections for particular services to specific charities or other appropriate causes.

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Accounts

St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

2023 Annual Report and

Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held in St. John's Church
at 8pm
on Tuesday 23rd April 2024

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Registered Charity Number 1127318

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW ALRESFORD

The church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford, serves as a witness to the Glory of God in the community by: -

celebrating the life of God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

through worship, prayer, and service

caring about one another in Christ

through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting, healing, and the recognition of personal gifts

cultivating personal growth in Christ

through prayer, bible study, preaching and the Sacraments.

communicating Christ to our community and to the wider world

through example, teaching, support, and co-operation

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday April 23rd, 2024
In the Church, at 8pm

This report is sent out as early as possible, firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask, further to the report.

At this meeting, we shall be electing, or re-electing, two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2025.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC including Deanery Synod representatives. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide-ranging decisions on church life at St. John's.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England as an organisation that shares Christ's concern for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure you believe they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of its work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral roll and the wider community.

We hope you will be able to attend the annual meeting.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St. John the Baptist in the Benefice of The Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St. John the Baptist Church, West St., Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No.1127318
PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Rector The Rev'd Heather Brearey

Wardens Jane Parsons; Rosie Waring-Green (both re-elected from 25/4/23)

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Sue Clarke
Charlotte Ryton
Miranda Pinch
(All immediately above elected April 2023)

Elected members:

Pearl Page (re-elected April 2022)
Rex Corfield (re-elected April 2022)
Maureen Skayman (re-elected April 2022)
Janet Pooley (elected April 2023)
Noelle Nutman (elected April 2021)
Colin Scott-Morton (elected April 2021)
Caroline Wheeler (elected April 2022)
Jackie Connell (elected April 2022)
Lawrence Will (elected April 2023)
Paul Whiffen (elected April 2023)
Susan Roberts (elected April 2023)

Co-opted members: Position Vacant (Secretary),

Jonathan Whale (Treasurer), re-appointed May 2023
Ian Waring-Green (re-appointed May 2023)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints several groups and committees that meet regularly during the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities

for issues including such activities as Ministry, Worship, World (outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance. Representatives are also elected to Churches Together in Alresford.

The number on the Electoral Roll as reported by the Electoral Roll Officer at the Annual Meeting on 25th April 2023was 223 (2022-226).
The average number of usual Sunday service attendees was 64, plus many attendees online.

In 2023 the PCC met formally six times. During the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the individual reports that follow.

The Standing Committee met formally five times in the year and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary in running St. John's.

St. John's service pattern is now fully restored as to pre-Covid closures, and we are now looking to more mission opportunities with the completion of 2 Alpha and Prayer Courses. There are a growing number of Home / Bible Study Groups with a planned get-together of these groups to share fellowship.

The PCC has complied with the duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016; the UK General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018; and the regulations regarding photography and filming in Church.
As in previous years, the PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities, and raised and donated other one-off amounts.
The PCC has been concerned for some time with the need for increased stewardship income, as reflected in the Treasurer's reporting, and we continue to search for a suitable individual, team and means to manage and expand this activity.

St. John's is a fully participating member of Churches Together in Alresford.

The PCC would like to thank the Licensed Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

Many thanks to David Carr for 10 years outstanding service to St John's in his role as PCC Secretary. This position is now vacant, and we would ask you to think if this is something you would be interested in. Please speak to the Rector or Churchwardens for further details.

PCC Team

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 8pm in the Church.

Present: 46 parishioners
Apologies: Received from 6 people

The Rector welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers.

Election of Churchwardens
David Carr (PCC Secretary) reported that Jane Parsons and Rosie Waring-Green had been duly proposed and seconded for election for the year to 2024, and there were no further nominations. They were duly elected, welcomed with applause, and thanked for their work over the year.

Approval of Minutes of the 2022 APCM
The Minutes had been circulated, with the Annual Report, prior to the meeting. The Minutes were duly approved by the meeting and signed by the Rector as a true record.

Matters arising
None.

Election of Deanery Synod representatives
The Secretary reported that we are entitled to 4 representatives based on our electoral roll number. Barbara Griffiths had retired after many years' service, and 3 nominations had been received, from Sue Clarke, Charlotte Ryton, and Miranda Pinch. There were no further nominations, so Sue, Charlotte and Miranda were duly elected for the three years to 2026.

Election of PCC Members
The Secretary reported that Charlotte Ryton, Greville Dawson and Janet Pooley had completed their three-year terms. Charlotte had been elected as a Deanery Synod member, Greville was retiring, and Janet is standing again. Three new nominations had been received from Paul Whiffen, Susan Roberts and Lawrence Will. All four had been duly proposed and seconded, and there were no further nominations. As the number of candidates was less than the places available all were elected unanimously to serve until 2026 and welcomed with applause.

Electoral Roll
Janet Pooley reported that there were 223 parishioners on the Roll, compared with 226 in 2022 (7 new and 10 removed). It was commented that the ratio of female to male parishioners was 2:1.

Annual PCC Report
The Secretary reported that this had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 14 2023. There were no questions or comments. David was thanked for his efforts and the Report was accepted by the meeting.

Financial Report and Annual Accounts y/e December 31 2022
The Secretary reported that these (contained in the Annual Report) had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 14 2023. The Treasurer, Jon Whale, gave a short presentation on the accounts, emphasizing that, as previously, even though we were in surplus thanks to legacies (£63k), generous responses to appeals and the recovery of Gift Aid, there was a continuing need for increased regular income. We have again donated large amounts of our discretionary income to our supported charities. Our expenditure (£189k) continued to outstrip our income, with large increases in particular on utilities. A 3-year plan

has been developed to reduce our expenditure, and savings of some £9k have already been identified. Ideas for fund raising and on achieving "Net Zero" were being explored. Jon thanked all those on the Finance team for their work and support over the year, mentioning Margaret, Caroline, Colin, David Griffiths, Nolly, Jane, and Penny. There were no questions or comments, and the financial records were accepted by the meeting, with thanks to Jon for his efforts.

Terrier and Inventory Report
Janet Pooley reported that this had been completed and signed by the Churchwardens and the Rector.

Deanery Synod Report
The Secretary reported that Barbara Griffiths' report on proceedings was included in the Annual Report. There were no comments or questions.

Rector's Update
Heather said that she was very happy to celebrate what had been achieved in 2022, together with the efforts of everyone who had been involved in the life of St. John's. Referring to the Bishop's Review, she was very pleased to report that of the 33 recommendations contained in it, 13 had been completed. She requested ideas to increase the church's income and to further reduce expense and commended the 3-year plan to enhance financial control. She thanked Rosie, Jane, Jon, David, and Pippa for their efforts in making the APCM happen and was very pleased to receive a bouquet of flowers from Rosie after her first full year as Rector.

AOB
Janet proposed a vote of thanks to Mick Brearey for his efforts in the care and maintenance of the churchyard, which was applauded.

Prayers
Led by the Rector, the congregation read together the distributed prayer.

Presentation—the Church's Youth Projects
Rosie presented a video compilation of the work carried out with young people of the parish.

Closing remarks
Heather said that she looked forward to an exciting year in church life, with many different things happening and planned. Greville was presented with a gift in recognition of his work on fabric and maintenance over his 3-year PCC term. Heather said that David Carr, PCC Secretary, would be retiring in September after 10 years, thanked him for his work and asked for a volunteer to replace him.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm and the social gathering commenced.

Rector's Report for APCM 2024

Another busy year for the Arle Valley Benefice.
There have been challenges in 2023 but there has also been much to be thankful for.

Some new beginnings:
We held 2 alpha courses, bringing more people to relationship and deeper relationship with Christ.
A Deanery wide, 'Befriend the End' group, was started by four members of our Deanery, 2 of whom are from our Benefice. The group uses the library each month to welcome people to talk about death and dying, to share, to support and to inform.
A new Benefice event began in September, bringing families together at St John's once a month on a Sunday afternoon for fellowship, a story, craft, song, and prayer.

Some re-starting:
CTIA away day in Ropley was a wonderful event with excellent speakers and time to get to know our sisters and brothers in Christ across the town.
Table talk began with a Lent course and continues.

Some one-off's:
We spent an afternoon encountering God through music.
We had a very lovely walk and afternoon tea for St Mary's.
An open day and another successful carol singing at Itchen Stoke.
A wonderful service for Mother's Union Worldwide president who visited St Mary's and planted a tree.
Bighton celebrated their Focal Minister's 30yr anniversary of being licensed as an LLM.

Many regular events continued and, just a glance, our Benefice Calendar tells a story of all that is happening in our Benefice.

The big occasion of the year was, of course, The Coronation, with each of our parishes holding many varied and lovely events to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

We sadly lost many over the 12 months, including The Reverend Canon Jackie Browning, a beautiful person and priest known to many, who now rests with our Lord.

The life and work of this parish is only possible because of the contribution of many, many people, who are offering their gifts and time for the building of God's kingdom. I am often humbled by the remarkable dedication and generosity shown and would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who contributes in many varied ways to our Benefice.

As you read this report, please pray for the work and ministry of the different groups and teams that are in our Benefice and thank God for those who serve through them.

Finally, is God calling you to play a part in seeing lives changed through God's love through your parish? Many of those who hold roles and responsibilities in our parishes are feeling tired and we really need new people to take on these roles. IS THAT YOU? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Whatever, your calling, your gift, or your passion there is a role for you in helping to grow the Kingdom in this place and time.

With my prayers and love,
Revd Heather Brearey

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The year got off to a resounding start with a Barn dance with caller Roger Whiffen giving us an enjoyable physical workout! The church proved to be an ideal venue for such occasions, and at the time of writing we are awaiting permission to replace our chairs with some which stack, thus enabling flexibility all round. On the theme of movement, the children's corner was integrated into the front of the church, the votive candle stand positioned in a more welcoming area and a gazebo introduced to provide a more intimate prayer space. We are pleased to note that both the votive candle area and the prayer space are much used.

Two Alpha courses were run during the year which, along with two prayer courses, were well attended and provided opportunities for church members and those who are 'enquirers' to meet and learn together. We also enjoyed 'Encountering God through music' a session which provided room for us all to consider how music in its many forms serves us.

The post-Covid return of the chalice was welcomed, and the priest is once again preceded by the Cross at the beginning and end of each Eucharistic service. Our Celtic Service of the Word on fourth Sundays is a welcome addition to our wide range of opportunities to worship.

Continuing to nurture the faith of our young people has been a delight. Our group of 'teens' meet regularly to Chill, Chat and Chomp, as well as being immensely helpful at some of our church events. They have also watched and thoughtfully discussed the material of the Youth Alpha Course and are partway through the prayer course. In addition, we do have time for fun and games! The Light Party in October was a great success, with parents accompanying the children, and a new monthly service 'Families at 4' has emerged from this, headed up by a team of families themselves.

St John's responded to the excitement of the Coronation by screening the event in church and hosting a bring and share lunch afterwards. An imaginative Coronation Experience was also on offer in the preceding week, explaining elements of the Coronation service in a hands-on way, and was visited by the primary school children of the town. In another initiative, in response to spiralling conflicts in the world, we offered the wider community a chance to light a candle for peace. As a church we continue to warmly welcome people on occasions from the Watercress Café to the 'Gift from St John's' event. The Crib service is returning to its place as a favourite for families who join us to celebrate the Christmas story in a lively and relaxed atmosphere.

So much of what we offer at St John's is enabled by volunteers, who deserve many thanks. There are, however, several vital roles which remain vacant, not least that of PCC Secretary. This year's report is being compiled by those who already do so much, and the same can be said of other aspects of our church life. 'The few' are doing a lot of work which should be shared by many.

More thanks are due to our Ministry Team, who continue to be very busy, and to our Pastoral Care Team.

We look forward to 2024 and more opportunities for the folk of St John's to share their faith with the people of Alresford.

Jane and Rosie

ALRESFORD DEANERY SYNOD

Alresford Deanery consists of representatives from the twenty-six churches which make up the Benefices of the Arle Valley, Bishop's Sutton, Ropley and West Tisted, Farleigh, Candover and Wield, the Itchen Valley and the Upper Itchen.

During the past year we have had three synod meetings, in February, June and October. The subjects covered were Farm Church, Environmental and Net Zero Carbon Action Plan, General Synod debates and votes, and a possible link with a diocese in Rwanda.

Miranda Pinch

CATERING TEAM

We have had another great year as a Catering Team.

As usual the Lent Lunch was a sellout... and delicious homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese was enjoyed by many.

We managed a successful Harvest Supper in September 2023, and it was so lovely to see the church community together, sitting down and enjoying each other's company and tasty chocolates!

As a team we continue to serve the Church and its community and are also very grateful to those who are always willing to roll up their sleeves and help in any way they are able and even with the washing up at the end of the event. We are also enormously grateful for those who generously provide raffle prizes and delicious puddings for us all to enjoy. We would not be able to cater in the same way if this generosity was not forthcoming.

We would always welcome new faces to our Catering Team so please contact me if you would like to join us.

Our yearly commitments include the Frugal lent lunch, The Harvest Supper, and Mulled wine & mince pies at the Carol Service.....and we look forward to 2024 and looking after your catering needs.

I cannot thank everyone in the team enough for their support and commitment to the Catering events, especially Hefin Tudor who steps in to take the lead when my other commitments prevail and the honorary member of the team Peter Tudor who is always ready at the door to take your money and sell you raffle tickets! ... we really are a great team!

Pippa Sherry

CHURCH CLEANING

On behalf of all the congregation, I would like to thank our dedicated team of "Holy Dusters", who diligently, week in / week out, keep our beautiful Church clean. Each person has a section to clean, and they choose their own time of working, fitting in around service and other events being carried out in Church .We could always do with more helpers, so if you are able to offer some time, as little as ½ hour a week / fortnightly / monthly, especially to clean whilst one of our stalwarts has a well-earned break, I shall be very pleased to hear from you.

Hefin Tudor.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALRESFORD

The two well-attended highlights of CTIA's year were:

- the Awayday at St Peter's Ropley in October led by Revd. Cris Rogers from East London. The theme of the day was "Making Disciples" – challenging each of us to consider how we can develop our personal discipleship by loving God with our heads, hearts, and hands. Google "Making Disciples" for much more information!
- The entertaining Designer Stubble mix of quiz and barbershop singing in June.

Otherwise CTIA's activities reverted very much to the normal pre-pandemic pattern including, a lunch at St Gregory's in the January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Lent study, the Good Friday Walk of Witness, a combined Annual Meeting and Songs of Praise in St John's Churchyard in July (at which the Chair of CTIA passed to Rosemary Chambers of St. Gregory's), coordinating a significant local contribution to the Rotary Wessex Christmas Shoebox appeal for disadvantaged and displaced children in eastern Europe, and singing Christmas carols in and around Alresford, and at the CTIA Community carol service in December.

In the autumn CTIA's fund raising for Winchester Youth Counselling came to an end, and for the next two years the focus of its fund raising will be Firefly International, a charity with which Rosemary Chambers family has a close involvement, working with locally led organisations supporting children affected by war, currently in Turkey, Syria, and Bosnia.

Jackie Connell, Sarah Wilding, and I are the St. John's representatives on the Churches Together "team" and Revd. Heather (also representing the three village churches) attends the four or five meetings we have each year, subject to availability! I will be stepping down from the Committee this summer, principally as I will be taking on other commitments elsewhere but also, after 24 years, it is high time I did so! Others have been on the "team" for longer than I have, reflecting what a happy crowd we are but new blood is needed!

Ecumenical relations are good in Alresford (as our separate traditions try to remember not to do separately what can be done better, or as well, together) but are they continuing to improve and develop? Having reverted to how things were before any of us had heard of Covid, new impetus is required.

How one becomes a "CTIA representative" is (at least for St John's) totally random. If you would like to join a very friendly group and help improve and further develop St John's interaction with the local Catholic and Methodist congregations (as well as the Anglican village churches) please don't wait for "a tap on your shoulder" – please let Heather, Jackie, Sarah or me know.

James Pinniger

COFFEE, CAKE, AND CHAT

We have had another very successful year. Several new folk have joined us, and many new friendships have been made.

We have continued to support The Winchester Hospice and will continue to do so in the coming year. [The correspondence we receive from The Hospice is always encouraging; we feel we are making a difference to a very special place.]

Of course, CC&C would not happen without the help and support of dedicated people. Thanks must go to Margaret Stewart for her wonderful Cheese Scones; Pearl Page for her very popular Coffee Cake; Elizabeth Johnson for the Lemon Drizzle Cake and Erica Cook for her fantastic Gluten Free Victoria Sponge.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the JPH.
Please come and join us, we would love to see you.

Angela Peel

CREATION CARE

Over the year, we have been concentrating on the Eco Church Silver Award. Of the five topics for the Eco Church Award (Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle) we need to focus on Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. We really need to get everyone engaged in doing something to be greener, saving money, time and getting fitter.

It would be great if the church were seen to be working hard to reduce our impact on the environment. Although we cannot be complacent, we already do well in the 'Worship and Teaching' topic regularly, including God's creation in worship and intercessions. The 'Land' topic, with the help of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Amphibian and Reptile Group, we work on the churchyard and the wild area. For the 'Building' topic work is continuing to improve the efficiency of the church and JPH.

We should be thankful for the wonderful world that God has created for us. For the flora and fauna that we can learn about, appreciate, and enjoy.

'The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (Gen 2:15)

During 2023 you will have seen several activities and articles. We have continued to work closely with the Bees Knees group.

In May we had a 'Nature on your doorstep' guided walk around the Churchyard by Jon Cranfield.

Seeing and learning about the churchyard flora and fauna including the orchids outside the east door and slow worms.

Over the year there have had some interesting magazine articles such as: -

- Butterflies
- Moths
- Ways to help Hedgehogs.
- How can St John's become Carbon Neutral – Part One and Part Two
- How Green are you and your Family Quiz

I hope you have seen the soft plastic collection bin by the Parish Office. Soon to be joined by a bin for tin foil, so, remember to bring your soft plastic and foil to church. St John's also collect used pens for recycling.

The team is here to help you to understand Climate Change issues and encourage you to make changes to reduce your impact on God's World. Speak to us.

There are some challenging projects to be run for our contribution to the Church of England deadline to be carbon neutral by 2030. Anyone interested in managing a project please let us know. Surely, the wonderful animals and plants we see in the world we live in are worth saving.
Reminder - The role of the Creation Care team is threefold: -

- To help the church to reduce its carbon footprint, reducing the damage that it is doing to God's Creation. This is driven by Eco Church, a project of A Rocha UK – a charity committed to mobilising Christians to care for nature.
- To encourage and educate the congregation to think about the church and our individual impact on God's Creation
- To help the church to ensure that the wider community sees it to be doing something About Climate Change

RC for St John's Creation Care Team

FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE

We do not have anyone who looks after the Fabric of St John's at the moment – please talk to the Rector or the Churchwardens if this is something you would like to get involved with. Fabric-related maintenance activities that have been carried out: Servicing the two lifts / PAT Testing of electrics / Legionella review of water supply / Routine testing of Alarm System / Gutter Cleaning / Testing of the Kitchen Range Cooker / Asbestos Check

In 2023 we completed the decoration of the porch and had the chandeliers in the nave rewired and fitted with LED bulbs.

An energy audit has been carried out with many quick fix suggestions such as the bolster to the base of the North Door to the much more complicated issue of a new form of heating system.

The main fabric related items remaining are repointing the tower south wall exterior, the quinquennial survey (mid-2024) and work relating to Net Zero 2030.therefore review what remains to be done from the survey carried out in 2019.

Greville Dawson.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Firstly, many thanks go to Diana Robbins who stood down at the end of 2022, after many years, from very efficiently and superbly organising and running the flowers in our lovely church. Thankfully Diana remains on the Flower Rota.

2023 was a busy year with flowers being sponsored every week throughout the year both in the Nave and the Lady Chapel. Unfortunately, 2024 is not looking as healthy so please select your preferred date if you wish to sponsor a pedestal in remembrance of someone or for a special birthday. The list is at the back of the church and sponsorship is £30.

The cost of flowers during 2023 increased dramatically and has been a challenge for the arrangers who are always scouting around for the best deals and value for money. During the year the Flower Team made up Bunches of daffodils for Mothering Sunday, decorated the church for Easter, the Coronation, Church Festivals, and Harvest along with the porch Christmas tree, Advent ring and the windowsills. A big thank you goes out to all our

Church Flower Arrangers for their time and effort. If anyone would like to join our friendly team, they would be more than welcome.

Maureen Skayman

(Benefice) PARISH MAGAZINE—The Arle Valley Voice

The current magazine team has now been in place for over a year, and we continue to build on the work of previous teams and editors. The team has remained the same: Jackie Connell, Caroline Hawkins, Ruth-Elizabeth Page, Liz Petheram, Charlotte Ryton, and Alison Starr. Most of us meet once a month to pull the magazine together and plan.

Our aim remains to have a balance of articles and information from both community and church. We still need to have more input on the community side so if your area, your club, your group has news, events, or anything that you think might be of interest to send it in.

Not that we wish to ignore the church side so articles from the congregations about their faith, about community life and other experiences that will interest our readers. If a particular book or picture or place or person or.... In fact, anything, has had a great effect on your life do write about it. Also, any memories or interesting pieces about the history of our churches and community. So please if you have a story or experience to relate do send it in.

In 2023 we have had two major colour editions. One for the Coronation of King Charles III and one for Christmas. We hope not to repeat a Coronation issue for a long time, but we will repeat having a special Christmas edition with extra pages, extra copies, and extra colour as it is an important part of our outreach. For some reason people will read Christian material at Christmas which they ignore the rest of the year.

Special issues cost money, so to balance our budgets that means some of the other issues must be shorter and less colourful though we hope still interesting and engaging.

Many thanks to all who have contributed either regularly (bellringing, cooking, gardening etc) and occasionally. Thanks also to all those who organise and distribute the magazine. To show our thanks we have just had 'thank-you' tea party and we intend this to be a yearly event.

Thanks are due to all our loyal advertisers who have continued to support us – do help them by using their services. We accept both one-off and annual adverts and hope to increase the number of advertisers as this helps pay for the magazine. If we got more income from this, we would love to be able to distribute the magazine more widely and to have more colour.

In conclusion this is your magazine and if you want it to move in a particular direction, please tell us and please do consider contributing articles.

Charlotte Ryton

PASTORAL VISITORS

Throughout the year the team of 11 has continued visiting and supporting wherever there is a need. The hospital visitors are once again able to visit those in hospital, who have requested a visit, now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed. It has been a very busy year for the 4 members of the bereavement team because of an increase in the number of funerals within the parish. In addition, all members of the team have had 2 sessions of safeguarding training.

Towards the end of the year we held an 8-session training course for an enthusiastic group of new visitors. I am grateful to Sue Clarke and Ann Gilbertson for leading the course. We look forward to these people being commissioned and joining the team in the very near future, once all their safeguarding checks have been completed. In future members of the team will be known as Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's). The change of name is to re-enforce the fact that we are assisting Heather in her pastoral care of the people in the parish.

We are very aware that there are people living in our community who might appreciate having someone come to visit them. If you know of such a person, please let me know or contact Penny in the parish office. We always respect confidentiality.

Jackie Connell

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER TEAM

We have been very encouraged this year by the many times we have been able to thank God for answered prayer and would encourage you to email or phone and share a request or a thank you.

We regularly check the 'Say One For Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge honour to be able to share these concerns and anxieties in prayer with the Lord. We also have the Prayer Tree in the porch, and we would encourage everyone to take time to pray through the many very meaningful thoughts and prayers shared on this Tree. It is a real privilege for us all to engage with these prayers.

Some of the Prayer Team joined with others at the end of November at the top of West Street and outside the church to offer the lighting of a candle and to take a prayer as we thought of all the conflicts in the world. This enabled people to encounter prayer in a safe interactive way that they may not have experienced before.

It was also very special to be part of the Gift from St John's event in December, chatting to the public as they enjoyed the craft activities, the Café, and writing their Hopes and Dreams for 2024. All these activities gave us opportunities to become engaged in many deep and important conversations in the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.

The introduction of the Prayer Space in the north corner of the church has been much appreciated by many visitors and members of the congregation as a quiet reflective space to pray and take time to be still. The theme in this area is regularly changed to give us a different focal point for our prayers. The Votive Candle area of the church in the south corner of the church is also much valued as a place to be still and to light a candle, either to remember a loved one or as a prayer offering.

There is a definite sense of St John's being a real 'house of prayer' with so many opportunities and variety of approaches to engage everyone who enters.

We also have a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone – 01962 733237 / 07891120662 – or email Rosie Waring Green – rosie@22rwg.co.uk – for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray for you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God.

If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through.

Rosie Waring Green

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding within the Church of England continues to evolve and develop. DBS checks have been undertaken with anyone working with vulnerable adults or children in any capacity within the benefice and a record of certificates has been maintained.

Alongside DBS checking there is also a set of training packages that need to be undertaken and records of those who have done the training are now being kept. The training packages are accessed online via the diocese website, although this is not always easily accessible. Group training sessions have been run for pastoral visitors earlier this year and this is something that can be set up and delivered again to anyone who has difficulty accessing the online packages.

The online dashboards continue to be developed and updated. This year saw the introduction of role descriptors for anyone in a voluntary role and these are now being rolled out.
Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility and any concerns should be reported to myself or Heather in the first instance. These concerns are held in a log.

It is helpful to remember the 4 Rs of safeguarding:

- Recognise – recognise that you have concerns, or someone has made a disclosure to you.
- Respond – reassure the individual. Ask them what they would like to happen and tell them what action you need to take next.
- Refer – report your concern to the Safeguarding Officer or Priest
- Record – record your concerns as soon as possible.

Sarah Wilding, Benefice Safeguarding Officer

SOLOS

Solos as the name implies is an outreach tea for anyone who lives alone, but we do welcome Carers, family members and friends who bring the Solo guest along.

We meet on the third Sunday of every month [except May when the Watercress Festival is on] in the John Pearson Hall from 2.30 to 4.30pm for Tea [coffee] Sandwiches Scones and various Homemade Cakes.

We have a very happy and social afternoon enjoying each other's company.

We were very pleased to be invited to the Sunshine Singers Christmas concert 'The Landlords Cat' in December which was thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

We would be very grateful if anyone reading this report would be able to offer lifts to or from the JPH.

For any further information contact Marilyn 733921 Roger 734045 or Margaret 735185

TABLETALK

We have had some good topical discussion in 2023. Out Lent course was based on the film 'The Greatest Showman' which was enjoyable and challenging.

Our monthly discussions have covered various subjects, including the effects of strikes by junior doctors and the scandal of the prosecution of sub postmasters as well as the continuing issues surrounding global warming and the wars in Ukraine and Gaza.

The basic format, a bring and share lunch followed by discussion around small tables followed by a full group discussion works well. Come and join us on the third Friday of the month, 12-2 in the JPH.

Sue, Miranda, and Jackie

TOWER REPORT

2023 was a real success story. The ringers recruited for Ring for the King have progressed at an amazing pace due to the leadership of Roger Booth and the dedicated support of St John's experienced ringers. All rang for the Coronation and as always St John's bells are rung every Sunday for the 9:30 am service now St Mary's bells ring twice a month for the 11 am service.

Practices are held at St John's on Friday from 7-9 pm and at Old Alresford on a Monday evening.

There were 3 weddings at St John's, 1 at St Mary's. 10 quarter peals were rung – usually for the Sundays at Six service. Visiting ringers commissioned quarter peals raised about £200 for church funds.

In the District Striking competition at Cheriton in June, The Alresford call change band which included new ringers won the trophy.

The tower lunch was held at The Swan enjoyed by 28 ringers, family, and friends.

Elizabeth Johnson, Tower Secretary

WORLD TEAM

These are the overseas projects we support:

Ashray UK: the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Ibillin, Israel, sends newsletters from Abuna Elias Chacour keeping us in touch. The latest, Christmas 2022 is full of optimism and hope for the future. The high school was among the top ten schools in Israel and the teachers were awarded a bonus.

Church Mission Society: sadly, our mission partner Lynn Treneary returned to UK last year due to ill health and has retired from her post in South Sudan. We await news from CMS of a new partner.

The Michael Project, Zimbabwe: they continue to give the children in Shalom and the pre-schools their care, love, and support. Four babies joined their "forever families". We had a

very successful coffee morning in the JPH in October which raised £845, and they are very grateful to St John's for the interest and support they receive.

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: normality has been restored after the disruption of Covid lockdowns. We receive regular updates from Anita the sponsorship secretary. There are 150 children, 10 housemothers and 17 grandmothers and they are very grateful for our continuing sponsorship support.

Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu: the home for elderly and destitute people continues to care for those damaged by leprosy.

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Community and Outreach/St John's Outreach and there are regular articles in the Arle Valley Voice magazine.

Sue Greenway

YOUTH WORK

Children's, Youth and Family Work 2023

What a delight to be able to look back over the last 12 months since the last Youth Work report!! There has been much fun and laughter as well different times when we have come together to learn more about faith and the world around us.

Chill, Chat, Chomp – a mid-week weekly group for year 7 upwards - continues to have fun and enjoy some challenging discussions. We have completed a 10-week Youth Alpha course which gave rise to many questions and hopefully some answers for the young people growing up in today's challenging world. The young people have also done some great volunteering in helping to prepare Light Party boxes and sort Christmas gifts for the children of the Sun Hill schools.
We are about to embark on the 24/7 Prayer Course in this group.

Autumn Fun Light Party went ahead this year with a new outreach: 40 youngsters came along with their parents and 20 helpers all had a wonderful time creating 'jam jar lanterns', lighthouses, and stained-glass windows along with apple catching, doughnuts on a string and many more activities. After food – always essential – there was a word treasure hunt trail in the beautifully illuminated church and ending with a fantastic dance version of the song 'Shine'! There was a great buzz of conversation and enjoyment between all ages.

Services –

The Crib Service was incredibly busy this year with about 300 children and adults attending and all being involved in the 'Advent Countdown' in the Follow the Star story.
Mothering Sunday and Remembrance services also had many uniformed youngsters joining us.
The Second Sunday All Age service has a small, but loyal group of families to help in the inter-generational service.

Families@4 – is a new initiative run by the families themselves and includes an interactive story, craft, a song and of course a drink and a biscuit!! First Sunday of the month.

Chatterbox – the Parents / Carers Toddler Group is thriving and although this is run by a team from the families, there are several of us who go along to help; we really enjoy this connection with the youngest members of our community.

Monday Meet and Eat – in response to the energy and cost of living crises, CTIA volunteers have been very active in providing a place for families with primary school children to come and have time to play somewhere warm, and to share in a hot meal together. We have a group of regular families who join us and who all enjoy the adult conversations while the children are playing!!

Links with Schools – just before Easter, most of the children from Sun Hill Infant and Junior schools came to St John's to a Coronation event. This involved a variety of interactive activities spaced out around the church, manned by some wonderful volunteers who helped to explain the different and important parts of the Coronation service.
In the summer this year, Sun Hill Infant School presented a highly successful performance of Peter Pan as well as coming to church in December to share the Christmas story with their parents and visitors. Different year groups from Sun Hill Junior visit the school at Easter, Harvest and for Christmas services for which they devise and present storytelling and songs to the rest of the school and parents.

Perins also hold their annual Christmas concert at St John's for pupils and parents.

We are always happy to have any offers of help and we would really appreciate prayers for the way forward for the children, young people and families of St John's and the local community.

Thank you all for your support.
Rosie Waring Green

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Independent Examiner:	Behegan Lynes Bank Chambers Brook Street Bishops Waltham Hampshire S032 1AX

Registered Charity Number 1127318

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2023	**Charity no (if any)**	1127318
Set out on pages	1 to 48		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

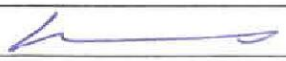
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:		**Date:**	26/3/24
Name:	STEVEN ROY LYNES		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT		
Address:	BEHEGAN LYNES, BANK CHAMBERS, BROOK STREET, BISHOPS		

Treasurer: Jon Whale, 12 Buttermere Gardens, Alresford, SO24 9NN

Standing Committee Approval Certificate

We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes, all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ending 31 December 2023 and that the financial statements have our approval.

JSWhale ..... 1/2/2024 .....

Jonathan Whale, Treasurer — Date

..... 1/2/24 .....

Heather Brearey, Rector — Date

..... 1.2.24 .....

Jane Parsons, Church Warden — Date

NB- PCC Secretary's post is vacant

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

After two difficult years in 2020 and 2021, we saw a return to more normal times in 2022, and this trend of steady recovery has continued in 2023. We have once again felt significant financial pressure due to rising costs, but the generosity of our congregation and local groups such as the Friends, has been outstanding.

In summary, our unrestricted expenditure in 2023 was £178k (this was a reduction of £9k compared to 2022) and our income (excluding legacies) was £162k (an increase of £13k). As a result our expenditure has once again exceeded our regular income this year by approximately £15 k. However, in 2022, this shortfall was £37k, so although we continue to spend more that we bring in through regular giving and fundraising, the gap has narrowed.

At our last APCM, we agreed to seek to balance our income v expenditure over the next 3 years, and we are on target to achieve this.

There are a number reasons for our current position:

- While we continue to face increased utility and other costs, your regular giving has also increased by £7k to £89k, with a further £20 k coming through Gift Aid. This is amazing. We are continuing to make good use of the Parish Giving Scheme, and there is a growing amount being donated via the new card reader
- In another positive sign, we have also received specific donations of £7k, and also increased the amount generated by our social and fundraising activities. We have also received over £7.6 k in interest on our savings deposited with CCLA.
- In terms of reducing our expenditure, Greville helped us research and then sign an improved deal on our gas, while Mick has managed the upkeep of the churchyard so that our costs have fallen from over £6k to nearer £2k pa. Our thanks go out to both of them
- The Diocese has also helped in that our CMF contribution in 2023 was £5k lower than in 2022
- This year we have also received another generous legacy, this time from the estate of David Hasted which has provided £10k towards the upkeep of the churchyard (to be spent over the next 25 years)
- As a PCC we have consciously taken a stricter approach to expenditure, and wherever possible, found cheaper ways of doing things.

So, at 31 December 2023 our funds were £196k (£106k unrestricted, £62k designated, £28k restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £32K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £28k in funds restricted for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.

The table below shows the trend of our unrestricted funds over the past 5 years:

Date	31/12/19	31/12/20	31/12/21	31/12/22	31/12/23
Unrestricted & Designated Funds (£k)	97	187	155	182	168

So in effect, we remain in a viable financial position, but our operations in 2023 have been underwritten by the continued receipt of generous legacies and donations. It will be our priority over the next 12 months to further reduce this gap between income and expenditure.

Despite the financial challenges of the past 3 years, we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities. We contributed £90k to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund. We also donated £5.5k to causes including the Winchester Youth Counselling, the Michael Project, CMS, Ashray, Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, and the congregation have continued to give generously to the Pannai Orphanage.

Administering a charity with £196k of assets is above all a team effort and I would like to thank all those who contribute so much to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; David Griffiths and Nolly Nutman who maintain our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Colin Scott-Morton who has kindly taken on the work of reclaiming the VAT on our building works; and a large team of people who count and record our collections each week, and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes and his colleague Heather Ellis, for reviewing these financial statements. Finally, a massive thank you goes to Jane Parsons, who has taken on the role of Assistant Treasurer in addition to her many other duties.

Jonathan Whale
Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford

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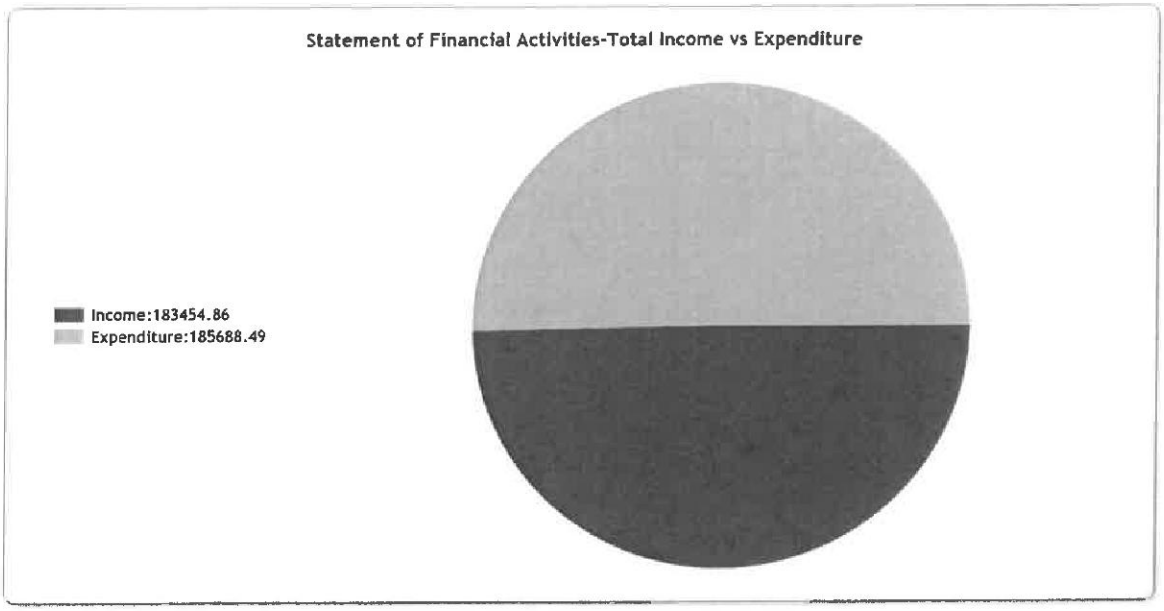
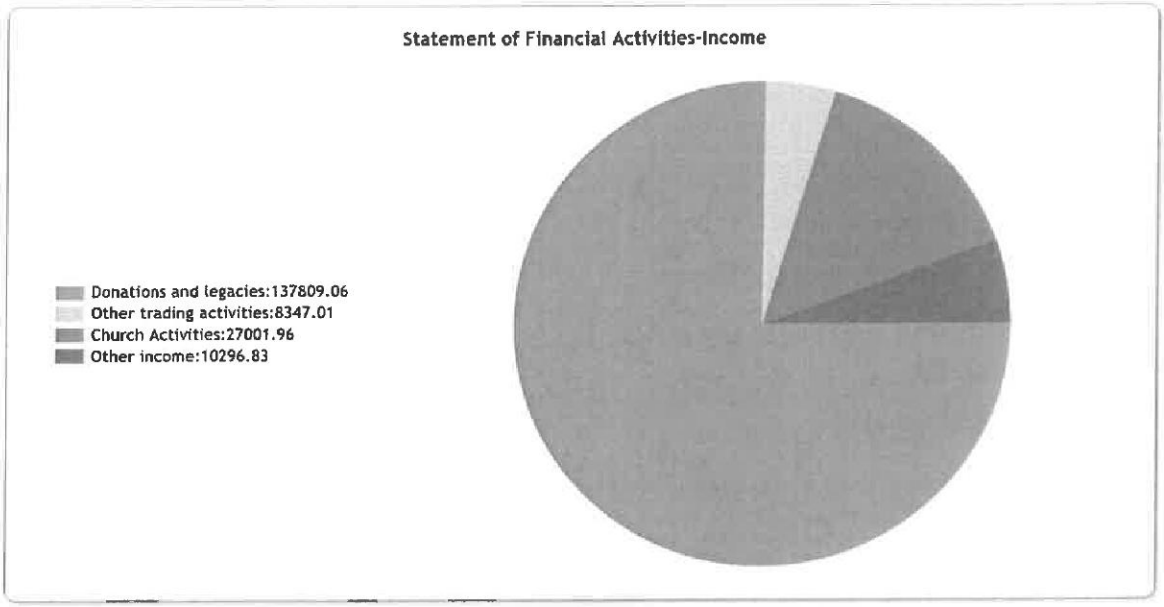
Statement of Financial Activities

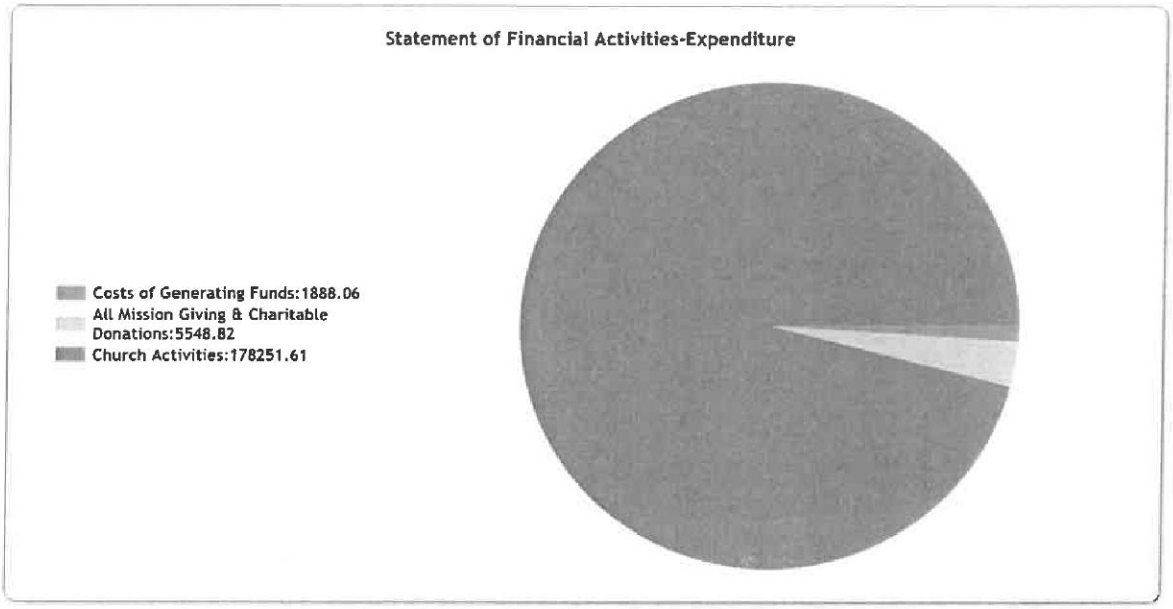
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	116,433.69	21,375.37	-	137,809.06	181,257.07
Other trading activities	8,347.01	-	-	8,347.01	4,603.65
Church Activities	27,001.96	-	-	27,001.96	24,738.83
Other income	10,296.83	-	-	10,296.83	7,025.63
Total income	**162,079.49**	**21,375.37**	**-**	**183,454.86**	**217,625.18**
Expenditure on:					
Costs of Generating Funds	1,888.06	-	-	1,888.06	807.11
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	3,747.06	1,801.76	-	5,548.82	7,868.51
Church Activities	172,674.94	5,576.67	-	178,251.61	182,595.55
Major Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	**178,310.06**	**7,378.43**	**-**	**185,688.49**	**191,271.17**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(16,230.57)**	**13,996.94**	**-**	**(2,233.63)**	**26,354.01**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,922.00	-	-	2,922.00	1,946.74
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(2,922.00)	-	(2,922.00)	(1,946.74)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds	**(13,308.57)**	**11,074.94**	**-**	**(2,233.63)**	**26,354.01**
Total funds brought forward	**182,033.43**	**16,470.36**		**198,503.79**	**172,149.78**
Total funds carried forward	**168,724.86**	**27,545.30**		**196,270.16**	**198,503.79**

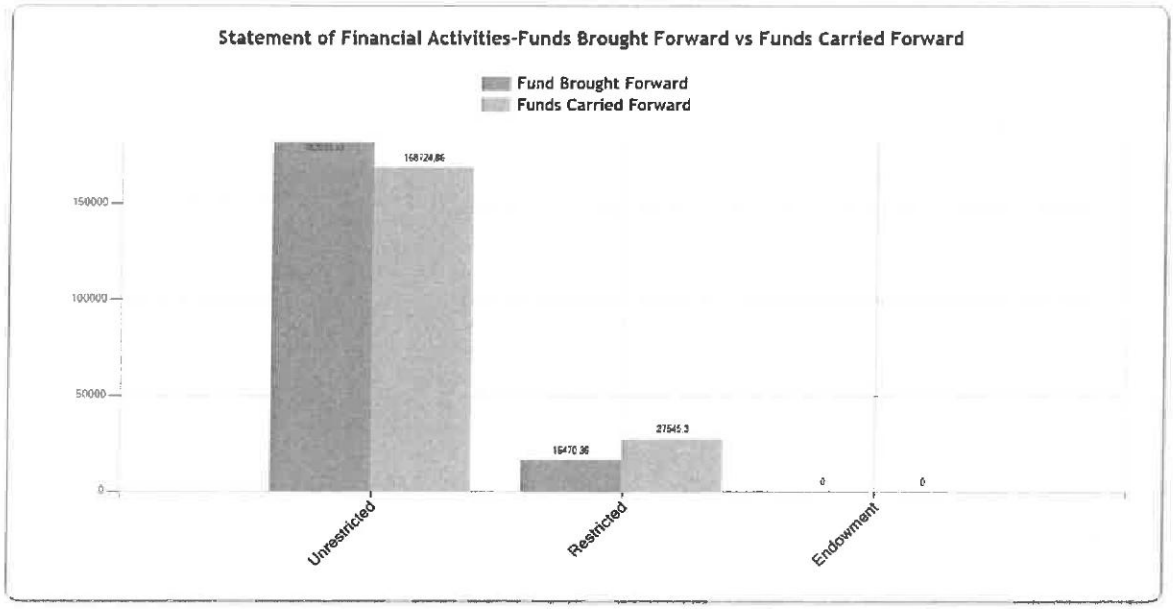
Represented by

Unrestricted					
General fund	105,780.73	-	-	105,780.73	118,390.09
Designated					
Church Repair Fund	25,000.29	-	-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Growing Younger	150.80	-	-	150.80	850.01
JPH Repair Fund	4,999.85	-	-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Reserve Fund	31,793.19	-	-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Sheridan Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Bell Fund	-	6,998.10	-	6,998.10	8,057.38
C Brill Fund	-	3,725.79	-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Chalk Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Chatterbox	-	450.00	-	450.00	450.00
Constance Were Trust Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
David Hasted Legacy For Churchyard Upkeep	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Gift From St John's	-	-	-	-	-
Monday Meet And Eat	-	-	-	-	1,159.69
Pannai Orphanage Donations	-	5,491.25	-	5,491.25	3,077.50
Raise the Roof	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Donations	-	880.16	-	880.16	-
Total funds	**168,724.86**	**27,545.30**	**-**	**196,270.16**	**198,503.79**


Statement of Financial Activities-Total Income vs Expenditure
Income:183454.86
Expenditure:185688.49


Statement of Financial Activities-Income
Donations and legacies:137809.06
Other trading activities:8347.01
Church Activities:27001.96
Other income:10296.83

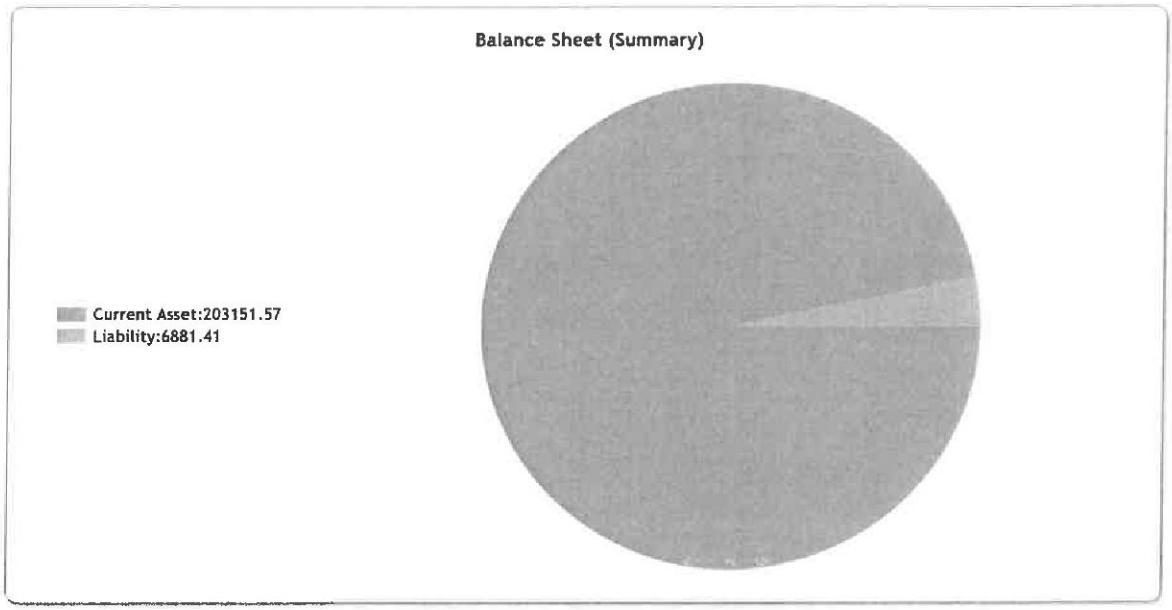




Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	11,108.52	9,924.83
Cash At Bank And In Hand	192,043.05	193,921.08
	203,151.57	**203,845.91**
Liabilities		

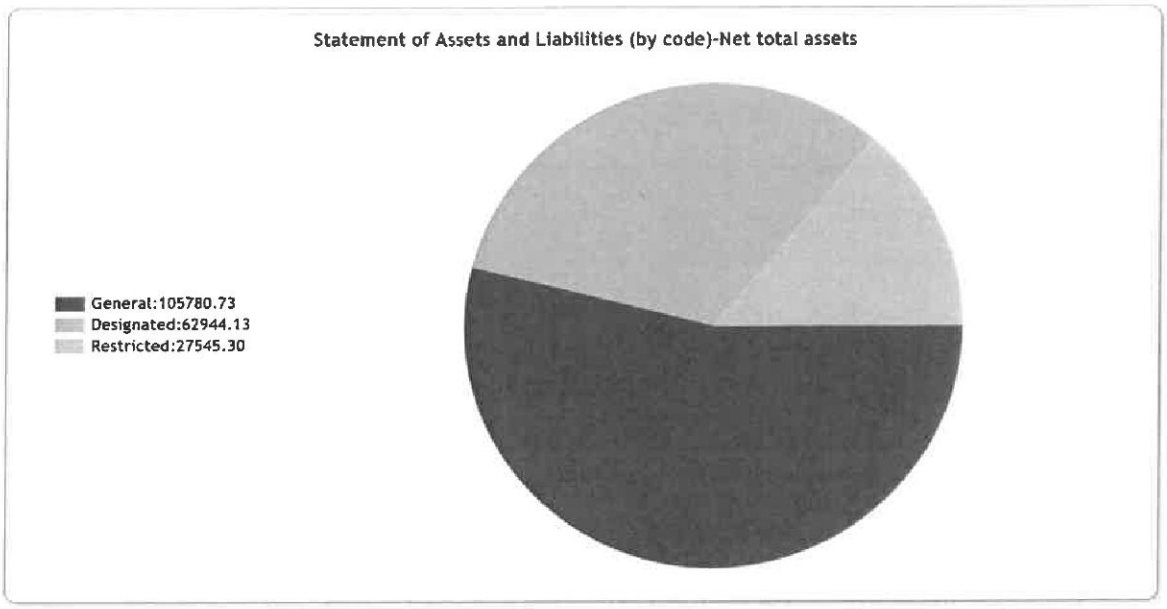
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year		6,881.41	5,342.12
		6,881.41	**5,342.12**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**196,270.16**	**198,503.79**
Total assets less current liabilities		**196,270.16**	**198,503.79**
Liabilities			
		-	-
Total net assets less liabilities		**196,270.16**	**198,503.79**
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General Funds		105,780.73	118,390.09
Designated			
Designated - Church Repair Fund		25,000.29	25,000.29
Designated - Growing Younger		150.80	850.01
Designated - JPH Repair Fund		4,999.85	4,999.85
Designated - Reserve Fund		31,793.19	31,793.19
Designated - Youth Work		1,000.00	1,000.00
Restricted			
Restricted - Bell Fund		6,998.10	8,057.38
Restricted - C Brill Fund		3,725.79	3,725.79
Restricted - Chatterbox		450.00	450.00
Restricted - David Hasted Legacy For Churchyard Upkeep		10,000.00	-
Restricted - Monday Meet And Eat		-	1,159.69
Restricted - Pannai Orphanage Donations		5,491.25	3,077.50
Restricted - Restricted Donations		880.16	-
	Fund Totals	**196,270.16**	**198,503.79**

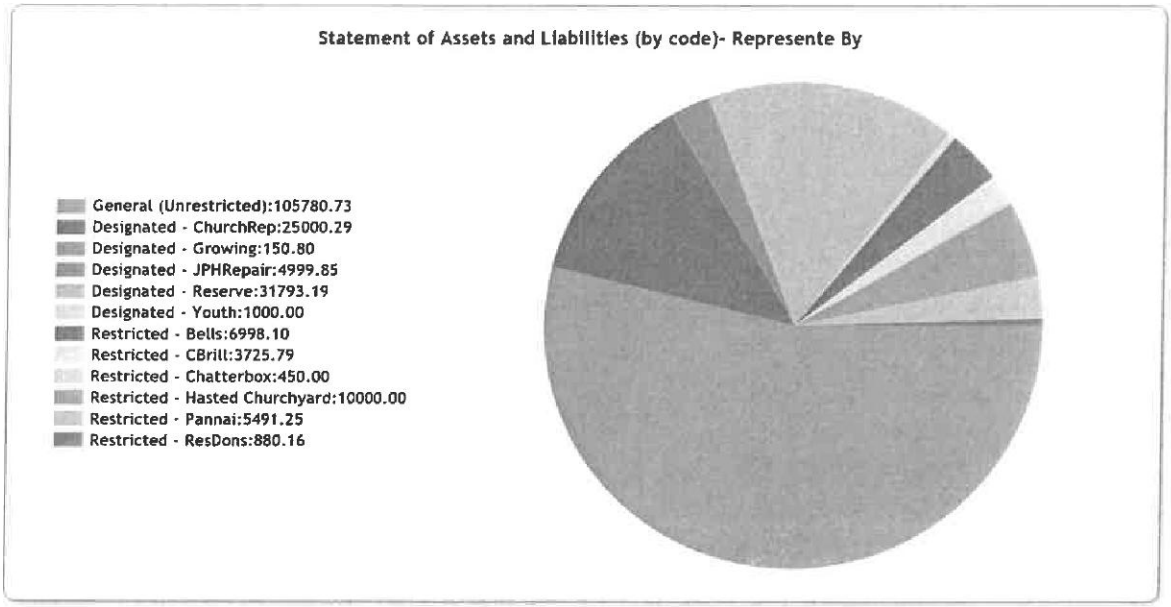


Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
2701: Audio System	(20,508.86)	-	20,508.86	-	-	-
Total	**(20,508.86)**	**-**	**20,508.86**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
3001: NatWest Current Account	47,714.58	16,573.00	(34,438.86)	-	29,848.72	12,287.53
3002: NatWest Gift Aid Account	(16,446.57)	-	16,449.00	-	2.43	2.43
3003: NatWest Flower Account	305.13	-	-	-	305.13	256.33
3004: Lloyds Fees Account	10.00	-	-	-	10.00	10.00
3005: CCLA (CBF) Account	89,212.70	46,371.13	26,292.94	-	161,876.77	181,364.79
Total	**120,795.84**	**62,944.13**	**8,303.08**	**-**	**192,043.05**	**193,921.08**
Current Asset - Debtors						
3010: Debtors	101.52	-	(101.52)	-	-	-
Z05: Accounts Receivable	10,918.52	-	190.00	-	11,108.52	9,924.83
Total	**11,020.04**	**-**	**88.48**	**-**	**11,108.52**	**9,924.83**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	32.00	-	32.00	12.00
Total	**-**	**-**	**32.00**	**-**	**32.00**	**12.00**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	5,526.29	-	1,323.12	-	6,849.41	5,330.12

Total	**5,526.29**	**-**	**1,323.12**	**-**	**6,849.41**	**5,330.12**
Net total assets	**105,780.73**	**62,944.13**	**27,545.30**	**-**	**196,270.16**	**198,503.79**
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	105,780.73	-	-	-	105,780.73	118,390.09
Designated - ChurchRep	-	25,000.29	-	-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Designated - Growing	-	150.80	-	-	150.80	850.01
Designated - JPHRepair	-	4,999.85	-	-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Designated - Reserve	-	31,793.19	-	-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Designated - Youth	-	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Restricted - Bells	-	-	6,998.10	-	6,998.10	8,057.38
Restricted - CBrill	-	-	3,725.79	-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Restricted - Chatterbox	-	-	450.00	-	450.00	450.00
Restricted - Hasted Churchyard	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Restricted - Meet and Eat	-	-	-	-	-	1,159.69
Restricted - Pannai	-	-	5,491.25	-	5,491.25	3,077.50
Restricted - ResDons	-	-	880.16	-	880.16	-
Total	**105,780.73**	**62,944.13**	**27,545.30**	**-**	**196,270.16**	**198,503.79**

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Designated - Growing:150.80
Designated - JPHRepair:4999.85
Designated - Reserve:31793.19
Designated - Youth:1000.00
Restricted - Bells:6998.10
Restricted - CBrill:3725.79
Restricted - Chatterbox:450.00
Restricted - Hasted Churchyard:10000.00
Restricted - Pannai:5491.25
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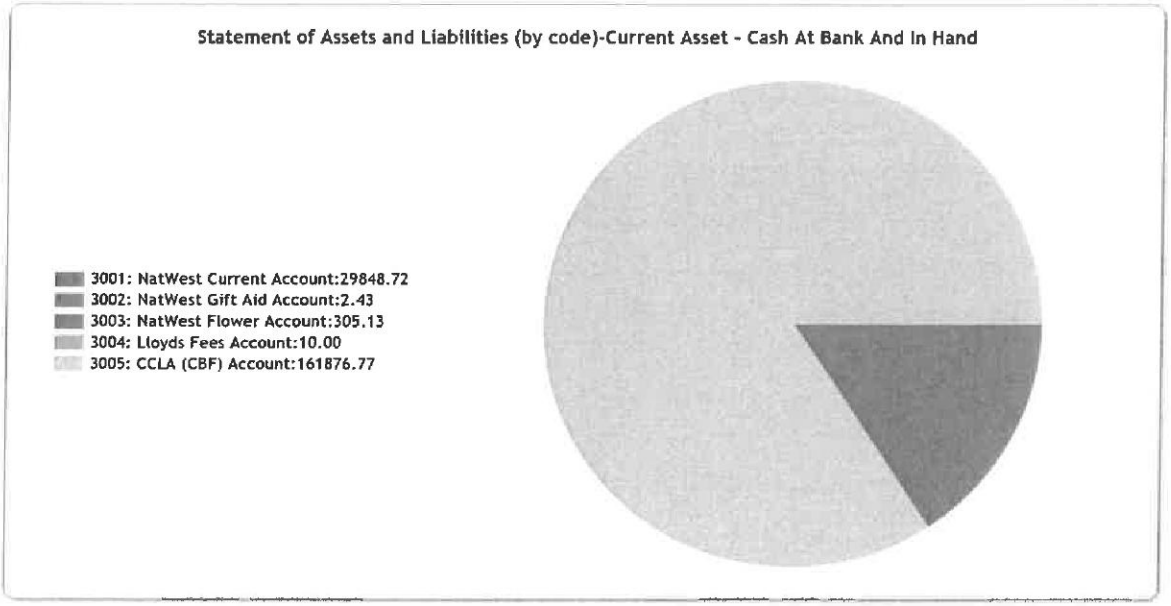
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3001: NatWest Current Account:29848.72
3002: NatWest Gift Aid Account:2.43
3003: NatWest Flower Account:305.13
3004: Lloyds Fees Account:10.00
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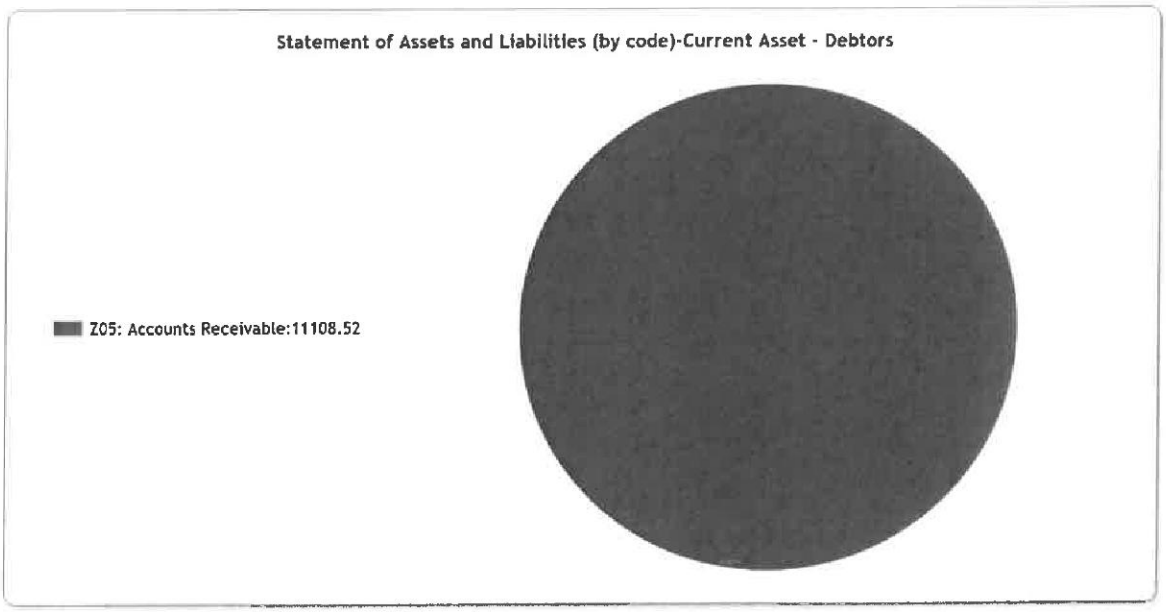
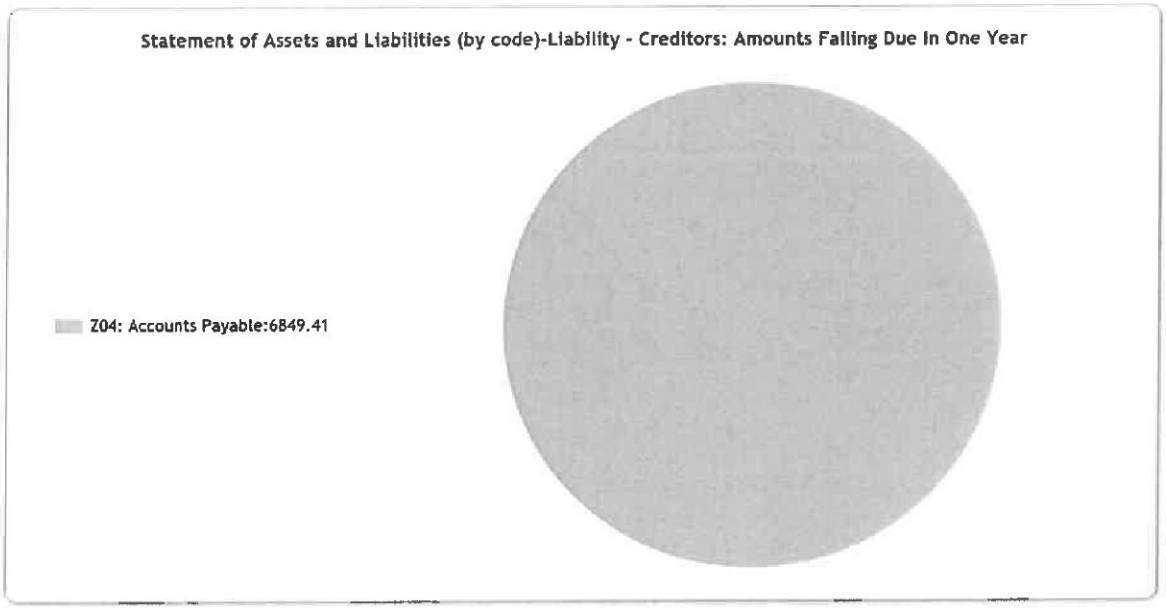


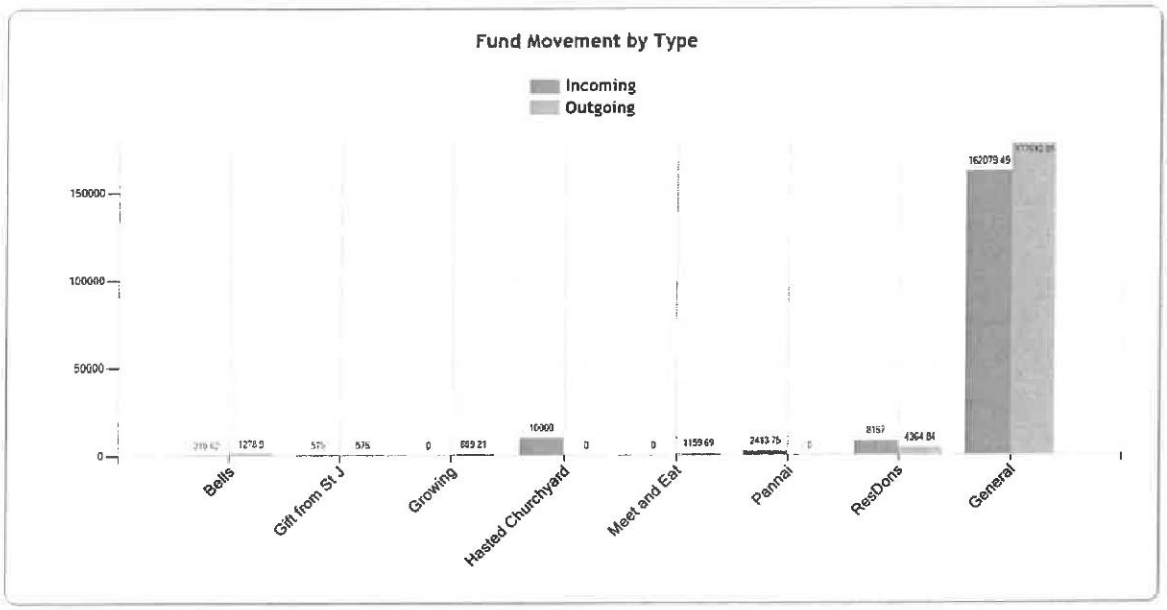


Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bells							
Restricted	8,057.38	219.62	1,278.90	-	-	-	6,998.10
Sub-totals	**8,057.38**	**219.62**	**1,278.90**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6,998.10**
CBrill							
Restricted	3,725.79	-	-	-	-	-	3,725.79
Sub-totals	**3,725.79**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,725.79**

Chatterbox							
Restricted	450.00	-	-	-	-	-	450.00
Sub-totals	**450.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**450.00**
ChurchRep							
Designated	25,000.29	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.29
Sub-totals	**25,000.29**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**25,000.29**
Gift from St J							
Restricted	-	575.00	575.00	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**-**	**575.00**	**575.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Growing							
Designated	850.01	-	699.21	-	-	-	150.80
Sub-totals	**850.01**	**-**	**699.21**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**150.80**
Hasted Churchyard							
Restricted	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	10,000.00
Sub-totals	**-**	**10,000.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**10,000.00**
JPHRepair							
Designated	4,999.85	-	-	-	-	-	4,999.85
Sub-totals	**4,999.85**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4,999.85**
Meet and Eat							
Restricted	1,159.69	-	1,159.69	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**1,159.69**	**-**	**1,159.69**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Pannai							
Restricted	3,077.50	2,413.75	-	-	-	-	5,491.25
Sub-totals	**3,077.50**	**2,413.75**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5,491.25**
ResDons							
Restricted	-	8,167.00	4,364.84	(2,922.00)	-	-	880.16
Sub-totals	**-**	**8,167.00**	**4,364.84**	**(2,922.00)**	**-**	**-**	**880.16**

Reserve							
Designated	31,793.19	-	-	-	-	-	31,793.19
Sub-totals	**31,793.19**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**31,793.19**
Youth							
Designated	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Sub-totals	**1,000.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,000.00**
General							
Unrestricted	118,390.09	162,079.49	177,610.85	2,922.00	-	-	105,780.73
Sub-totals	**118,390.09**	**162,079.49**	**177,610.85**	**2,922.00**	**-**	**-**	**105,780.73**
Totals	**198,503.79**	**183,454.86**	**185,688.49**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**196,270.16**



Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Regular Giving SO GA	4,340.00	-	-	-	4,340.00	4,500.00

0102 - Regular Giving by envelope GA	510.00	-	-	-	510.00	755.00
0103 - Regular Giving by cheque GA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0104 - CAF Vouchers	1,311.99	-	-	-	1,311.99	1,300.00
0105 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct GA	67,850.53	-	-	-	67,850.53	62,650.20
0201 - Regular Giving Standing Order NGA	1,260.00	-	-	-	1,260.00	1,260.00
0202 - Regular Giving by envelope NGA	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	-
0203 - Regular Giving by cheque NGA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0204 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct NGA	3,016.00	-	-	-	3,016.00	2,921.00
0301A - Sunday Collections GASDS	3,039.12	-	-	-	3,039.12	3,374.31
0301B - Sunday Collections non GASDS	55.00	-	-	-	55.00	-
0302 - Wedding Collections	-	-	-	-	-	35.80
0303 - Funeral Collections	155.00	-	-	-	155.00	146.51
0304 - Baptism Collections	295.90	-	-	-	295.90	411.13
0305 - Sunday School Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0306 - One off Gift Aid envelopes	2,476.76	-	-	-	2,476.76	1,759.10
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	1,386.79	-	-	-	1,386.79	193.33
0307A - Donations by card reader GA	1,370.27	-	-	-	1,370.27	917.35
0308 - Midweek Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0402 - Church Donations Box	1,606.57	-	-	-	1,606.57	1,692.30
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	910.00	-	-	-	910.00	1,338.00
0500 - Other specific donations	-	-	7,367.00	-	7,367.00	1,144.89
0501 - One off donations outside services	2,783.63	-	-	-	2,783.63	3,934.17
0502 - Donations by Ringers and Others	-	-	219.62	-	219.62	165.00
0503 - Lango Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
0504 - Pannai Donations	-	-	2,290.00	-	2,290.00	3,077.50
0505 - Haiti Earthquake Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
0506 - Lent Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
0507 - Shanthigramam	-	-	-	-	-	-

0508 - Pat Palestine	-	-	-	-	-	-
0509 - Bell Fund NGA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0510 - ZIMPRO	-	-	-	-	-	-
0511 - Philippines Typhoon/DEC Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
0512 - CMS - Pheneas Zimulinda	-	-	-	-	-	-
0513 - Bell Fund GA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0514 - Music Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
0515 - Raise the Roof	-	-	-	-	-	-
0516 - JPH Refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-	-
0517 - Churchyard Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
0518 - Monday Meet and Eat donations	-	-	-	-	-	1,250.00
0519 - Gift from St John's donations	-	-	575.00	-	575.00	-
0601 - Gift Aid on unrestricted income	20,501.89	-	-	-	20,501.89	19,175.74
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income	-	-	123.75	-	123.75	-
0603 - Gift Aid on Deignated Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
0700 - Legacies received	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	63,183.84
0801 - Grants Recurring - Unrestricted	35.00	-	-	-	35.00	35.00
0802 - Grants Non Recurring - Unrestricted	2,384.64	-	800.00	-	3,184.64	5,477.45
0803 - VAT Recovered	1,114.60	-	-	-	1,114.60	559.45
0804 - Grants Non Recurring - Restricted Raise	-	-	-	-	-	-
0805 - Government Grant - COVID-19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies Totals	**116,433.69**	**-**	**21,375.37**	**-**	**137,809.06**	**181,257.07**
Other trading activities						
0901 - Watercress Festival Fund Raising	3,122.98	-	-	-	3,122.98	2,250.65
0902 - Other Fund raising activities	1,544.84	-	-	-	1,544.84	199.60
0903 - Social Events	3,311.19	-	-	-	3,311.19	1,453.40
0903A - Youth Group Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	251.00
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	368.00	-	-	-	368.00	449.00
0905 - Concerts	-	-	-	-	-	-
0906 - Generic Event 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities Totals	**8,347.01**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8,347.01**	**4,603.65**

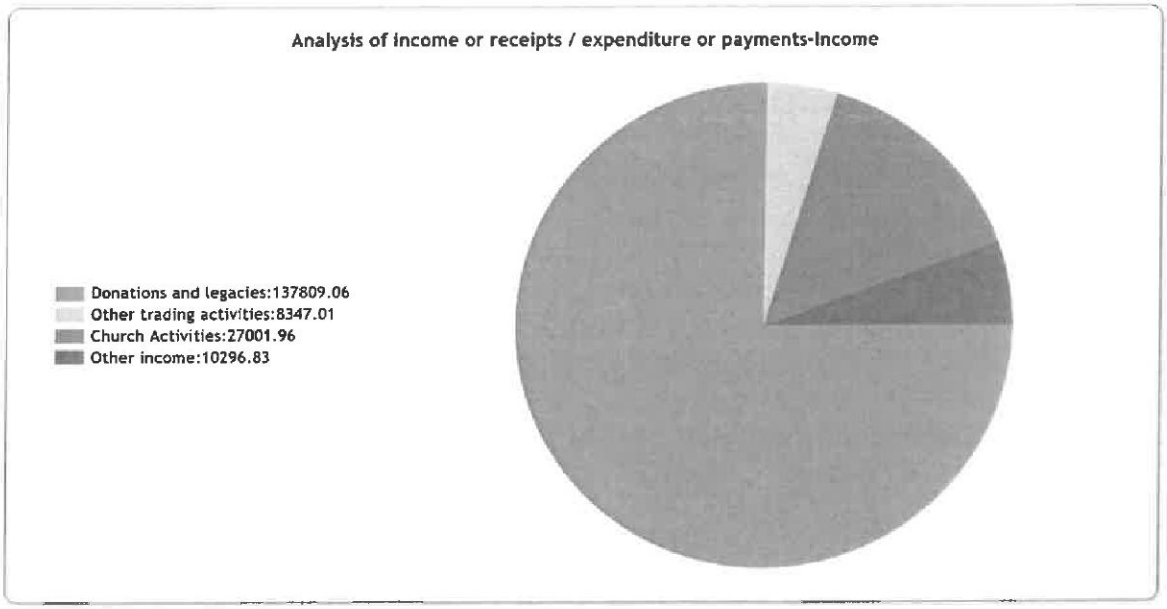
Church Activities						
0405 - Messy Church old	-	-	-	-	-	-
1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	12,667.00	-	-	-	12,667.00	11,092.00
1201 - Sale of Books, Christmas Cards etc.	-	-	-	-	-	10.50
1202 - Income from use of Church	2,562.00	-	-	-	2,562.00	3,069.00
1203 - Income from use of JPH	2,440.11	-	-	-	2,440.11	2,887.00
1204 - Magazine Sales - Casual	37.80	-	-	-	37.80	19.20
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subscriptions	4,812.05	-	-	-	4,812.05	3,011.13
1206 - Magazine Advertising	4,443.00	-	-	-	4,443.00	4,615.00
1207 - Printing	40.00	-	-	-	40.00	35.00
1208 - Messy church	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Activities Totals	**27,001.96**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**27,001.96**	**24,738.83**
Other income						
1001 - Interest received	5,563.76	-	-	-	5,563.76	2,300.38
1302 - Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1303 - Ovington Payments	1,123.84	-	-	-	1,123.84	1,170.05
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	1,789.24	-	-	-	1,789.24	1,740.47
1305 - Bighton Payments	1,819.99	-	-	-	1,819.99	1,814.73
1306 - Printing 2010	-	-	-	-	-	-
1309 - WDBF Expenses Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-
1310 - Administrator - Deanery Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
1311 - Itchen Valley Admin Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
1312 - Upper Itchen Valley Admin Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	**10,296.83**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**10,296.83**	**7,025.63**
Income and endowments Grand totals	**162,079.49**	**- 21,375.37**		**-**	**183,454.86**	**217,625.18**
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Costs of Generating Funds						
1701 - Cost of Watercress Festival	20.49	-	-	-	20.49	-
1702 - Cost of fundraising, inc LL, HS, CR etc	308.10	-	-	-	308.10	-
1703 - Cost of Social Events	1,490.57	-	-	-	1,490.57	364.71

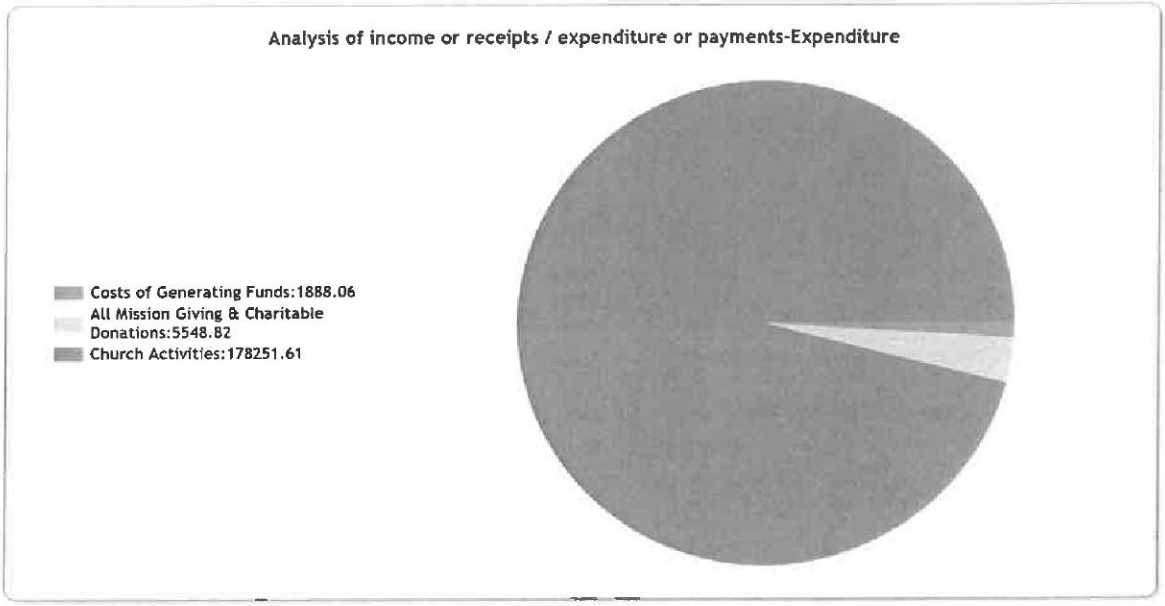
1704 - Cost of Stewardship Campaign	-	-	-	-	-	-
1705 - Cost of supporting regular giving	-	-	-	-	-	419.08
1706 - Concerts	-	-	-	-	-	-
1708 - Cost of Generic Event 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2320 - Credit and debit card charges	68.90	-	-	-	68.90	23.32
Costs of Generating Funds Totals	**1,888.06**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,888.06**	**807.11**
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations						
1709 - Monday Meet and Eat expenditure	34.84	-	1,159.69	-	1,194.53	90.31
1710 - Gift from St John's expenditure	125.68	-	642.07	-	767.75	-
1801 - Annual Charitable Giving	2,750.00	-	-	-	2,750.00	6,641.93
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	836.54	-	-	-	836.54	1,136.27
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations Totals	**3,747.06**	**-**	**1,801.76**	**-**	**5,548.82**	**7,868.51**
Church Activities						
1707 - Cost of Messy Church old	-	-	-	-	-	-
1900 - Parish Share	90,185.26	-	-	-	90,185.26	95,000.04
2001 - Assist staff salary/pension/honoraria (B	17,029.32	-	-	-	17,029.32	14,842.01
2002 - Organist/choir/salaries/honoraria	3,365.00	-	-	-	3,365.00	2,000.00
2101 - Working expenses of Incumbent (B)	146.79	-	-	-	146.79	203.65
2102 - Working Expenses of Assistant Clergy (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2103 - Working expenses of assistant staff (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2104 - Rectory/ Staff housing (B)	1,154.77	-	-	-	1,154.77	836.52
2105 - Benefice Administration expenses	372.21	-	-	-	372.21	352.32
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	2,626.34	73.61	145.53	-	2,845.48	3,437.41
2301 - Church Insurance	3,348.16	-	-	-	3,348.16	3,215.19
2302 - Church Cleaning	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	15.46
2303 - Church minor repairs	2,600.92	-	918.90	-	3,519.82	4,117.40
2303A - Church Clock Repairs 2021/22	720.00	-	-	-	720.00	7,685.18

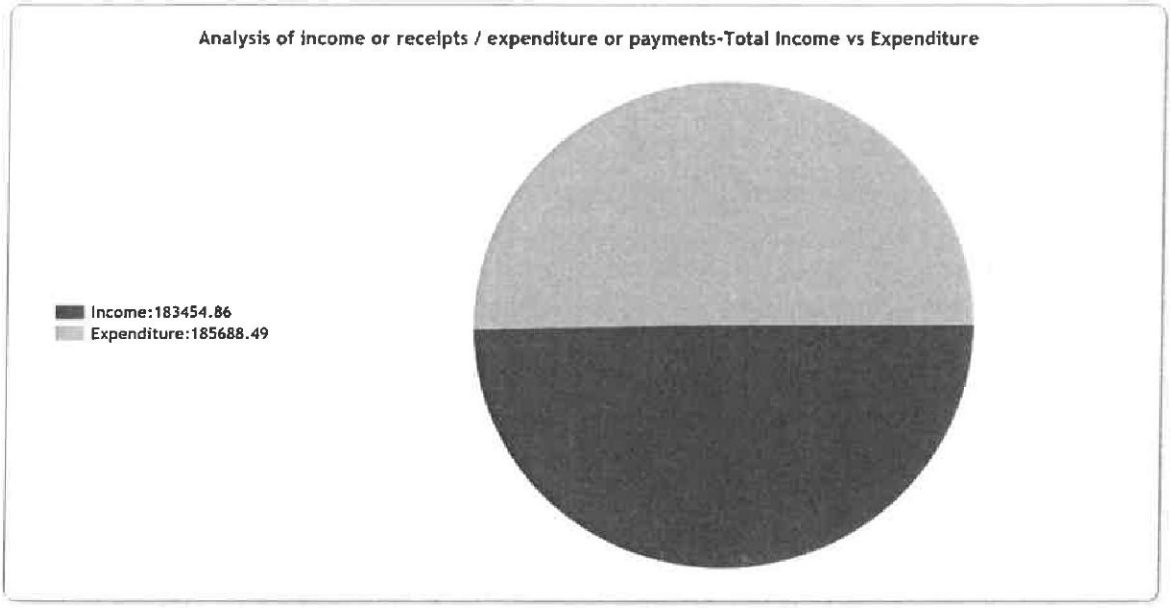
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	3,274.31	-	2,185.00	-	5,459.31	6,583.69
2305 - Telephone	1,168.25	-	-	-	1,168.25	873.51
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	673.92	-	-	-	673.92	669.60
2307 - Provision of Services	1,270.67	-	-	-	1,270.67	1,952.55
2308 - Music/choir/robes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2309 - Church Grounds	3,230.22	-	1,327.24	-	4,557.46	8,633.50
2310 - Flowers	861.20	-	-	-	861.20	1,260.61
2311 - Sunday School, 2nd Sunday & Youth Group	106.75	625.60	-	-	732.35	480.87
2312 - Training/Course Fees BRILL	-	-	-	-	-	-
2313 - Subscriptions	325.00	-	-	-	325.00	493.88
2314 - Other support costs	2,854.60	-	-	-	2,854.60	3,737.02
2315 - Administration	2,567.23	-	-	-	2,567.23	1,707.56
2316 - Bank Charges	67.50	-	-	-	67.50	95.00
2317 - Office Administrator Benefice Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
2318 - Office Administrator Deanery Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
2319 - Messy Church Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2401 - Church Gas - TGP 47209	7,690.88	-	-	-	7,690.88	4,726.30
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	1,179.63	-	-	-	1,179.63	747.27
2403 - Church Running - Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2501 - Bookstall	-	-	-	-	-	-
2502 - Magazine Printing	11,747.05	-	1,000.00	-	12,747.05	6,367.92
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	86.95	-	-	-	86.95	167.03
2504 - JPH - Insurance	1,115.99	-	-	-	1,115.99	1,071.68
2505 - JPH - Electricity	2,359.26	-	-	-	2,359.26	1,494.53
2506 - JPH - Gas - TGP 38695	1,795.83	-	-	-	1,795.83	871.56
2507 - JPH - Water	172.92	-	-	-	172.92	169.69
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	4,466.56	-	-	-	4,466.56	5,294.79
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	2,139.64	-	-	-	2,139.64	2,165.09
2510 - JPH - Consumables	614.60	-	-	-	614.60	786.72
2601 - Audit Fees	558.00	-	-	-	558.00	540.00
2602 - Production of Annual Report	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Activities Totals	**171,975.73**	**699.21**	**5,576.67**		**- 178,251.61**	**182,595.55**

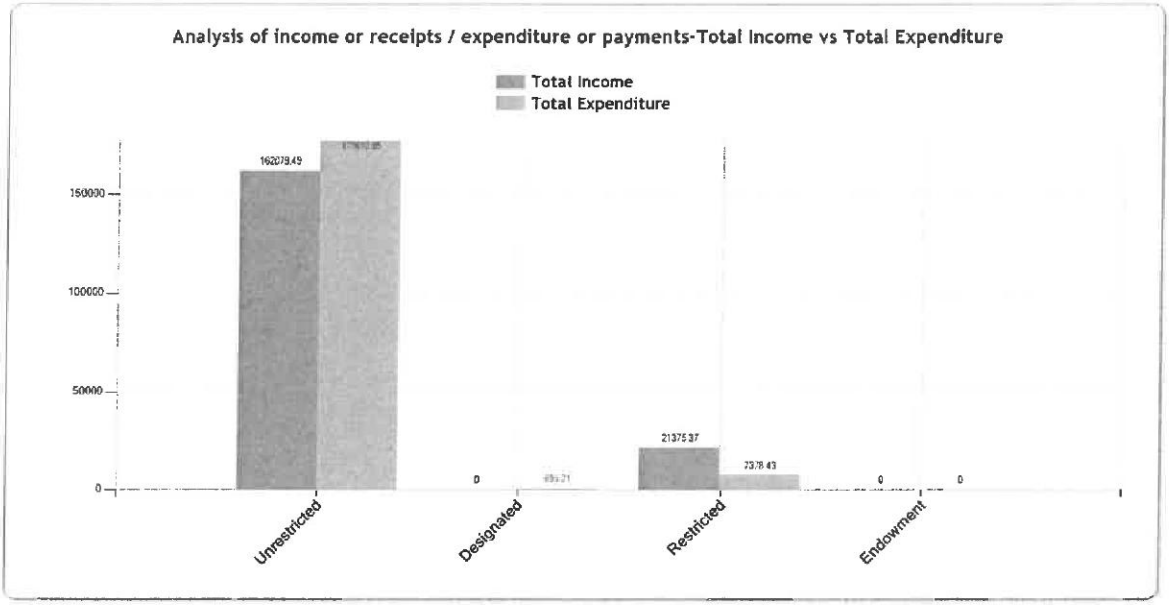
Major Capital Expenditure

2700 - Major repairs/redecoration to church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2800 - Major repairs to JPH	-	-	-	-	-	-
2900 - New building work	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Capital Expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure Grand totals	**177,610.85**	**699.21**	**7,378.43**		**- 185,688.49**	**191,271.17**









NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal

gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d) Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.

VAT reclaim grants are recognised when received.
Other Grants and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

e) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded when the award creates a legal obligation on the PCC.

Church activities

The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

Depreciation
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10 - 33% straight line

The sound system installed in 2017 has been capitalised and is being depreciated over 5 years at 20% per annum straight line.

Net book value 1.1.21	£4,102
Less depreciation in 2021	£4,102
Net book value 31.12.21	£NIL

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments would be stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

g) Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

h) Cash and Deposits
Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Disclosures

Employees: The average number of employees during the year 2023 was 1.

Pension Provision. The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a Defined Benefits Scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the employer's contributions payable

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £2.5m (notification on 1 March that this figure should be £5.5m) on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiner's Fee: The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is £465 +VAT.

3. PCC Funds

The PCC's policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

4. Financial Policies and Protocols

In April 2021 the Standing Committee (SC) reviewed internal financial practices and approved:

a) Payments

Cheques issued are signed by two signatories from a panel consisting of the Churchwardens, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Cheques are seldom used now.

Online BACS payments are made by the Treasurer and monitored by the Assistant Treasurer. Payments are scheduled and countersigned by a Churchwarden and the Treasurer at regular intervals. Direct debit payments are approved when the supply or service starts.

An **Expenditure Approval Register** is maintained in which all non-pay or charitable giving payments over £1000 are recorded and presented to the SC annually for approval. The register gives details of the supplier, amount, purpose and what prior approval has been given.

Expense reimbursement claims should be submitted to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with written receipts, and confirming that any appropriate authorisation has been obtained. Clergy should complete and submit an expense claim form along with receipts and mileage details.

b) Delegated Authority for Spending

Generally - up to £250. Church Officers can spend on routine items within their area of responsibility up to £250, without the need to seek prior approval. The Treasurer will monitor these payments and spending patterns for reasonableness, raising concerns if necessary. If possible more than one quotation should be sought for non-routine expenditure.

From £250 to £500. Items expected to exceed £250, up to £500, should be approved in advance by the Clergy (Mission) or Churchwardens (other matters), with the Treasurer advised when approval given. Unusual items should be approved in consultation with the Treasurer.

Over £500. Items exceeding £500 should always be approved in advance by the SC. In an emergency, SC members should be consulted, if possible, before action taken and expenditure incurred.

Substantial expenditure of an unusual nature, such as extensive repairs or improvements, should be approved in advance by the PCC on recommendation from the SC with estimated costs.

c) Specific Approvals

The **Fees Bank Account** is managed by the Benefice Administrator and monitored by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. The monthly return of statutory fees to the diocese and the corresponding payment is approved before submission by the Treasurer and a Churchwarden.

Flower Fund Bank Account for Church flowers is managed by the Treasurer.

Fabric Maintenance Work is overseen by the Fabric Manager, who is authorised to obtain quotations for projects up to £500 for approval by the SC. Projects over £500 need a report outlining the proposed work for prior approval.

d) Management of Income

Cash received should always be counted by two people together as a matter of best practice in order to protect them from challenge. The Independent Examiner regularly stresses the importance of this in his report on the Annual Accounts. This should apply to Church collections, donations box, fund-raising, social events and all other activities where the money accrues to the Church.

Income received must be accounted for gross (without deduction of any expenses incurred raising the income) and expenses claimed for subsequent reimbursement by the Treasurer.

Investment of Surplus Funds. The SC and PCC should adopt a policy for the investment of funds judged surplus to current requirements. This should have regard

to the length of time the money is unlikely to be required and the risk of loss on the chosen investments.

e) Annual Charitable Giving

The amount and allocation of annual charitable giving is considered and approved by the PCC each year, usually in November, following the receipt of appropriate information and recommendations from the Treasurer.

In addition to this, decisions may be made by the clergy and churchwardens throughout the year, consulting with SC where it is considered appropriate, to allocate collections for particular services to specific charities or other appropriate causes.

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This 2023 Annual Report and the accompanying Financial Statements were adopted by the PCC meeting on

Signed……
Dated……

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, N

England & Wales - Charity number 1127318

Accounts

St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

2022 Annual Report and

Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held in St. John's Church
at 8pm
on Tuesday 25th April 2023

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Registered Charity Number 1127318

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW ALRESFORD

The church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford, serves as a witness to the Glory of God in the community by:-

celebrating the life of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

through worship, prayer and service

caring about one another in Christ

through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting, healing, and the recognition of personal gifts

cultivating personal growth in Christ

through prayer, bible study, preaching and the Sacraments

communicating Christ to our community and to the wider world

through example, teaching, support and co-operation

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday April 25th 2023
In the Church, at 8pm

This report is sent out as early as possible firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask, further to the report.

At this meeting, we shall be electing, or re-electing, two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2024.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC including Deanery Synod representatives. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide-ranging decisions on church life at St. John's.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England as an organisation that shares Christ's concern for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure you believe they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of its work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral roll and the wider community.

David Carr

PCC Secretary

We hope you will be able to attend the annual meeting.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St. John the Baptist in the Benefice of The Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St. John the Baptist Church, West St., Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No.1127318

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Rector **The Rev'd Heather Brearey**

Wardens Jane Parsons; Rosie Waring-Green (both re-elected from 26/4/22)

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Barbara Griffiths
Sue Clarke
Rosie Waring-Green
Miranda Pinch

(All immediately above elected October 2020)

Elected members:

Pearl Page (re-elected April 2022)
Greville Dawson
Rex Corfield (re-elected April 2022)
Maureen Skayman (re-elected April 2022)
Charlotte Ryton
Janet Pooley
Noelle Nutman
Colin Scott-Morton
Caroline Wheeler (elected April 2022)
Jackie Connell (elected April 2022)

Co-opted members: David Carr (Secretary), re-appointed May 2022
Jonathan Whale (Treasurer), re-appointed May 2022
Ian Waring-Green (re-appointed May 2022)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church--Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints a number of groups and committees that meet regularly during the course of the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities for issues including such activities as Ministry, Worship, World (Outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance. Representatives are also elected to Churches Together in Alresford.

The number on the Electoral Roll as reported by the Electoral Roll Officer at the Annual Meeting on the 26th April 2022 was 226, (2021-217). The average number of usual Sunday service attendees was 67, plus a large number of attendees online.

In 2022 the PCC met formally six times. During the course of the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the individual reports that follow. The Standing Committee met formally five times in the year and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary in running St. John's.

St. Johns, in common with all other churches, had been greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Every one of our normal activities was adversely affected, and we had been unable to progress with many of the plans and initiatives which we had hoped to undertake. The life of the church reduced to almost the bare minimum of keeping some form of service pattern in being, and maintaining access for private prayer. Thankfully, these restrictions were lifted and we have been able to return to almost normal conditions, for example commencing several new house groups and planning an Alpha course. In parallel this involved an extremely large amount of time and effort, by many people, in keeping in touch with parishioners and trying to offer help and assistance where required. Services, meetings, planning and many other arrangements have had to be carried out on-line, using especially the Zoom facility and on-line broadcasting. A large number of people have stepped forward to offer their time and resources in these matters, and we are extremely grateful for all their efforts.

The PCC has complied with the duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016; the UK General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018; and the regulations regarding photography and filming in Church.

As in previous years, the PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities, and also raised and donated other one-off amounts.

The PCC has been concerned for some time with the need for increased stewardship income, as reflected in the Treasurer's reporting, and we continue to search for a suitable individual, team and means to manage and expand this activity.

St. John's is a fully participating member of Churches Together in Alresford. The PCC would like to thank the Licensed Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

On a personal note, later this year I am stepping down from the post of PCC Secretary after 10 years--hence this will be my final Annual Report. I would like to thank all past and present members of the PCC, Standing Committee, and contributors to the Report, for their cooperation in carrying out the many and varied duties of the role.

David Carr

PCC Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 8pm in the Church

Present: 68 parishioners
Apologies: Received from 5 people

The Rector welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers.

Election of Churchwardens
David Carr reported that Jane Parsons and Rosie Waring-Green had been duly proposed and seconded for election, and there were no further nominations. They were duly elected, welcomed with applause and thanked for their work over the year. Jane passed on Rosie's apologies for not being able to attend.

Approval of Minutes of the 2021 APCM
The Minutes had been circulated, with the Annual Report, prior to the meeting. The Minutes were duly approved by the meeting and signed by David Carr (as temporary Chair of the 2021 meeting) as a true record.

Matters arising
Following a query, Jon Whale reported that the issue of the need for increased Stewardship, noted in the annual Report, was still to be dealt with.

Election of PCC Members
David Carr reported that Pearl Page, Maureen Skayman and Rex Corfield had completed their three year terms, and were standing again. Two new nominations had been received from Jackie Connell and Caroline Wheeler. All five had been duly proposed and seconded, and there were no further nominations. As the number of candidates was less than the places available all were elected unanimously and welcomed with applause.

Electoral Roll
Janet Pooley reported that there were 226 parishioners on the Roll, compared with 217 the previous year. She thanked the previous Electoral Roll Officers, Greville Dawson and David Griffiths, for the help and advice received.

Annual PCC Report
David Carr reported that this had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 15 2022. There were no questions or comments. David was thanked for his efforts and the Report was accepted by the meeting.

Financial Report and Annual Accounts y/e December 31 2021
The Rector reported that these had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 15 2022. The Treasurer, Jon Whale, gave a short presentation on the accounts, emphasizing that, as previously, even though we were in surplus thanks to legacies (in particular that received from the Diverall estate), generous responses to appeals and the recovery of Gift Aid, there was a continuing need for increased regular income. We had received generous support from the Friends of St. John's of more than £7k, which was acknowledged with thanks. We had donated large amounts of our discretionary income to our supported charities and had donated more than requested to the Church Mission Fund. Jon thanked all those in the Finance team for their work and support over the year, mentioning Margaret, Caroline, Colin and Penny. Considerable thanks were due to

Dennis Bignell for his accounting expertise. Dennis had now retired, and a suitable gift was being organised for him. Following Dennis' retirement, with the lack of another volunteer, the church's financial affairs were having to be split between three people. There were no questions or comments, and the financial records were accepted by the meeting, with thanks to Jon for his efforts.

Terrier and Inventory Report

Janet Pooley gave a brief presentation on what was contained in these public records—building, land, contents including such items as plate, documents, kitchen and office equipment etc. She reported that the Terrier was complete and the acceptance certificate would be signed and completed. The only changes from last year were that several items had been added.

Deanery Synod Report

The Rector said that Barbara Griffiths' report on proceedings was included in the Annual Report. There were no comments or questions.

Rector's Update

Heather said that she had published a short item in the Annual Report regarding her time since her appointment in November-not yet six months ago. Since then, she had been delighted with the warmth of the welcome she had received, thanked everyone for their work and enthusiasm, and had progressed with a very large amount of work in and around Alresford and the Benefice. Contact with all the schools had been established and she was now a Trustee at Perin's and has a seat on the Local Advisory Board. This had borne fruit in such things as the Experience Easter project with more than 200 children attending. She had been concentrating on the Review of Services across the Benefice, and there were many things to be carefully considered now, including the issue of Music provision and participation. We needed important posts to be filled e.g. Assistant Treasurer and Magazine Editor, and she asked for volunteers to step forward. She thanked especially the Churchwardens, Ministry team, Penny Forbes, Dennis Bignell and all those who had contributed to making her time in Alresford so inspiring, including contact with our previous Rectors Graham Trasler and Phil Collins. She looked forward with great enthusiasm to the coming years and prayed for God's work to continue in the Benefice. She was thanked by applause and by compliments from Jill and Terry Coombes.

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No items were raised.

Presentation—the World Team

Sue Greenway presented a summary with graphics of the projects which St. John's supports: Pannai Family Farm and Shanthigrammam Leprosy Village in Tamil Nahdu (India), Church Mission Society work in South Sudan (Lyn Treneary, our sponsored representative), the Mar Elias Educational Institute in Israel (Abuna Elias Chacour) and the Michael Project in Zimbabwe. She was thanked with applause for all the team's work.

Commissioning Prayer

The Rector distributed the text of this which was read aloud by all, and the meeting ended with the Blessing.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm and the social gathering commenced.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Every annual report is out of date before it is written, let alone presented to an annual meeting. Saying that, annual reports give a useful summary of how things have been and how we have arrived at a present moment in time, and I thank everyone who has contributed to the report and to the activities described in it. The report is, I hope, encouraging, and it suggests that we move forward through 2023 and into the future from a secure base

When I wrote my very short report last year and we looked forward to this year, I don't think anyone expected quite the year we would have. I wrote in last year's report;

My hope is that we will now enter a time of stability. Having been appointed as your Rector I want to assure you of my intention to be with you for a long time. May we move forward together with love and unity. Nothing is taken for granted and nothing will be achieved without God's help and blessing. As psalm 18 says, 'You are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector, the rock where I am safe, my shield, my powerful weapon and my place of shelter.' In His hands we proceed.

I believe that we have had a year of stability in our Benefice.

To try and cover everything would be impossible so here is an ABC of highlights

Alresford Old not New – Has been blessed with their focal minister in her first year in the role, a new Village Family Praise service is proving to be popular. They have enjoyed Beacon lighting, visits from Mothers Union groups, and a scrummy Harvest lunch in the spectacular Pinglestone barn.

Bighton – Has been blessed with their Focal minister in his first year in this new role, they enjoyed a summer fete, Father Christmas and an amazing nativity.

Church Wardens – We are fortunate to have the most amazing Church wardens and Verger in this Benefice, and I thank each one of you for your hard work and dedication throughout 2022.

Deanery – We are a small Deanery but with a big heart. Meetings have been productive the walk to Winchester was enjoyed by many we look forward to forging links with another Diocese in Rwanda in 2023.

Easter – We zoomed for Compline in Holy week, had Tenebrae and Taize for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday walk of witness with CTIA, an hour at the cross, we re-introduced the dawn service with breakfast afterwards which we will repeat in 2023. Culminating in four Easter Eucharist's in each church and Egg hunts.

Food – Cakes everywhere at the Watercress Festival, we were packed at St John's as the only indoor place to be! It was lovely to be able to give hospitality to all. We live up to our Church of England reputation by having Cake at every opportunity. Soup and Pancakes in Lent, and wonderful Harvest Lunches/suppers across the Benefice were also enjoyed.

Gift from St John's – Another chance to give to our communities, with craft, food, hot drinks including the much appreciated coffee donated by Coffee#1, very many more people than last year came through our doors resulting in many good conversations about life and faith.

Hymns and Pimms, Ovington and Itchen Stoke had a successful time of singing in the summer and again in winter with Carol singing in both villages.

I is not in team – One of the most positive attributes of our Benefice is that we are one team. We may do things differently in each parish, but we do work well together. As Rector I am particularly grateful for the team of Church Wardens and our Ministry Team who I meet with regularly.

Jubilee – We certainly celebrated our late Queens Jubilee. The most wonderful display in St Mary's Church, followed by lighting of the Beacon drew huge numbers of people. Bighton and Ovington had big parties in the villages, St John's had a service with obligatory tea and cake afterwards.

King – Although in sad circumstances we had a new Monarch ascend to the throne. We prayed in our churches for King Charles III. This also raised a problem of having our Book of Common Prayer books reprinted to reflect the new monarch. Books that have been in our churches for 70 years!

Lent and love – We joined together for our Lent course, looking at Jesus from birth to Resurrection and everything in between, illustrated with pictures of The Holy Land. We have grown together in love as a Benefice with joint services and events. We will build on this as we move forward.
Monday Meet and Eat - welcomes families for play and a free hot meal. This is not only a Benefice initiative but ecumenical with our brothers and sisters in Christ from CTIA.
New Alresford – Summer fun and the light party were held in St Johns, we have also added 2 new house groups to our 4 already thriving groups. The graveyard has been tidied twice but continues to cause us concern over the cost of keeping it tidy for all who visit. We need to be creative to find a solution to managing the maintenance.
Occasional offices – We have baptised 14 children, married 11 couples and looked after many grieving families when loved ones have died. We are thankful for our Licensed lay ministers who have helped with funerals and thankful for our pastoral support team and bereavement team who have given care to many in our community.
PCC's – We are blessed with four PCC's with many wonderful volunteers attending our regular meetings and sharing wisdom in decisions made on matters of general concerns and importance for each parish. Thank you to each and every member of our PCC's. We do have spaces and indeed a need if as you read this you feel called to serve on the PCC in your parish. Minimum age is 16yrs and there is no maximum age!
Queen – In September we had the devastating news that our beloved monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had died. We immediately arranged to gather as a community to grieve together and we were assisted at our special service by members of Alresford Community choir, who have also sung for us at other services this year and we hope to grow this relationship. We were pleased to be able to show the funeral of our late Queen on the big screen in St John's, we plan to do the same for the Coronation of King Charles III in May.
Rota Review - We began 2022 with a review of our service rota, which concluded with a rota that works well for each parish and a fair distribution of my time and presence in each church. We are all part of the body of Christ and for me that means being relational. I have devoted a huge amount of time meeting with as many people as possible, parishioners in all 4 parishes as well as organisations. A list too long to include but many hundreds of people.
Schools – I am a Trustee for Perins multi academy Trust and spend time in Perins and Sunhill Junior School. I lead assemblies in the junior school each term and we were thrilled to have the infant and junior school come into church a class at a time to 'Experience Easter'.
Together we are stronger – A little bit cheesy but I do believe that the more we work together in our Benefice, in our teams and with each other the stronger we will be to do God's work. We are all Disciples of Christ, we follow Jesus and his command 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.' There is much love within our Benefice which will help us to commit to growing the Kingdom of God as we have been commissioned to do in the words of the great Commission to *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.*
Ukraine – The War in Ukraine shocked the world. The Christian world responded with prayer and practical support. Bighton collected vast amounts of clothing and other necessary items. We prayed for the people of Ukraine and for peace at the beginning of every service. We continue to pray every day for the war in Ukraine to stop. The ribbons on a tree in the graveyard of St John's remind all who see them to persist in prayer.
Re**V**eiw – (allow me this for V!) We have reviewed some things throughout the year, including our energy use and not least we reviewed the salary we pay to our administrator. This resulted in a much deserved pay rise for Penny
WWW – not the World Wide Web but Winter Wednesdays Warm, Welcome! We have opened our doors to those in need of warmth, a cuppa and company, although we ensure that the doors are actually closed to keep the warmth in! St Mary's have followed with a monthly coffee morning in The Christy hall. Both these initiatives are finding their feet and providing a welcome to all.
Xcellent Bells! – We are so fortunate to not only have bells in our churches but to have a truly wonderful team of ringers. Our bell ringers have had a busy year as detailed in their report, we are very grateful for all their ringing.
Young people – We restarted Chill Chat and Chomp on Wednesday afternoons which does exactly what it says, along with Our place on a Sunday as a more lively youth group. We are excited to see what the Lord has planned for our young people in 2023.

Zzz – On the 7th day God rested. Jesus also talked about the importance of rest. We all need to make time to rest in God's loving embrace, some of us are not as good as others in doing this and 2023 needs to be a year to improve this!!
The ABC of 2023!
But the year will be remembered acutely as the year we lost our longest reigning monarch
The death of our Queen was shocking and upsetting, along with an unsettling time in the leadership of our government, we as a country felt a little adrift. We as Christians clung tightly to our Rock, Our God, who held us all.
As we look ahead we have the Coronation of our new monarch His Majesty King Charles III, a time to celebrate and to hold him and our country in prayer as we move into a new period in our Country's history. It has been a privilege and a joy to minister among you and to share ministry with you.
No annual report can effectively communicate everything a parish does within a year. There are countless acts of ministry that go unnoticed, and many efforts that fail to receive thanks. Suffice it to say, I am grateful for every member of each of our churches who works to make Our Benefice so vibrant and healthy.
So, my challenge at the end of our Annual Meetings is this, that as we learn to live with Covid, a rising cost of living crisis and a world at war with itself, we work out together how we can share the love of Christ more effectively. I'll end by saying that I hope that everyone, I do mean everyone, will at least try to pray more regularly, come to worship more often and volunteer to help. Each of us has something to give, however small or inadequate we feel that might be. The list of the ways in which everyone can play their part is almost limitless.
And as psalm 18 says:
'You **are** my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector, the rock where I am safe, my shield, my powerful weapon and my place of shelter.' In His hands we proceed.
May God bless us all in our endeavours to play our part in making sure that every member of our community in The Arle Valley Benefice encounters the love of God in Christ.

Reverend Heather Brearey – Rector.
29th January 2023

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

After the emergence of a worrying Covid variant in January, our year eventually settled to its more familiar routine, and Heather began an extensive Benefice wide consultation on service patterns. The results proved reassuring and only a few changes were necessary to meet people's needs and preferences as far as was possible. Regular meetings between the Benefice Churchwardens and Heather have been instigated, which we all find useful in cementing good communications and relationships between the four parishes. The Lent course held both at St John's and St Mary's provided different times of day when all four villages could benefit from the Rector's experiences in the Holy Land, and the traditional rotation of 5th Sunday services around our four churches also gave everyone an opportunity to join together. Do please contact the wardens if you need transport to any services or courses.
Easter brought a chance to offer our primary school children and the wider community an Easter Experience, with stations around the church telling the Easter story in a sensory way which was truly full of impact. Manned by our willing volunteers the experience brought many into St John's, and we can only thank everyone who has made all our church's outreach possible this year by bringing their skills, warmth and talents to the many initiatives undertaken. St John's Café at the Watercress Festival, Summer Fun, Ride 'n Stride, the Scarecrow Festival are events where we have all pulled together, and there are also myriad jobs being done quietly throughout the year by volunteers who keep everything running smoothly. Thank you all.
2022 has been a difficult time for many in our community with soaring costs of living, and St John's has shown hospitality hosting the Monday Meet and Eat and Winter Wednesdays Warm Welcome projects. Thank you everyone who continues to provide these welcoming respites. On the theme of hospitality, we hosted overnight a group of pilgrims who were all in varying stages of Christian study at Waverley Abbey. They were so grateful for our welcome, and before leaving to continue their journey held a short service in which they prayed most movingly for the life and work of our church in this place.
Our annual celebrations of Patronal Festival and Harvest were marked by memorable services, and by the meals linked to them. A picnic in the churchyard and the always enjoyable Harvest Supper gave us time to relax

together. Great moments of national note also gave us pause to reflect. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, celebrated within a special service and then with tea and cake was truly joyous, but later in the year it was our proud yet sad duty to be a focus of local mourning at the death of Her Majesty.
We note that it has been a very busy year for our ministry team, with many funerals undertaken, and we also thank the Pastoral Care team for the many ways in which they contribute to the well being of all those they support.
We are keeping in touch with families of the 'younger generation', with the reinstated Our Place on a Sunday evening and the new initiative called Chill Chat and Chomp where the young people have time to meet in a safe place to discuss the many issues of our challenging world.
As Christmas approached, we again held the Gift from St John's event, welcoming even more people than last year into our church to enjoy crafting, eating and drinking – all in the cosy and welcoming environment created by our team of smiling helpers. All this was possible because of your generous donations. Christingle brought another chance to welcome young people and their families into church, as did the Crib Service, which saw numbers who attended growing, though not yet to eye watering pre-Covid levels!
In fact, all our Christmas services were very well attended, and we ended 2022 feeling blessed and thankful for all that God has enabled in this place and looking forward to what he may achieve through us all in the coming year

Jane and Rosie

ALRESFORD DEANERY SYNOD

Alresford Deanery consists of representatives from the twenty-six churches which make up the Benefices of the Arle Valley, Bishop's Sutton, Ropley and West Tisted, Farleigh, Candover and Wield, the Itchen Valley and the Upper Itchen.

During the past year we have had three synod meetings, in February, June and October. The subjects covered were Farm Church, a pilgrimage from Alresford to Winchester Cathedral and the link with Rwanda. The Winchester Diocese has decided to link a deanery in the Northern Archdeaconry with a deanery in the Southern Archdeaconry and together, they would be linked to an overseas diocese. The Alresford Deanery would, together with the Lyndhurst Deanery, be linked to the Rwanda Diocese. This arrangement has not yet been put into practice. As a final contribution £1050 was sent to Lango to help complete the Youth Training Scheme and an email was sent by Stephen Mourant and Barbara Griffiths to the Bishop of Lango concluding the Link with Lango. Also, at our October meeting, Dean Catherine Ogle spoke of her experiences and plans for the future at Winchester Cathedral. Barbara Griffiths.

BEES KNEES

We are a small group who mix Bible study with discussing issues related to climate change. We read the Pope Francis book, Let us Dream, and decided to follow up on some of the issues raised. We have looked at ways to reduce our own carbon footprints, driving less, reducing the heating, avoiding unnecessary plastics, eating less meat and eating more local vegetables. Change begins with us! We have also been reading related articles and books by Greta Thunberg, David Attenborough and many more, and regularly submit articles for the magazine. We are currently studying St John's Gospel and finding a lot of connections. We have had meetings with and support the climate care team and share ideas with them. We enjoyed making a scarecrow for the scarecrow festival, and we are happy doing anything to urgently raise awareness of climate change. Bees Knees.

CATERING TEAM

We have had another great year as a Catering Team.

As usual the Lent Lunch was a sell out… and delicious homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese was enjoyed by lots.
We managed a successful Harvest Supper in September 2022, and it was so lovely to see the church community together, sitting down and enjoying each other's company. Even topped off by some chocolate truffles for everyone to take home!

As a team we continue to serve the Church and its community and are also very grateful to those who are always willing to roll up their sleeves and help in any way they are able and even with the washing up at the end of the event. We are also enormously grateful for those who generously provide raffle prizes and delicious puddings for us all to enjoy. We would not be able to cater in the same way if this generosity was not forthcoming.

We would always welcome new faces to our Catering Team so please contact me if you would like to join us.

Our yearly commitments include the Frugal lent lunch, The Harvest Supper and Mulled wine & mince pies at the Carol Service……and we look forward to 2023 and looking after your catering needs.

I cannot thank everyone in the team enough for their support and commitment to the Catering events, especially Hefin Tudor who steps in to take the lead when my other commitments prevail and the honorary member of the team Peter Tudor who is always ready at the door to take your money and sell you raffle tickets! … we really are a great team! Pippa Sherry.

CHURCH CLEANING

Once again, I would like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers who clean the Church without fail, week in /week out. Each cleaner has a section to clean, and they can choose their own time of working, fitting around services and other events being carried out in Church. At present, we are in need of 2 additional cleaners (male or female) so if you are able to offer some time, as little as 1/2 hour per week, fortnightly or monthly, I shall be very glad to hear from you. Heflin Tudor.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALRESFORD

For those of us closely involved with CTIA, and others, 2022 was in many ways overshadowed by the death of Gary Carter, my immediate predecessor as Chair. That followed on from the death of Carol Beetham less than a year previously. The CTIA committee is exploring how the significant contributions Carol and Gary each made to church and community life can best be recognized in some permanent form.

As we have become used to "living with Covid" CTIA has cautiously reverted to its pre pandemic activities but with renewed vigour. At Christmas, building on 2021, after the silence of 2020, it was tremendous to be able to share the joy of carol singing in the centre of Alresford and at some of the sheltered housing units and at CTIA's community carol service and earlier in the year to demonstrate the importance of Good Friday, taking part in the walk of witness whilst the world rushed by. Talking of walking Piers Armstrong kindly led walks on Easter Monday and Boxing Day, both of which were well attended and talking of singing it was uplifting to be able to hold outdoors CTIA's combined Annual Meeting, picnic and Songs of Praise.

The CTIA committee has been looking at the possibility of reviving the successful Away Weekends that had taken in place in Bournemouth during Lent for several years until 2020. It continues to do so and on a date yet to be decided in 2023 it is proposed that there will be a Saturday "Awayday" of study, fellowship and fun at a location relatively close to Alresford at which the enthusiasm for a future away Weekend can be further gauged.

The support of the various Alresford "ministers" and others is much appreciated. In particular mention must be made of Rosie Waring-Green for "Summer Fun" and her help with the community Carol service. Although he remains living in Alresford Deacon Gerard Dailly's ministry has moved to the Immaculate Conception Catholic

church in Southampton to assist Father Anthony Chiatu. CTIA is most grateful to Gerard for the time he devoted over many years to developing ecumenical relations in Alresford notwithstanding his many other commitments and wishes him well. CTIA is delighted to have been able to welcome Jon Hughes as local pastor of Alresford Methodist Church.

Apart from the sad deaths mentioned above and changes of clergy the membership of the CTIA committee changes little! I have been involved since 2000, Jackie Connell since (I think) 2007 and Sarah Wilding since 2016. I intend to step down from the committee by mid 2024 when I take on increased responsibilities elsewhere and I know Jackie and Sarah would love to be contacted by potential replacements for me (and quite possibly them)!
The length of tenure well illustrates that the CTIA committee is a lovely friendly group to mix with and involvement is not onerous. Please consider showing an "expression of interest"! *James Pinniger.*

COFFEE CAKE and CHAT

2022 saw us slowly 'getting back to normal' following the Covid restrictions. Being able to meet up with friends was a great boost to us all. Sadly our numbers are below pre-Covid but the time is enjoyed by all who attend. We are able to enjoy homemade cake and scones thanks to Erica Cook, Elizabeth Johnson, Pearl Page and Margaret Stewart. Jean Clark is the 'Queen' of making tea and coffee and we could not manage without her. During the year we supported Winchester Hospice and were able to send the £443. It has been decided to support The Hospice again this year. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 10-11.30am in the JPH. All are welcome so..... if you are feeling a bit lonely, need to make new friends or just want someone to talk to, come along and join us, you will be made very welcome. Angela Peel [01962 734814]

CREATION CARE

The role of the Creation Care team is threefold: -

- To help the church to reduce its carbon footprint, reducing the damage that it is doing to God's Creation. This is driven by Eco Church, a project of A Rocha UK – a charity committed to mobilising Christians to care for nature.
- To encourage and educate the congregation to think about the church and our individual impact on God's Creation.
- The help the church to ensure that it is seen by the wider community to be doing something about Climate Change.

We should be thankful for the wonderful world that God has created for us. For the flora and fauna that we can learn about, appreciate, and enjoy. 'Caring for creation is a Christian responsibility, our responsibility'.
Quietly and behind the scenes many in the church congregation are making lots of small changes to reduce the damage they are doing to God's world. Some have made major changes.
Over the year there have been numerous magazine articles such as: -

- 'Ecology and the Biodiversity of the churchyard',
- A book review of 'How to reduce your Carbon Footprint'
- Some simple tricks to save energy
- St John's Eco Quiz
- The 'Green Tips' articles on travel, energy saving, saving water and the five Rs (**Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Rot, Recycle**).

Ecological and Environmental issues are now regularly included in Sunday intercession, praying for us, politicians and world leaders.
Along with The Bees Knees we organised a very successful combined Harvest Festival and Climate Sunday. Heather spoke well for her Harvest Sermon (Published in last November's Arle Valley Voice).

Here are a few highlights from Heather's talk: -

'There was a recent statistic about toothbrushes and the fact that every toothbrush each of us have ever owned is somewhere on this earth still – That's a lot of toothbrushes'

'We may argue that protecting the environment is unimportant in comparison to other God-given tasks such as sharing the gospel. But God is concerned with the physical world as well as the spiritual world, and restoration of the creation is part of the good news of Christ. Jesus came to save the world, not just people.'

'With EVERYTHING every single thing that we buy as a church and individually in our homes we must consider, what is it made of? How far has it travelled? How much plastic packaging is there?'

Those of you who did not enjoy the service, I hope you still managed to think how your lifestyle may be damaging God's world, affecting generations to come. Our children's, grandchildren's, and great grandchildren's future.
Look out for news of changes happening within the church and bigger plans being worked on.
The team is here to help you to understand Climate Change issues and encourage you to make changes to reduce your impact on God's World.
God willing, we will do more and better in 2023. Join us. Rex Corfield (Creation Care Team)

FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE

Our church buildings are in good shape, that is according to our retired architect (we do have a new one!), a visiting contractor and our insurers. We do, of course, have a duty to properly maintain God's house but recognise that at the same time we need to spend money wisely so that His whole mission can be fulfilled. That's why, during 2022, the PCC has been very careful to assess and agree expense that has been necessary - we never spend church funds lightly.
Fabric-related activities that have been carried out can be broken down into various categories:
- scheduled inspection and maintenance (such as smoke alarms, the stairlift, kitchen equipment, gutter cleaning);
- essential repairs (like replacing broken door locks, replacement of the watermain isolation valve, easing the JPH entrance doors on their hinges;
- safety related items (eg. the access pathway to the cellar, making safe the collapsed tomb in the church yard;
- larger project-type items (such as relocating an electrical consumer panel to a safer position).

Of course, 2022 saw completion of the clock face restoration – fully sponsored by The Friends of St John's and once again a wonderful asset for the town – and partial redecoration of the porch. This included a new floor covering that is now easier to keep clean!
For all of the work we've done, thanks are due once more to members of the PCC for their support, to Tony Stirling who is constant in his diligent care for the clock, to Penny Forbes for managing arrangements with visiting contractors, to Jon Whale for his support and scrutiny of what's being proposed and to Rosie and Jane for stepping in to open up the buildings and supervising activities when needed.
As our previous architect, Louise Bainbridge, had announced her retirement we needed to investigate who might take over. Richard Codd, who has the advantage of supporting St Mary's, was selected and appointed by both St John's and St Peter's PCCs.
In 2023 we plan to complete decoration of the porch, for which we sought and received the Archdeacon's approval. Before painting of the internal walls can take place some essential repairs will need to be done. As soon as possible after that the lower external walls of the tower will be re-pointed. This is essential as the wall structure has absorbed a great deal of mositure which has nowhere to go except through the internal walls into the porch. We hope to fund some or all of the cost of these items through grant support.
In addition, at the end of January, an energy audit of our facilities will be carried out. Many thanks are due to Jon, Jane and Rex Corfield for supporting the initial effort to get this investigation under way. Following its completion we will know where improvements can be made, helping us to work towrds the CofE's 2030 Net Zero time target. It's worth noting that we already have "full" LED lighting, Smart temperature control in the church building and are looking at the installation of a curtain over the north door so that we can keep the heat in.
Finally, a five-year (Quinquennial) inspection of the buildings is due in 2024. We will therefore review what remains to be done from the survey carried out in 2019. Greville Dawson.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Thankfully we were completely back to normal for 2022. The usual routine of sponsors for the weekly pedestal continued with just two weeks when there was not a sponsor. The Lady Chapel has also had fresh flowers each week.

Apart from the usual church festivals there was an extra festival this year when we did a red white and blue theme for the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Mother's day daffodils, Advent ring, porch Christmas tree etc have all continued to be done.

The sponsorship list is now permanently at the back of church with many weeks available for people to sign up to sponsor. Even with the rising cost of flowers we have managed, so far, to keep the donation at £30 .

This will be my last report as I now retire from organising flowers and my heartfelt thanks go to the flower teams and sponsors and for all the support from many people over many years. Diana Robbins.

(Benefice) PARISH MAGAZINE—The Arle Valley Voice

In 2022 Penny Forbes who had edited the magazine for several years stood down as she has quite enough to do with being the Benefice Administrator. Penny worked hard on the magazine introducing the new name to make it clear that the magazine is not just for St John's but for all four churches in the Benefice. To that end she encouraged people from all parishes to write articles. She also introduced colour to the magazine making it much more attractive. Thank you Penny for all you did.

In August a new magazine editorial team was set up led by Charlotte Ryton who had some previous editorial experience and includes Liz Petheram, Jennifer Miller, Jackie Connell, Alison Starr, Ruth-Elizabeth Page and Caroline Hawkins. We meet once a month to pull the magazine together. We have also recruited others especially Paul Whiffen and Greville Dawson to collect the copies from the printers.

The team is committed to making the magazine attractive and inclusive. We are continuing Penny's work of encouraging members of all four churches to contribute. It is also important that the magazine reflects the remit to be both a church and community magazine with a balance of material.

We have introduced some changes as you will have seen – we have expanded the children's pages (though we gather many 'grown-ups' read them!), puzzle pages and articles relevant to the liturgical season so for example in February there was material on Candlemas and Lent. A new series that we hope will grow is one entitled 'My Journey of Faith' which was started by Paul Whiffen but I am sure many of you have a story to tell.

We hope to have articles from the congregations about their faith, about community life and other experiences that will interest our readers. Also if a particular book or picture or place or person or…. In fact anything, has had a great effect on your life do write about it. Also any memories or interesting pieces about the history of our churches and community. So **please** if you have a story or experience to relate do send it in.

Though we have brought in new material we will carry on publishing old favourites such as bell-ringing, gardening, recipes and we will of course continue to keep people up-to-date with events and activities in our four churches. That said if you are involved in running an event do let us know either on the magazine email or my own email cstryton@gmail.com so we can advertise it

In 2022 of course we had two major events that the magazine needed to reflect – the Platinum Jubilee and the death of Queen Elizabeth. Many people sent in memories of Her Majesty which gave a wonderful picture of our late sovereign. In this coming May there is of course the coronation, so we intend to do a special issue again. If any of you have memories of the coronation of 1953 or even perhaps 1937 then do send them in. Also if any of you have had encounters with our present King when he was Prince of Wales those would be interesting too.

Thanks are due to all our loyal advertisers who have continued to support us – do help them by using their services. We accept both one-off and annual adverts and hope to increase the number of advertisers as this

helps pay for the magazine. If we got more income from this we would love to be able to distribute the magazine more widely and also to have more colour.

In conclusion this is **your** magazine and if you want it to move in a particular direction please tell us and please do consider contributing articles. A big thank-you to all those who have already contributed, and to all those who have supported, worked and helped to bring out the magazine. Charlotte Ryton.

PASTORAL VISITORS

Members of the team visit people in the community on behalf of the church. There are currently 12 Pastoral Visitors who were all re-commissioned by Heather in early January. Barbara Griffiths and Pat Ure have now retired from visiting after many years of service. Within the team there are four members who mainly visit the bereaved and also help with the planning and arrangement of funerals. Thankfully, now that the number of covid cases has subsided, we have been able to resume visiting people from the community who are in hospital, although we need permission from the patient or a member of their family first. We also visit people within the community who are housebound, lonely or in need of someone to talk with. Please get in touch with me if you know of someone who might appreciate a visitor.

During the year members of the team have all completed safeguarding training thanks to the support of Sarah Wilding. The visitors meet together for further training and for prayer because all that we do is underpinned by prayer. We are hoping to hold a course to train some new visitors later in the year.

I should like to finish by thanking all the members of the team for their commitment and for the care they offer on behalf of St John's as we reach out into the wider community. Jackie Connell.

PRAYER MINISTRY

We have been very encouraged this year by the many times we have been able to thank God for answered prayer and would encourage you to email or phone and share a request or a thank you.

We started the year encouraging everyone to tie a ribbon on the trees outside the church in support of Ukraine and to write a prayer or light a candle inside the church. These ribbons are still on the trees as a sign for us all to continue with our prayers for this difficult situation as well as for all the other areas of conflict in the world.

We regularly check the 'Say One For Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge privilege to be able to share these concerns and anxieties in prayer with the Lord. There are regularly prayers to be shared, and now that we have the Prayer Tree in the porch, we would encourage everyone to take time to pray through the many thoughts and prayers shared on this Tree.

Several of the Prayer Team joined the Mission Team at the end of September at the top of West Street to offer a variety of creative ways that the passers-by could use as prayers in the huge gap felt in all of our lives by the passing of Queen Elizabeth. This enabled people to encounter prayer in a safe interactive way that they may not have experienced before.

It was also very special to be part of the Gift from St John's event in December, chatting to the public as they enjoyed the craft activities, the Café, and writing their Hopes and Dreams for 2023. All these activities gave us opportunities to become engaged in many deep and important conversations inside the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.
We have left these on a board inside the church for everyone to pray through.

As a group, we hope to be able to resume our monthly meetings so that we can spend some quality time talking to and listening to God.

We also have a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone – 01962 733237 / 07891120662 – or email Rosie – rosie@22rwg.co.uk – for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray for you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God.

If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through. The commitment is usually one Sunday a month and a meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Rosie Waring Green

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding within the Church of England continues to evolve and develop. Anyone working with vulnerable adults or children in any capacity within the church needs to have undertaken a DBS check. This is a fairly straightforward process which can be done online initially and then requires a face-to-face meeting to complete an ID check. Once the process is completed and if the person signs up to continuous checking there is no further action needed.
Alongside DBS checking there is also a set of training packages that need to be undertaken. These are accessed online via the diocese website. It is important that the churches in the benefice keeps a record of who has undertaken training. I am very happy to provide support for anyone struggling with accessing this online.
This year the Church of England launched a dashboard for each church whereby the important and pertinent aspects of safeguarding are gathered in one place and each church can see where they need to add information or update policies. There is a dashboard for each of the churches in the benefice.
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and any concerns should be reported to myself or Heather in the first instance. It is helpful to remember the 4 Rs of safeguarding:
Recognise – recognise that you have concerns or someone has made a disclosure to you.
Respond – reassure the individual. Ask them what they would like to happen and tell them what action you need to take next.
Refer – report your concern to the Safeguarding Officer or Priest
Record – record your concerns as soon as possible. Sarah Wilding, Benefice Safeguarding Officer

SOCIAL MEDIA

In the 28 days prior to the time of writing this report on 17th January, St John's Facebook Page had reached 3,081 individuals with its posts, both directly and via All Things New Alresford. We currently have 593 regular followers. The top recent post was the advert for the Barn Dance which reached 1,850 people altogether. The stats tell me that 129 people not only saw the post but engaged with it. I posted a new poster for the Winter Wednesdays Warm Welcome and within 2 days the post had reached 1,043 people with 76 engagements including some very positive comments! An 'engagement' with a post means that it was liked, commented on, or shared. It is always pleasing to have immediate feedback for posts with likes and comments and shows just how worthwhile it all is.

Facebook gives an extra option to pay a small amount to reach further to any demographic of our choice. That is worth considering for fund-raising ventures when we want to reach non churchgoing interested parties who might support our community or ecological aims.

We are still filming services and it is good to see how many view the services from via Facebook and our YouTube channel after the event. The Sunday service on 15th January, reached 101 people via Facebook, although in most cases that was just a brief view. The average number for a Sunday service via YouTube is about 35 viewings and for a Wednesday, 20. On Christmas Day there were 53. So, it looks as if it remains a valuable resource. Miranda Pinch.

SOLOS

Solos is a monthly gathering offering Tea, Scones and Home Made cakes with friendly conversation in the John Pearson Hall on the THIRD Sunday of each month from 2.30-4.30pm for anybody who lives on their own. There is an attendance of twenty-five people each month and any carers and family members who bring along a guest are welcome to stay.

It is a time when friends meet together and new friendships are made. Since Solos began, we have seen how much this time is appreciated by those who come along. What could be better than spending a couple of hours chatting together on a Sunday afternoon with delicious homemade cakes and tea?
We have a good team of helpers to serve the Tea and Cake to our guests. However some of the folk who come along do find it difficult to get to the JPH, we would greatly appreciate having help to transport people who would like to come to Solos and meet with friends. Could you be that someone?
Please contact Marion Morley or Margaret Stewart if you would be willing to help. Thank you.

TOWER REPORT

2022 saw ringing get back to something like normality with regular Sunday Service ringing and Friday practice nights. The number of ringers is below what would be ideal, with some not returning after the Covid break and others with health issues curtailing regular attendance.
On Sundays usually at least 6 of the 8 bells rang out sometimes more ringers than bells, and sometimes only 4 ringers were available. 5 weddings were celebrated with bells. There were 3 funerals requesting bells and a single bell was tolled for another. 6 quarter peals were rung – 3 of these were commissioned in celebration of special events raising in the region of £600 for church funds. 2 visiting bands used the bells and left a donation. The Annual Tower meeting was held in February and the tower lunch in April. Bells rang out joyfully for the Diamond Jubilee in June and sadly muffled on the death of Queen Elizabeth. St John's ringers continue their outreach helping out in local towers Cheriton and Tichborne and the Candover Valley and of course Old Alresford and Ovington. Elizabeth Johnson, Tower Secretary.

WEB SITE

The new benefice website has been a welcome addition to all of the churches in the benefice. We have tried to make the information comprehensive and easily accessible to new visitors and parishioners. The Hubb Church support organisation helps with offering useful service event banners to mark important events during the church year. We hope that all the churches in the benefice will continue to utilise the website for upcoming events in their churches. Penny Forbes.

WORLD TEAM

These are the overseas projects we support:

Ashray UK: the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Ibillin, Israel, sends newsletters from Abuna Elias Chacour keeping us in touch. The latest, Christmas 2022 is full of optimism and hope for the future. The high school was among the top ten schools in Israel and the teachers were awarded a bonus.

Church Mission Society: sadly our mission partner Lynn Treneary returned to UK last year due to ill health and has retired from her post in South Sudan. We await news from CMS of a new partner.

The Michael Project, Zimbabwe: they continue to give the children in Shalom and the pre-schools their care, love and support. Four babies joined their "forever families". We had a very successful coffee morning in the

JPH in October which raised £845 and they are very grateful to St John's for the interest and support they receive.

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: normality has been restored after the disruption of Covid lockdowns. We receive regular updates from Anita the sponsorship secretary. There are 150 children, 10 housemothers and 17 grandmothers and they are very grateful for our continuing sponsorship support.

Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu: the home for elderly and destitute people continues to care for those damaged by leprosy.

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Community and Outreach/St John's Outreach and there are regular articles in the Arle Valley Voice magazine. Sue Greenway.

YOUTH WORK

What a delight to be able to look back over the last 12 months since the last Youth Work report!! Last year we reported that only a few activities were beginning to creep back but we can now share some of the many ways that God has been moving in the life of our young people.

Chill, Chat, Chomp – a mid-week fortnightly group for year 7 upwards started in March 2022. A group of 8 or 9 us meet in Coffee#1 and order a drink which we then take to the Vestry, and along with cake, have deep and not so deep conversations = usually with lots of laughing and often rather noisy!! However, we have watched and talked about a series called Waymaker with titles such as 'Be servant-hearted / Be compassionate / Be accepting / Be bold / Be forgiving / Be a light in the darkness.' In the summer and autumn, we again had some great conversations using a series created by LICC called Frontline Service which had a series of short videos about ordinary everyday Christians making a difference in their communities and families.
By the time you read this, we will have completed a 10-week Youth Alpha course which will give rise to many questions and hopefully some answers for the young people growing up in today's challenging world.

Our Place – after a break of 2 years we have been able to revive this social group of Year 6 to Year 9 young people. We meet fortnightly on a Sunday evening in the Methodist Café area which is a great place to relax and have fun. The group has started with small numbers but have enjoyed a quiz night, 'food from round the world' and bowling at Basingstoke. By popular request, the Year 10 upwards group started after Christmas. We have a great team of helpers from the CTIA churches.

Summer Fun – at last after 2 years, a group of 35 children and young people and 20 helpers put together 3 days of acting, singing, scenery, costume, prop making into a wonderful performance of Daniel in the Lions' Den. It never ceases to amaze how a 50-minute musical can be created and performed with such enthusiasm and expertise. A wonderful testament to the children and young people of Alresford.

Autumn Fun Light Party was able to go ahead and 40 youngsters and 20 helpers had a wonderful time creating 'jam jar lanterns', lighthouses, stained glass windows along with apple catching, doughnuts on a string and many more activities. After food – always essential – there was a word treasure hunt trail in the beautifully illuminated church and ending with a fantastic dance version of the song 'Shine'!

Services –the Crib Service is now back to full strength and for the Mothering Sunday and Remembrance services we had many uniformed youngsters joining us. The Second Sunday All Age service has a small but loyal group of families to help in the inter-generational service.

Chatterbox – the Parents / Carers Toddler Group is thriving and although this is run by a team from the families, there are several of us who go along to help and really enjoy this connection with the youngest members of our community.

Monday Meet and Eat – in response to the energy and cost of living crises, CTIA volunteers have been very active in providing a place for families with primary school children to come and have time to play somewhere

warm, and to share in a hot meal together. So far there have only been a few families joining us but we will continue for the time being to see if this a help to other families who might like to do the same.

Links with Schools – just before Easter, most of the children from Sun Hill Infant and Junior schools came to St John's to an Experience Easter event. This involved a variety of interactive activities spaced out around the church, manned by some wonderful volunteers who helped the Easter story come alive. This included food (of course) as well as an interesting 'donkey' as part of the Palm Sunday happening!!
Different year groups from Sun Hill Junior visit the school at Easter, Harvest and for Christmas services for which they devise and present storytelling and songs to the rest of the school and parents.
Perins also hold their Christmas concert at St John's for pupils and parents. Rosie Waring-Green.

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2022
Charity no (if any)	1127318
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2022**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:	**Date:** 10/3/23
Name:	STEVEN ROY LYNES
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT
Address:	BEHEGAN LYNES, BANK CHAMBERS, BROOK STREET, BISHOPS WALTHAM, SO32 1AX

St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Treasurer: Jon Whale, 12 Buttermere Gardens, Alresford, SO24 9NN

Standing Committee Approval Certificate

We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes, all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ending 31 December 2022 and that the financial statements have our approval.

J S Whale ..... 1/02/2023 .....

Jonathan Whale, Treasurer — Date

..... 1st Feb 2023 .....

Heather Brearey, Rector — Date

..... 1ST FEB. 2023 .....

David Carr, PCC Secretary — Date

TREASURER'S REPORT

After two extremely difficult years, we all hoped for a return to more normal times in 2022. In some ways, this has happened; our church is open once again to serve the community, and users returning to the John Pearson Hall. However it has not all been good news, as in common with so many people, we have felt significant financial pressure due to rising costs. Despite this, the generosity of our congregation and local groups such as the Friends, has been amazing.

In summary, our expenditure in 2022 was £189k and our income (excluding legacies) was £152k. As a result our expenditure has exceeded our regular income by approximately £37 k during 2022. This figure in 2021 was £28k.

There are, however, several factors which must be taken into account when considering this sobering situation:

- we have received an amazing £63 k in legacies from the estates of Robert Diverall, Peter Clarke and Clare Podger.
- our regular giving has increased by £3k to £82k with much of this coming through the Parish Giving Scheme and with increasing use of the card reader
- we have also received specific donations of £5.2k, reclaimed £19k through Gift Aid and a further £560 in VAT on building repairs
- Greville has introduced energy saving devices to our buildings, such as LED lighting and Hive heating controls, and Mick has plans in place to significantly reduce our spending on the upkeep of the churchyard in 2023
- our CMF contribution in 2023 will be £3.5k lower than in 2022

At 31 December 2022 our funds were £198k (£118k Unrestricted, £64k Designated, £16k Restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £32K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £17k in funds restricted for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.

The table below shows the trend of our unrestricted funds over the past 5 years:

Date	31/12/17	31/12/18	31/12/19	31/12/20	31/12/21	31/12/22
Unrestricted & Designated Funds (£k)	79	86	97	187	155	182

So in effect, we remain in a viable financial position, but our operations in 2022 have been underwritten by the continued receipt of generous legacies and donations. It will be a priority over the next 12 months to reduce this gap between income and expenditure.

Despite the financial challenges of the past 3 years we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities. We contributed £95k (more than requested) to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund. We also donated £7.8k to causes including the Winchester Youth Counselling, the Michael Project, CMS, Ashray,

Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, and the congregation have continued to give generously to the Pannai Orphanage. This is an increase of 10% compared to 2021.

Administering a charity with £198k of assets is a team effort involving lots of people and I would like to thank all those who contribute so much to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; David Griffiths and Nolly Nutman who maintain our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Colin Scott-Morton who has kindly taken on the work of reclaiming the VAT on our building works; and a large team of people who count and record our collections each week, and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes, for reviewing these financial statements. Finally, a massive thank you goes to Jane Parsons, who has taken on the role of Assistant Treasurer in addition to her many other duties.

Jonathan Whale
Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	175,622		5,634		181,257	175,456
Other trading activities	4,352	250			4,603	3,306
Church Activities	24,738				24,738	20,223
Other income	7025				7 025	4,932
Total income	211,739	250	5,634		217,625	203,919
Expenditure on:						
Costs of Generating Funds	807				807	959
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	7,778		90		7,868	7,092
Church Activities	177719	109	4,766		182,595	196,481
Totalexpenditure	186,304	109	4,857		191,271	204,533
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	25,435	141	777		26,354	(614)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,365	581			1,946	4,588
Gross transfers between funds - out	(581)		(1,365)		(1,946)	(4,588)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use						(27,630)
Net movement in funds	26,220	722	(588)		26,354	(28,245)
Total funds brought forward	92,169	62,921	17,058		172,149	200,395
Totalfunds carried forward	118,390	63,643	16,470		198,503	172,149
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Generalfund	118,390				118,390	92,169
Designated						
Church Repair Fund		25,000			25,000	25,000
Growing Younger		850			850	708
JPH Repair Fund		4,999			4,999	4,999
Reserve Fund		31,793			31,793	31,212
Youth Work		1,000			1,000	1,000
Restricted						
Bell Fund			8,057		8,057	7,892
C Brill Fund			3,725		3,725	3,725
Chatterbox			450		450	550
Mooday Meet And Eat			1,159		1,159	
Pannai Orphanage Donations			3,077		3,077	
Restricted Donations						4,890

Balance sheet

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This enr	Last ear
Current assets						
Debtors	9,715		209		9,924	4,008
Cash at bank and in hand	133,290	63,643	(3,012)		193,921	171,106
	143,005	63,643	(2,802)		203,845	175,114
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	4,106		1,235		5,342	2,964
	4,106		1,235		5,342	2,964

Net current assets less current liabilities	138,898	63,643	(4,038)	198,503	172,149
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Designated					
Church Repair Fund		25,000		25,000	25,000
Growing Younger		850		850	708
JPH Repair Fund		4,999		4,999	4,999
Reserve Fund		31,793		31,793	31,212
Youth Work		1,000		1,000	1,000
Restricted					
Bell Fund			8,057	8,057	7,892
C Brill Fund			3,725	3,725	3,725
Chatterbox			450	450	550
Monday Meet And Eat			1,159	1,159	
PannaiOrphanage Donations			3,077	3,077	
Restricted Donations					4,890
Agency collection					
Funds of the church	118,390	63,643	16,470	198,503	172,149

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets -Tangible assets						
Audio System -	(20,508)		20,508			
Totals	(20,508)		20,508			
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
NatWest Current Account -	38,479	20,449	(22,430)		36,498	64,323
NatWest Current Account-		(3,177)	(21,033)		(24,210)	(24,210)
NatWest Gift Aid Account -	(14,156)		14,159		2	7
NatWest Flower Account -	256				256	145
Lloyds Fees Account •	10				10	1,775
CCLA (CBF) Account-	108,700	46,371	34,831		189,903	137,603
CCLA (CBF) Account-			(8,539)		(8,539)	{8.539)
Totals	133,290	63,643	(3,012}		193,921	171,106
Current assets - Debtors						
Debtors·	101		(101)			
Accounts Receivable -	9,613		311		9,924	4,008
Totals	9,715		209		9,924	4,008
Liabilities -Agency accounts						
Agency collections -			12		12	
Totals			12		12	
Liabilities Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable-	4,106		1,223		5,330	2,964
Totals	4,106		1,223		5,330	2,964
Grand total	118,390	63,643	16,470		198,503	172,149

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing

Bells • Bell Fund					
Restricted	7,892	165			8,057
Sub-totalfor Bells	7,892	165			8,057
CBrill - C Brill Fund					
Restricted	3,725				3,725
Sub-totalfor CBrill	3,725				3,725
Chatterbox - Chatterbox					
Restricted	550		100		450
Sub-totalfor Chatterbox	550		100		450
ChurchRepChurch Repair Fund					
Designated	25,000				25,000
Sub-totalfor ChurchRep	25,000				25,000
GrowingG rowing Younger					
Designated	708	250	109		850
Sub-totalfor Growing	708	250	109		850
JPHRepalr- JPH Repair Fund					
Designated	4,999				4,999
Sub-totalfor JPHRepair	4,999				4,999
Meet and E - Monday Meet And Eat					
Restricted		1,250	90		1,159
Sub-totalfor Meet and E		1,250	90		1,159
Pannai- Pannai Orphanage Don					
Restricted		3,077			3,077
Sub-totalfor Pannai		3,077			3,077
ResDons - Restricted Donations					
Restricted	4,890	1,141	4,666	(1,365}	
Sub-totalfor ResDons	4,890	1,141	4,666	(1,365}	
Reserve - Reserve Fund					
Designated	31,212			581	31,793
Sub-totalfor Reserve	31,212			581	31,793
Youth- Youth Work					
Designated	1,000				1,000
Sub-totalfor Youth	1,000				1,0()0
General - Generalfund					
Unrestricted	92,169	211,739	186,304	784	118,390
Sub-totalfor General	92,169	211,739	186,304	784	118,390
Grand total	172,149	217,625	191,271		1981503

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Desi nated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This vcar	Last year
rNCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Regular Giving SO GA	4,500				4,500	4,200
0102- Regular Giving by envelope GA	755				755	853
0104- CAF Vouchers	1,300				1,300	1,300
0105- Regular Giving by PGS Direct GA	62,650				62,650	58,553
0201 -Regular Giving Standing Order NGA	1,260				1,260	1,560

0202 - Regular Giving by envelope NGA					150
0204 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct NGA	2,921			2,921	3,561
0301A- Sunday Collections GASDS	3,374			3,374	3,472
0302 – Wedding Collections	35			35	
0303 - Funeral Collections	146			146	5
0304 - Baptism Collections	411			411	1,196
0306 – One off Gift Aid envelopes	1,759			1,759	1,424
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	193			193	10
0307A - Donatfons by card reader GA	917			917	2,042
0402 - Church Donations Box	1,692			1,692	711
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	1,338			1,338	955
0500 - Other specific donations	2		1,141	1.144	11,867
0501 – One off donations outside services	3,934			3,934	2,628
0502 - Donations by Ringers and Others			165	165	240
0504 - Pannai Donations			3,077	3,077	2,640
0518- Monday Meet and Eat donations			1,250	1,250	
0601 -Gift Aid on unrestricted income	19,175			19.175	18,294
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income					1,022
0700 – Legacies received	63,183			63,183	52,745
0801 - Grants Recurring - Unrestricted	35			35	35
0802 - Grants Non Recurring - Unrestricted	5,477			5,477	2,151
0803- VAT Recovered	559			559	3,837
Total	175,622		5,634	181,257	175,456

Other trading activities

0901 -Watercress Festival Fund Raising	2,250			2,250	
0902- Other Fund raising activities	199			199	2,132
0903 - Social Events	1,453			1,453	845
0903A- Youth Group Contributions	0	250		251	
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	449			449	329
Total	4,352	250		4,603	3,306

Church Activities

1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	11,092			11,092	7,633
1201 -Sale of Books, Christmas Cards etc.	10			10	357
1202- Income from use of Church	3,069			3,069	1,751
1203 - Income from use of JPH	2,887			2,887	1,497
1204- Magazine Sales - Casual	19			19	262
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subscriptions	3,011			3,011	3,190
1206 - Magazine Advertising	4,615			4,615	5,531
1207 - Printing	35			35	
Total	24,738			24,738	20,223

Other income

1001 -Interest received	2,300			2,300	41
1303 - Ovington Payments	1'170			1,170	1,432
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	1.740			1,740	1,715
1305 - Bighton Payments	1,814			1,814	1 742
Total	7,025			7,025	4,932
INCOME TOTAL	211,739	250	5634	217,625	203,919

EXPENDITURE

Costs of Generating Funds

1702 - Cost of fundraising, inc LL, HS, CR etc				552
1703 - Cost of Social Events	364		364	361
1705 - Cost of supporting regular giving	419		419	
2320 - Credit and debit card charges	23		23	45
Total	807		807	959

All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations

1709 - Monday Meet and Eat expenditure		90	90	
1801 -Annual Charitable Giving	6,641		6,641	6,329
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	1,136		1,136	762
Total	7,778	90	7,868	7,092

Church Activities

1900 - Parish Share	95,000		95,000	95,000
2001 - Assist staff salary/pension/honoraria (B	14,842		14,842	15,005
2002 - Organistlchoir/salaries/honoraria	2,000		2,000	2,630
2101 -Working expenses of Incumbent (B)	203		203	
2102- Working Expenses of Assistant Clergy {B)				60
2104 - Rectory/ Staff housing (8)	836		836	657
2105- Benefice Administration expenses	352		352	1,795
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	3,437		3,437	2,156
2301 - Church Insurance	3,215		3,215	3,108
2302 - Church Cleaning	15		15	379
2303- Church minor repairs	2,466	1,651	4,117	14,389
2303A - Church Clock Repairs 2021/22	4,669	3,015	7,685	5,293
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	6,583		6,583	4,536
2305 - Telephone	873		873	1,013
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	669		669	572
2307 - Provision of Services	1,952		1,952	857
2309 - Church Grounds	8,633		8,633	7,474
2310- Flowers	1,260		1,260	1,101
2311 - Sunday School, 2nd Sunday & Youth Group	371	109	480	111
2312 -Training/Course Fees BRILL				80
2313 - Subscriptions	493		493	931
2314 - Other support costs	3,637	100	3,737	3,024
2315- Administration	1,707		1,707	4,462
2316 - Bank Charges	95		95	95
2401 -Church Gas- TGP 47209	4,726		4,726	2,127
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	747		747	493
2403- Church Running - Depreciation				4,101
2502 - Magazine Printing	6,367		6,367	6,427
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	167		167	1,262
2504- JPH- Insurance	1,071		1,071	1,035
2505 - JPH- Electricity	1,494		1,494	987

2506- JPH- Gas- TGP 38695	871			871	444
2507- JPH- Water	169			169	157
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	5,294			5,294	11'701
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	2,165			2,165	2.250
2510- JPH- Consumables	786			786	305
2601 -Audit Fees	540			540	450
Total	177,719	109	4,766	182,595	196,481
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	186,304	109	4,857	191,271	204,533
GRAND TOTAL	25,435	141	777	26,354	{614}

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a} Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds- general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds- funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d) Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.
VAT reclaim grants are recognised when received.
Other Grants and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from investments
Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All other income
All other income is recognised when it is received.

e) Resources used
Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded when the award creates a legal obligation on the PCC.

Church activities
The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty *tor* disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

Depreciation
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10-33% straight line

The sound system installed in 2017 has been capitalised and is being depreciated over 5 years at 20% per annum straight line.

Net book value 1.1.21	£4,102
Less depreciation in 2021	£4,102
Net book value 31.12.21	£NIL

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments would be stated at market *value* at the balance sheet date.

g) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

h) Cash and Deposits

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Disclosures

Employees: The average number of employees during the year 2022 was 1.

Pension Provision. The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund {CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a Defined Benefits Scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the employer's contributions payable

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £2.5m {notification on 1 March that this figure should be £5.5m) on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiner's Fee: The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is £450.

3. PCC Funds

The PCC's policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

4. Financial Policies and Protocols

In April2021 the Standing Committee {SC) reviewed internal financial practices and approved:

a) Payments

Cheques issued are signed by two signatories from a panel consisting of the Churchwardens, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Cheques are seldom used now.

Online BACS payments are made by the Treasurer and monitored by the Assistant Treasurer. Payments are scheduled and countersigned by a Churchwarden and the Treasurer at regular intervals. Direct debit payments are approved when the supply or service starts.

An Expenditure Approval Register is maintained in which all non-pay or charitable giving payments over £1000 are recorded and presented to the SC annually for approval. The register gives details of the supplier, amount, purpose and what prior approval has been given.

Expense reimbursement claims should be submitted to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with written receipts, and confirming that any appropriate authorisation has been obtained. Clergy should complete and submit an expense claim form along with receipts and mileage details.

b) Delegated Authority for Spending

Generally - up to £250. Church Officers can spend on routine items within their area of responsibility up to £250, without the need to seek prior approval. The Treasurer will monitor these payments and spending patterns for reasonableness, raising concerns if necessary. If possible more than one quotation should be sought for non-routine expenditure.

From £250 to £500. Items expected to exceed £250, up to £500, should be approved in advance by the Clergy (Mission) or Churchwardens (other matters), with the Treasurer advised when approval given. Unusual items should be approved in consultation with the Treasurer.

Over £500. Items exceeding £500 should always be approved in advance by the SC. In an emergency, SC members should be consulted, if possible, before action taken and expenditure incurred.

Substantial expenditure of an unusual nature, such as extensive repairs or improvements, should be approved in advance by the PCC on recommendation from the SC with estimated costs.

c) Specific Approvals

The **Fees Bank Account** is managed by the Benefice Administrator and monitored by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. The monthly return of statutory fees to the diocese and the corresponding payment is approved before submission by the Treasurer and a Churchwarden.

Flower Fund Bank Account for Church flowers is managed by authorised individuals from the Flowers team and is monitored by the Treasurer.

Fabric Maintenance Work is overseen by the Fabric Manager, who is authorised to obtain quotations for projects up to £500 for approval by the SC. Projects over £500 need a report outlining the proposed work for prior approval.

d) Management of Income

Cash received should always be counted by two people together as a matter of best practice in order to protect them from challenge. The Independent Examiner regularly stresses the importance of this in his report on the Annual Accounts. This should apply to Church collections, donations box, fund-raising, social events and all other activities where the money accrues to the Church.

Income received must be accounted for gross (without deduction of any expenses incurred raising the income) and expenses claimed for subsequent reimbursement by the Treasurer.

Investment of Surplus Funds. The SC and PCC should adopt a policy for the investment of funds judged surplus to current requirements. This should have regard to the length of time the money is unlikely to be required and the risk of loss on the chosen investments.

e) Annual Charitable Giving

The amount and allocation of annual charitable giving is considered and approved by the PCC each year, usually in November, following the receipt of appropriate information and recommendations from the Treasurer.

In addition to this, decisions may be made by the clergy and churchwardens throughout the year, consulting with SC where it is considered appropriate, to allocate collections for particular services to specific charities or other appropriate causes.

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This 2022 Annual Report and the accompanying Financial Statements were adopted by the PCC meeting on Tuesday March 14th 2023.

Signed..... Dated..14/3/23.....

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St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

2021 Annual Report and

Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held in St. John's Church
at 8pm
on Tuesday 26th April 2022

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW ALRESFORD

The church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford, serves as a witness to the Glory of God in the community by:-

celebrating the life of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

through worship, prayer and service

caring about one another in Christ

through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting, healing, and the recognition of personal gifts

cultivating personal growth in Christ

through prayer, bible study, preaching and the Sacraments

communicating Christ to our community and to the wider world

through example, teaching, support and co-operation

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday April 26th 2022
In the Church, at 8pm

This report is sent out as early as possible firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask, further to the report.

At this meeting, we shall be electing, or re-electing, two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2023.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide-ranging decisions on church life at St. John's.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England as an organisation that shares Christ's concern for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure you believe they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of its work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral roll and the wider community.

David Carr

PCC Secretary

We hope you will be able to attend the annual meeting.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St. John the Baptist in the Benefice of The Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St. John the Baptist Church, West St., Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No.1127318

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Rector **The Rev'd Heather Brearey (from 19/11/21)**
Benefice Curate **The Rev'd Tasha Anderson (until 16/03/21)**

Wardens Jane Parsons; Rosie Waring-Green (both from 27/4/21)
Jackie Connell (until 27/4/21)

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Barbara Griffiths
Sue Clarke
Rosie Waring-Green
Miranda Pinch

(All immediately above elected October 2020)

Elected members:

Pearl Page
Greville Dawson
Rex Corfield
Maureen Skayman
Charlotte Ryton
Janet Pooley
Noelle Nutman (from 27/4/21)
Colin Scott-Morton (from 27/4/21)
James Lees (until 27/4/21)

Co-opted members: David Carr (Secretary)
Alistair Beecher (Treasurer) until 27/4/21
Jonathan Whale (Treasurer) from 27/4/21
Ian Waring-Green (from 27/4/21)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church--Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints a number of groups and committees that meet regularly during the course of the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities for issues including

such activities as Ministry, Worship, World (Outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance. Representatives are also elected to Churches Together in Alresford.

The number on the Electoral Roll as reported by the Electoral Roll Officer at the Annual Meeting on the 27th April 2021 was 217, (2020-221). The average number of usual Sunday service attendees was 61, plus a large number of attendees online.

In 2021 the PCC met formally seven times (including a Section 11 meeting). During the course of the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the individual reports that follow. The Standing Committee met formally six times in the year and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary in running St. John's. Our Curate, Revd. Tasha Anderson, resigned in March to take up a new post in Milford on Sea. We were very pleased to welcome our new Rector, Heather Brearey, collated in post in November.

St. Johns, in common with all other churches, was impacted greatly by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021. Every one of our normal activities was adversely affected, and we had been unable to progress with many of the plans and initiatives which we had hoped to undertake. The life of the church had reduced to almost the bare minimum of keeping some form of service pattern in being, and maintaining access for private prayer. Thankfully, these restrictions were lifted and we have been able to return to almost normal conditions. However, we continued to face the prospect of further restrictions. In parallel this involved an extremely large amount of time and effort, by many people, in keeping in touch with parishioners and trying to offer help and assistance where required. Services, meetings, planning and many other arrangements have had to be carried out on-line, using especially the Zoom facility and on-line broadcasting. A large number of people have stepped forward to offer their time and resources in these matters, and we are extremely grateful for all their efforts.

The PCC has complied with the duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016; the UK General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018; and the regulations regarding photography and filming in Church.

As in previous years, the PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities, and also raised and donated other one-off amounts.

The PCC has been concerned for some time with the need for increased stewardship income, as reflected in the Treasurer's reporting, and we continue to search for a suitable individual, team and means to manage and expand this activity.

St. John's is a fully participating member of Churches Together in Alresford.

The PCC would like to thank the Licensed Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

David Carr

PCC Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 8pm in the Church, and via live broadcast

Present: 33 parishioners and a large number via broadcast.
Apologies: Received from two people

Jane Parsons welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers based on Ephesians.

CHAIR: As we had no clergy available, the PCC Secretary, David Carr, had again been asked to act as Temporary Chair of the meeting and this was agreed unanimously.

Election of Churchwardens
David reported that Jackie Connell was standing down following seven years in post. Jane Parsons and Rosie Waring-Green had been duly proposed and seconded for election, and there were no further nominations. They were duly elected, welcomed with applause and thanked, with Jackie, for their work over the year.

Approval of Minutes of the 2020 APCM
The Minutes had been circulated, with the Annual Report, prior to the meeting. The Minutes were duly approved and signed as a true record, with no matters arising or comments.

Election of PCC Members
David reported that James Lees was standing down from membership. Noelle Nutman and Colin Scott-Morton had been duly proposed and seconded, with no further nominations. They were elected unanimously and welcomed with applause.

Electoral Roll
Greville Dawson reported that there were 217 parishioners on the Roll, compared with 221 the previous year. He thanked the previous Electoral Roll Officer, David Griffiths, for the help and advice received following David's thirty five years of service. Greville was now standing down and Janet Pooley was taking over, who was welcomed with applause.

Annual PCC Report
David reported that this had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 9 2021. There were no questions or comments, and the Report was accepted by the meeting.

Financial Report and Annual Accounts y/e December 31 2020
David reported that these had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 9 2021. The outgoing Treasurer, Alistair Beecher, gave a short presentation on the accounts, emphasizing that even though we were in surplus thanks to legacies and generous responses to appeals, there was a continuing need for increased regular income. We had donated £8k of our £52k discretionary income to our supported charities. Alistair thanked all those in the Finance team for their work and support over the year, and introduced Jon Whale who was now taking over as Treasurer, and Dennis Bignell as Assistant Treasurer. There were no questions or comments, and the financial records were accepted by the meeting.

Terrier and Inventory Report
Jane and Jackie reported that the Terrier was complete and the acceptance certificate would be signed and completed. The only changes from last year were that two altar cloths and one office computer had been added.

Deanery Synod Report

David said that Barbara Griffiths' report on proceedings was included in the Annual Report. There were no comments or questions.

AOB

(1) Jane summarized the Churchwardens' Report contained in the Annual Report: services continued through three lockdowns, farewells to Julia and Tasha, and another interregnum. Outreach and many activities were maintained including "Joy from St. John's", and the Nativity hunt. Worship together under continuing restrictions had been a challenge, and she thanked the LLMs and Graham Trasler for all their efforts. The recruitment process for a new Rector was underway. A new web site was being developed, and a Stewardship team was hoped to be formed.

(2) Jackie highlighted several events over her seven years' service, including Phil's farewell, Julia's licencing, and the sad loss of Roger Page. She expressed her hopes for the future of St. John's and thanked everyone for their help and support. She handed over her Churchwarden's Staff to Rosie, who was again welcomed.

(3) Two presentations of gifts were then made, to Jackie and Alistair for their service, and thanks and appreciation were again extended.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm with closing prayers by Jackie, and the Grace.

RECTOR'S REPORT

It is not possible for me to look back over the whole of the past year in the Arle Valley Benefice, because I only arrived here at the end of November 2021.
However, I can give thanks to God for his provision for the Benefice during the vacancy, for wonderful Church wardens and PCC members across the Benefice. Heartfelt thanks go to all who volunteer in whatever capacity for the Benefice. So many people work tirelessly in and for all of our churches, and within our communities in such a breadth of ways all to keep our churches open and running smoothly and to further God's Kingdom in this place.
It is important to acknowledge that this has been a difficult year, not only for our country with the continuing pandemic but also in our church communities where difficulties have been faced, relationships have been tested and uncertainty has been prevalent.
We have much to be thankful for, we have church buildings that are in pretty good order and maintenance has been able to continue (thanks to all those who have assisted with this). We have a large body of not only willing but extremely able volunteers. We have teams in place for all aspects of our church life.
Financially we are in reasonably good positions, certainly better that many other churches across the diocese and indeed across the country.
I know that there have been many outreach events through the year that I cannot comment on, other than to say that I know they have been successful.
I can comment on the events that I have experienced. The Gift from St Johns evening and daytime event was wonderful, a welcome gift for the community, with a really good number of people attending and enjoying the event. We can never know the affect these events have on people as they explore their faith, we can only trust in God to guide us and them by His Holy Spirit.
As a Benefice we are now officially trail blazers having commissioned 2 focal ministers Ian at Bighton and Sue at Old Alresford in December, the first focal ministers for the Diocese. We look forward to their ministry in the Benefice.
Our Christmas services and events across the Benefice were affected again this year by the Covid pandemic, with many people still fearful staying at home and as a church we have had an added responsibility of keeping people safe.
The vast majority of our events were able to go ahead, and I attended almost all of them! The Carols by car light at Bighton, Carol services at Old Alresford, Ovington and Churches Together at St Johns, were all particularly wonderful.
Our ecumenical relations are strong and will continue to be important.
Our crib services, midnight mass's and Christmas morning services were all such joyful occasions and showed our communities that Church is not a hobby, or leisure activity that should stop in the pandemic. Our church services are worship to our loving God and a necessity in the lives of all Christians.
As we move forward we have work to do, the Bishops report needs to be addressed and our first challenge will be to implement a new service rota for the Benefice after seeking the views of our communities.
With my arrival we will of course enter a period of some change, but with consultation, listening and prayer at the forefront of all that we do.
I believe that we have much to look forward to, that God has a plan for us, and we just need to ensure that we follow His plan and not our own interests.
My hope is that we will now enter a time of stability. Having been appointed as your Rector I want to assure you of my intention to be with you for a long time. May we move forward together with love and unity. Nothing is taken for granted and nothing will be achieved without God's help and blessing. As psalm 18 says, 'You are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector, the rock where I am safe, my shield, my powerful weapon and my place of shelter.' In His hands we proceed.

Blessings

Revd. Heather Brearey

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The New Year started with the resumption of the national lockdown after the Christmas easing of restrictions, and once again the people of St John's were able to show their marvellous flexibility. We variously worshipped via live-streamed services and mid-week reflections, and then in church in person by 'pre-booking', at times taking numbered seats redolent of a theatre visit! We were fortunate, in constantly changing conditions to be able to continue to worship together, being blessed to have Graham Trasler providing the continuity of our weekday communion services, and our dedicated LLMs who provided online midweek reflections when we were not meeting in person. Early in the year we were thankful to still have Tasha's ministry, and we said a reluctant farewell to her in March, after our Mothering Sunday, as she left to take up her appointment as Vicar of Milford-on-Sea and Everton.

As we moved steadily through the lockdown in the early part of the year, it was encouraging to hear from Bishop David that the selection of a new minister for the Benefice would be fast tracked. A Bishop's Review of the Benefice had been undertaken involving gathering the views, honestly expressed, of a diverse section of the congregation and this review was referred to by a focus group as they worked to produce a new Parish Profile against a very tight deadline. We were delighted when, in June the Revd Heather Brearey accepted Bishop Debbie's invitation to be our new Rector. We waited patiently meanwhile as the interregnum continued and Sunday services continued with the help of our much-valued LLMs and two regular visiting priests. We were extremely appreciative of Bishop David who presided at all our Easter services, including 3 services on Easter Sunday. Bishop David proved a good friend to St John's and the Arle Valley Benefice during the interregnum.

Covid was not going to stop us reaching out into the wider community however. In February our Haven of Hope, outside the North Door with the life size silhouettes of 'Freda and Fred' (you may have given them different names) becoming familiar to everyone, as they reflected a common desire for connection in socially distanced times. The national anniversary day to remember the beginning of the first lockdown was marked by an opportunity to meet, talk to and encourage members of the public through an outdoor area next to the Haven of Hope.

In October, against all odds Apple Day went ahead. Despite torrential rain, the event proved to be a huge success, with many hardy visitors bringing a great atmosphere, and making the efforts of the hardworking organising team well worthwhile. This year's Light Party was well attended by families engaging in creative activities on the theme of light in the JPH, followed by a torch-light treasure hunt in the church to develop the theme of Light.

The crafters in our congregation contributed hugely to the town's impressive poppy blanket displays and St John's church building provided a fitting backdrop for remembrance. As the Christmas season began, our outreach in the form of the Christingle service was only possible via live-streaming, but we were so pleased to see that over 80 Christingle packs, which were made available, were taken in advance of the service, and that many people viewed the service online.

The Crib service, always immensely popular, presented a problem only in terms of safe distancing, thus we decided on two identical services, back-to-back. This solution worked well, though numbers were understandably down on previous years, with both congregations thoroughly involved in the wonders of the Christmas story. Last year at Christmas we had taken the generosity of the congregation OUT to the homes and businesses of Alresford in the form of Joy from St John's. This year we invited them INTO St Johns. Through everyone's generosity we were able to offer A Gift in St John's – a hospitable atmosphere in which to do Christmas crafts and enjoy mulled wine, hot chocolate and seasonal good food. The nave, dressed with low lights, looked cosy and inviting, the helpers from St John's were warm and welcoming, and the whole event was rated a great success by both visitors and hosts.

Early thoughts of Christmas arrangements were, however, secondary to planning the Collation service of our new Rector. We truly appreciate all that Penny does, and at no time more than in the run up to this service. At last, and with much pleasure we welcomed Heather on 19th November in a warm and joyous service. Heather had to 'hit the ground running' as Christmas approached, and we have been really blessed already by her presence.

The family of St John's continues to weather the storm of Covid with love and good humour, and we can only thank the very many people who give their time and talents in so many ways. Whatever Covid brings, masked or unmasked, we feel immensely optimistic about the future of our Christian life here. Jane and Rosie

ALRESFORD DEANERY SYNOD

Alresford Deanery consists of representatives from the twenty-six churches which make up the Benefices of the Arle Valley, Bishop's Sutton, Ropley and West Tisted, Farleigh, Candover and Wield, the Itchen Valley and the Upper Itchen.
During the past year we have had three synod meetings. Sadly, we had to conclude our link with the Diocese of Lango, Uganda because the Winchester Diocese has decided to link a deanery in the Northern Archdeaconry with a deanery in the Southern Archdeaconry and together, they would be linked to an overseas diocese. The Alresford Deanery would, together with the Lyndhurst Deanery, be linked to the Rwanda Diocese. This arrangement has not yet been put into practice. As a final contribution £1050 was sent to Lango to help complete the Youth Training Scheme and an email was sent by Stephen Mourant and Barbara Griffiths to the Bishop of Lango concluding the link.
Sue Armstrong and Ian Waring Green were commissioned by Bp David as focal ministers at Old Alresford and Bighton respectively. There was a Deanery Annual Thanksgiving service with Rev Andrew Micklefield, Chair of the House of Clergy in the Diocesan Synod, as preacher. There was a Deanery Farm Service held at Manor Farm, Bishop Sutton. It was decided to hold these services six times a year with each benefice leading and choosing a farm location.
We had to say goodbye to Rev Stephen Mourant and Rev Alex Pease who were retiring and to Rev Tasha Anderson who was taking up a post in Milford on Sea and Everton. Stephen's successor would be reduced to a House for Duty post. We welcomed to the Itchen Valley Rev Dr Peter Walker and to the Arle Valley Benefice Rev Heather Brearey. Barbara Griffiths.

ALRESFORD LADIES GROUP

After an absence of 18 months due to the pandemic, Alresford Ladies Group committee decided to hold a social meeting in September, which was well attended by members, with delicious cakes made and provided by the committee.
Hart Wildlife Trust gave us a very interesting talk in October about their work in Hampshire, where much of the wildlife they rescue is injured or lost, amongst the many reasons climate change has played a large part in interfering with their eco systems, and the Trust's marvellous work can only continue with charitable support from generous donations.
We were able to hold our Annual AGM in November after so long and our first Christmas luncheon since 2019 in December, which was enjoyed by all the members.
I would like to say at this point a big thank you to all my colleagues on the committee for working hard to get Alresford Ladies Group up and running again in September, and also to all our members for coming back and supporting us again. Hopefully all of us as a group can now make Alresford Ladies Group go from strength to strength in 2022 and beyond. Beverly Terrill (Chairman)

CATERING TEAM

We have had another interesting year as a Catering Team…. As we have catered as much as we have been able.

We managed a successful Harvest Supper in 2021, and it was so lovely to see the church community together again, sitting down and enjoying each other's company.
We also enjoyed being able to serve nibbles for Heather's induction… albeit behind masks!

As a team we continue to serve the Church and its community and are also very grateful to those who are always willing to roll up their sleeves and help with the washing up… as well as those who provide raffle prizes and delicious puddings for us all to enjoy.

We would always welcome new faces to our Catering Team so please contact me if you would like to join us.

Our yearly commitments include the Frugal lent lunch, The Harvest Supper and Mulled wine and mince pies at the Carol Service……all of which are usually well attended, and we look forward to 2022 and looking after your catering needs.

I cannot thank everyone in the team enough for their support and commitment to the Catering events … we really are a great team! Pippa Sherry

CHURCH CLEANING

On behalf of all the congregation I would like to thank the stalwarts who clean the Church week in / week out. Without their diligence, our lovely Church would not look as good as it usually does. If anyone, male or female, would like to offer to cover short term cleaning, when the regulars have a well earned break, please contact me. It only takes 1/2 hour a week / fortnightly / monthly to clean a section of the Church. Hefin Tudor.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALRESFORD

Not surprisingly 2021 was a quiet year for Churches Together in Alresford but after much enforced / advised inactivity a more active 2022 is optimistically hoped for. The committee stayed in touch with each other remotely through the first part of the year arranging our Annual Meeting and a service of ecumenical worship at St John's on 25th July. This incorporated a picnic moved indoors because of uncertain weather outside and after so many difficult months it was wonderful to be together … and to be able to sing!

At the Annual meeting the Chair of CTIA passed from Gary Carter of Alresford Methodist Church to James Pinniger of St John's. All connected with CTIA are very grateful to Gary for "steering the ship so well in difficult waters" and in particular in having extended his term of office to three years, instead of the customary two.

CTIA was again pleased to support Rotary Wessex's Christmas shoebox scheme although, quite possibly for Covid related reasons, support for the CTIA packing party in early November was poor. It is recognised that it is increasingly challenging to source shoeboxes of the mandatory size and it may well be that this year boxes will be supplied. Although publicity is normally launched in September the relevant information should be available from May so don't hesitate to contact me or any CTIA representative if you wish to make an early start this year!

Although we had hoped to sing carols in the town centre on 18th December we decided on balance that would be unwise, possibly adding to the congestion outside Wessex Pharmacy, but we were able to hold an uplifting Christmas community carol service at St John's ("the Best Gift Ever") the following day. Many thanks to Rosie Waring-Green for masterminding the planning and hopefully that was the first of many CTIA occasions involving the participation of both Revd. Heather Brearey and Fr. Mark Hogan.

We were greatly saddened by the death of Carol Beetham in November. For the last three decades Carol was a cornerstone of St Mary's and a great supporter of Churches Together in Alresford. When the CTIA covenant was renewed in January 2019 it was signed on behalf of the Arle Valley Benefice and we look forward to furthering the involvement of all four Anglican churches.

Currently St John's CTIA representatives are James Pinniger, Jackie Connell and Sarah Wilding. Please let us know if you'd like to be involved in helping develop the ecumenical life in and around Alresford!

James Pinniger

COFFEE CAKE and CHAT

Following the imposed restrictions, we began meeting again July 2021. We now have more people attending than before the pandemic began! It is a great joy to see people enjoying each other's company and catching up on news. We provide table service, which makes for a very safe environment, with ventilation and servers wearing masks. We continue to support the Winchester Hospice and will do so throughout 2022. Thanks must be given to Erica Cook, Pearl Page and Elizabeth Johnson for providing delicious cakes [Erica makes a wonderful gluten free Victoria sandwich] and to the Chef at Wayfarers Place who provides the cheese

scones along with chutney! Please come and join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month 10-11.30 for Coffee/Tea, good Chat and delicious Cake! Angela Peel.

CREATION CARE

The role of the Creation Care team is threefold:-

- To help the church to reduce its carbon footprint, limiting the damage that it is doing to God's Creation. This is driven by Eco Church, a project of A Rocha UK – a charity committed to mobilising Christians to care for nature.
- To encourage and inform the congregation about the impact of our lifestyles collectively and individually on the world.
- To help the church ensure that it is seen by the wider community to be doing something positive about climate change.

Eco Church encourages five areas of church activities.

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

In May, St John's qualified for the Eco Church Bronze award. I hope you have seen the posters and the plaque on the west door of the church. We will now be working for the Eco Church silver award, and in due course, the Gold Award.

The church has proved that it includes God's creation in worship such as on Climate Change Sunday and will continue to do this whenever possible. St John's is trying to reduce energy usage and waste in our church buildings as well as working to improve the biodiversity of the churchyard.

Our efforts as a church community are helping the Church of England to achieve the goal of becoming Net Zero by 2030.

In the past year, many articles have been written in the Arle Valley Voice and the weekly notices with suggestions on what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint. In September, the team carried out a Green tips email survey, asking what we are all doing to be green. As a result, three follow-up articles have been published with suggestions that we can all adopt.

The Creation Care Team have been working to improve the biodiversity of the churchyard. We have cleared a section of the wild area with the intention of starting small and extending it as it gets more established. A couple of us visited St Mary's Church, Kings Worthy to see a part of their churchyard that they have been managing for the last seven years. The area has been cut twice a year and paths cut through. Without sowing any seeds, it has developed into a beautiful wildflower meadow with over 50 species of wildflower and lots of wildlife. We would like to have a similar area in the wild section of our churchyard. An area has also been cleared by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Amphibian and Reptile Group (HIWARG) to help encourage reptiles. For many years there have been some sheets of corrugated iron put down to encourage and protect slow worms as they enjoy the warm summer weather.

Recently it has become more apparent that the churchyard is important to many people in the wider Alresford community. An Alresford resident has been seen in the churchyard laden with bird food and commented that they knew all the squirrels by name and enjoyed the bird life there.

Another group of St John's people, Eco Explorers, has been set up to help promote the issue of Climate change. The Creation Care Team and Eco Explorers look forward to working closely together.

Obviously there is much more work to do but we feel encouraged by the support we have had so far and are looking forward to doing more to help care for God's creation. Rex Corfield.

FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE

Someone told me that they hired a person to fix some things around the house. On arriving home at the end of the day he checked the work. “Oi”, he said, “you only did the first, third and fifth jobs on my list! What’s going on?” Turns out the person he hired only did odd jobs….

That's the way it seems at times. Some of the projects we implemented in 2021 at St John's were significant but necessary, needing a good deal of time, patience, co-ordination, the involvement of several people and *loads* of emails. Others have been really simple, like fixing a collapsed shelf in a kitchen cupboard, getting a leaking pipe replaced or fixing something at the last minute.

We are, however, looking after God's house, so all these things are important. It's just like Canon Mark Collinson said in his sermon on 3rd October, when he asked, "How much money did we spend on the building last year?" Of course, we spent very little in 2020 (but see the Financial Statements elsewhere in this document for 2021). Canon Mark observed that, "We must be dedicated to the building mustn't we? - we're still meeting here!" This was a sign, he said, of our commitment. We have to keep it serviceable, change things when required, comply with regulations and so on.

It is precisely in this vein that in 2021 funds were committed to items such as improving the nave lighting, which is now more reliable, consistent and energy efficient; redecorating the John Pearson Hall itself and improving the lighting generally; redecorating the vestry and office and improving the working space for our Benefice Administrator; replacing obsolete consumer panels (the modern version of a fuse board); carrying out statutory and necessary inspections and servicing activities; improving the integrity of the secure connection to the Fire Service in the event of an incident in any of our buildings and so on. Many will have noted the changes that are visible but much has gone on "behind the scenes".

Thank you to our congregations and visitors for their forbearance as in these difficult times it has still been possible to keep the building in the state it deserves.

Perhaps most visible project we undertook was restoration of the clock face. For this a Faculty from the Diocese was granted in late August. Sadly, weather did not permit completion of the work, which is scheduled to be finished during the late spring/early summer of 2022. Huge thanks are due to The Friends of St. John's for providing all the funds to pay for the work.

Improvements to the condition and appearance of the main church entrance porch were started during 2021. When completed we will have new flooring which has already been paid for by a very generous donation (as has the recently replaced tower spotlight) and a much brighter welcome for all those who enter our church.

Many individuals have been involved in supporting these activities. For example: David Griffiths, our "Faculty Focal Point"; Penny, our Benefice Administrator who keeps an eye on what's happening and makes diary arrangements; Tony Stirling, who diligently cares for the clock; members of the St. John's finance team, especially Dennis Bignell; the Diocesan Architect, Louise Bainbridge, who is always happy to give advice and support and the contractors who carry out the work, many of whom it can be said, "now we've got 'em, let's keep 'em!"

Of course "Fabric" relates also to the churchyard. Thanks are due once again to Kathryn and Roger Lockyer who are tireless in their efforts to map who is where in graves and ashes plots. We also thank Chris Lillywhite for his stewardship and hope that we can find an equally capable individual to carry on with the work he did. We must include as well all those wonderful helpers who turned out in late October to do the churchyard cleanup and the church autumn clean. This was so successful and enjoyable (due in no small part to Pearl Page, Maureen Skayman and Margaret Stewart, who provided well received butties and biscuits!) that the activity will be repeated at each clock change! Finally, the Church Wardens and the PCC must be thanked for their dutiful consideration of what was proposed and their support for the programme of activities. Greville Dawson.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

From Easter 2021 the Chancel pedestal has been done and sponsored each week. We have yet to resume, on a regular basis, doing flowers in the Lady Chapel. As yet there is not a list for sponsorship at the back of church, it has been easier to keep track of weekly sponsors by email or telephone requests. This will continue for the time being. As usual extra flowers have been done for the festivals and a Christmas tree in the porch. Thanks go to the ladies on the rotas and to all the sponsors. Diana Robbins

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Some of our documentation was streamlined so that it is easier to use:

The St John's Health and Safety Policy statement was aligned with that of All Saints, Bighton, in that it is now presented in template form provided by our insurers. It is supplemented by a more comprehensive description of our Policy, that also defines roles and responsibilities.

The Register of Risk Assessments (of which there are 32) was amended so that it briefly describes the content of each assessment, with those responsible for monitoring being identified. A note on guidance and risk was developed for protecting the public because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Apple Day risk assessment was reviewed in light of pandemic precautions, as were those assessments for occasions such as concerts and the Heritage Open Day. A risk assessment produced by the contractor engaged to replace high-level lighting satisfied St John's safety requirements, as did the erection of scaffolding for access to the clock face.
There were no reportable accidents. However, following a scalding accident with boiling water from the hot water boiler in the kitchen, a device was fitted to the tap that will prevent flow if the vessel is removed from beneath the tap. New First Aid boxes were permanently installed in the nave, John Pearson Hall and the kitchen. The smoke/fire alarm detection system was modified so that spurious events were eliminated. The physical call line set-up (a free-hanging cable running from the John Pearson Hall to the BT junction box) was removed, being replaced by a more secure mobile network-based system. Following observations made during the churchyard clean-up in October, a handrail was installed adjacent to the steps on the banking near external kitchen door. Charlotte Ryton agreed to take on the role of First Aid Coordinator and Pippa Sherry is now our Food Hygiene Officer.
Thanks are due to all of those who have participated in providing a safe environment, especially to Hefin Tudor, who stepped down as Hygiene Officer and Peter Tudor, as Fire Officer. Greville Dawson.

(Benefice) PARISH MAGAZINE—The Arle Valley Voice

The Arle Valley Voice recently celebrated its two year anniversary after its debut in November 2019. The only significant changes have been the inclusion of a colour double-page centre spread in every issue with the occasional four-page colour insert. The magazine is still running a healthy profit despite a recent drop in the number of advertisers for 2022.
There have been a few changes to the magazine team during 2021. After taking over the Subscriptions in 2020, Karen Beecher retired from the role at the end of 2021. Caroline Hawkins has now taken over the role. St. John's assistant treasurer, Dennis Bignell, is currently in charge of the advertisements but plans to retire in April 2022. Kathryn Lockyer and the bereavement team have offered their help with coordinating the eulogies for the 'People Matter' pages. Penny Forbes.

PASTORAL VISITORS

It has now been two years since we were able to make visits in the way we had always known. As with so much of life, we have needed to adapt our way of visiting because of the pandemic. We have frequently used the telephone to make contact with people, and this was especially the case in the first part of the year. Some visits have taken place outside while others have been happy to invite a visitor into their home.

There are currently 15 visitors. The bereavement team continues to support those who have recently lost a loved one. They also plan and organise the annual service of 'Comfort and Hope'. Sue Clark has recently started ' Looking Forward', a group for ladies who have been recently widowed. The hospital team has been unable to visit patients but have kept a close watch on hospital admissions from the community.

The team has met together several times throughout the year for prayer, meditation and discussion. Initially the meetings were on Zoom but more recently in the church hall. We are always happy to visit a new person especially at a time when the pandemic has left many feeling isolated, anxious and lonely. Finally, I should like to thank all the visors for their care, commitment and service as we reach out, from St John's, into the wider community. Jackie Connell

PRAYER MINISTRY

During this difficult year, the Prayer Team have continued to provide opportunities for prayer through online and phone prayer support as because of social-distancing, we are not able to pray regularly at the back of the church during the Sunday service.

We have been very encouraged this year by the many times we have been able to thank God for answered prayer and would encourage you to email or phone and share a request or a thank you.
As a group, we have not been able to carry on physically our monthly meetings but we have all stayed in touch and as you would expect there have been many more prayer requests than usual.
We regularly check the 'Say One For Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge privilege to be able to share these concerns, anxieties in prayer with the Lord.
It was also very special to be part of the Gift from St John's event as we chatted to the public as they enjoyed the craft activities, Café and writing either Ribbons of Thanks or Wishful 2022 Hearts. These activities gave us opportunities to become engaged in many deep and important conversations inside the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.

We also have a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone – 01962 733237 / 07891120662 – or email Rosie – rosie@22rwg.co.uk – for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray with you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God.

If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through. The commitment is usually one Sunday a month and a meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Rosie Waring Green.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the past two years social media has become more important than ever. It has the advantage of being free to use in its basic form and enables organisations and individuals to reach many people with information quickly and easily.

We continue (at the time of writing this) to record live services through the St John's Facebook page as well as using YouTube to store them so that they can be shared and viewed easily. Facebook, not just St John's own page, has been essential for advertising events and services as well as sharing information. The 'All Things New Alresford' page (residents only), the public 'All Things Alresford' page as well as 'New Alresford Parish Council', 'CTIA' and other relevant pages, depending on the content, have all proved invaluable and you will find that most shops, pubs, cafes and services, including the Alresford Surgery have their own pages. For the public pages such as the St John's page, it is not necessary to have your own Facebook account to view it. To see what is on the All Things New Alresford residents page you do need to join, but it is a mine of information and well worth using. New Leaf Alresford and Alresford Growers pages are great for ecological issues relating to the churchyard and our gardens. There is even an Alresford Rant page for those who want to have a moan!

When we use other pages to post information and events and those other pages repost our adverts and information they can reach a great many people. On Christmas Day we reached 415 from our page alone. We currently have 456 page likes for the St John's page and 550 page followers. A **'Like'** is a person who has chosen to attach their name to th**e Page** as a fan. A **'follower'** is a person who receives the updates that we post in their news feed.

It is important for people to know that it is not necessary to sign up to anything to view public pages on Facebook and YouTube. The St John's Facebook page can be accessed through the website or you can go directly to Facebook to view any page that is public. We have our own Benefice YouTube channel and such channels are free to set up by anyone and many people have their own for private, or public videos.

Many people remain suspicious of Facebook and YouTube as they can get bad press, but, like everything, they can be used for good or ill. When the printing press was first invented there were similar fears, followed by books, newspapers, the telephone, internet in general, etc. Do take a look. You might be pleasantly surprised! Miranda Pinch.

SOLOS

We resumed our Sunday afternoon meetings for tea and a chat, for those who would otherwise be on their own, in July after a nine month break because of Covid-19. The number of people attending was reduced at

first, but was rising at the end of the year to almost the previous number which was very encouraging. Marion Morley.

TABLETALK

Due to the pandemic this has been a fairly uneventful year for Tabletalk. We had some zoom meetings during lockdown and we have had a few enjoyable meetings in the JPH since the summer. We hope to resume when it feels safe to have a bring and share lunch, maybe after Easter. Sue, Jackie and Miranda.

TOWER REPORT

Another weird year, plans made, plans altered, plans cancelled. During the year St John's bells were chimed or rung full circle as Covid restrictions allowed. We did our best to keep in touch by carrying on with the Friday Zoom quizzes. When ringing was allowed we made sure the ringing room was well ventilated with fans, open windows, CO2 levels monitored, masks and distancing as required. Not very comfortable but essential .
Bells were rung for 2 weddings at St John's and 2 at St Mary's. Only 3 quarter peals were rung, far below our usual score. It was so special to be able to ring a quarter peal, half muffled immediately after the Remembrance Day service. The Tower Annual meeting was held in June. We all met up in the garden of Kent Cottage, enjoying a face to face get together with beer and snacks. For the second year running we were not able to have a Tower Lunch.
Hopefully the efforts put in at the Winchester Heritage Open Day, the Apple Day and other initiatives will bear fruit and we will be able to recruit and teach new ringers in 2022, keeping St John's bell pealing out over the town. Elizabeth Johnson, Tower Secretary.

WEB SITE

A decision was made jointly by the churchwardens and the PCC during the interregnum and before the Rector's advert in the Church Times, to update the St. John's website and move towards a more integrated Benefice site. After much research, we decided to use an integrated platform (including church administration, app support, communications and database functions as well as the new template) provided by a specialist Christian church support organisation called Hubb Church.

The new benefice website is comprehensive, bright, inviting and informative with the capability to easily adapt to future changes (especially now with Heather onboard). This flexibility was particularly important in addressing the Covid situation with easy to access online services and up-to-date comprehensive information for existing parishioners as well as interested newcomers. Penny Forbes.

WORLD TEAM

We were able to meet once last year in person, the rest of the time communications have been by email and Zoom. These are the projects we support:-

Ashray UK: the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Ibillin, Israel, sends newsletters from Abuna Elias Chacour keeping us in touch. The latest, Christmas 2021 is full of optimism and hope for the future after the disruption to education caused by the pandemic.

Church Mission Society: Our mission partner Lynn Treneary returned to Maridi**,** South Sudan last September 2021 as an English teacher, general assistant to the Bishop and a deacon at the cathedral. She reports there are many desperate problems from famine and floods to the civil war, but the people of Maridi remain faithful and she finds it a place of joy.

The Michael Project, Zimbabwe: they have continued to give the children in Shalom and the pre-schools their care, love and support during these difficult months of lockdown and home schooling. We continue to

pray that the problem with the government teachers' salaries as well as coronavirus will be resolved so that schools can re-open. The day to day running of the Project has now been taken over by Barbara and Simba Pfupajena with Helen and Dave Hobbs still involved, especially in fundraising.

In October 2021 there was a very successful coffee morning in the JPH which raised £935. They are very grateful to St John's for the interest and support they receive.

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: during lockdowns the children remained relatively safe on their campus in their rural setting. Residents were vaccinated and students were able to learn in person and online with the help of Kings School and with practical and financial donations. A chapel of Joy has recently been built as a place for quiet prayer. They are very grateful for the continuing support of our sponsorship.

Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu: the home (20 cottages) for elderly and destitute people damaged by leprosy is continuing with their building project, despite the challenges of Covid.

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Community and Outreach/St John's Outreach and there are regular articles in the Arle Valley Voice magazine. Sue Greenway.

YOUTH WORK

The first 4 months of the year started with the Second Sunday All Age services being recorded with no congregation but at least technology enabled the online presence of families who would otherwise have wanted to keep their social distance and this has been a real blessing to be able to keep in touch.
We are now thrilled to have families back again helping with the readings and prayers for the service.
During the Autumn as families began to return, there was a great turnout on Remembrance Sunday from the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Still no Summer Fun but at least the Autumn Fun Light party was able to go ahead and 27 youngsters had a wonderful time creating 'jam jar lanterns', lighthouses, stained glass windows along with apple catching, doughnuts on a string and many more activities. After food – always essential – there was a word treasure hunt trail in the beautifully illuminated church and ending with a fantastic dance version of the song 'Shine'!!

We ended the year with understandably much reduced numbers for the 2 Crib Services but we know they were greatly appreciated by the families who came along.
Let us pray that this time next year we will be able to report on increased and safe activities for children and young people

We will keep you informed about any help needed this year but we would really appreciate prayers for the way forward for the children and young people of St John's. Rosie Waring Green.

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

Year Ended 31 December 2021

Treasurer to 30 April 2021	Alistair Beecher 9 Rosebery Road Alresford Hampshire SO24 9HQ
Treasurer from 1 May 2021	Jon Whale 12 Buttermere Gardens Alresford Hampshire SO24 9NN
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Bank - Deposit Account:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd The CBF Church of England Funds 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ
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Registered Charity Number 1127318

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD

On accounts for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity no (if any) 1127318

Set out on pages 1 to 31 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed: **Date:** 8/3/22

Name: STEVEN ROY LYNES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): MAAT

Address: BEHEGAN LYNES, BANK CHAMBERS, BROOK STREET, BISHOPS WALTHAM, SO32 1AX

St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Treasurer: Jon Whale, 12 Buttermere Gardens, Alresford, SO24 9NN

Standing Committee Approval Certificate

We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes, all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ending 31 December 2021 and that the financial statements have our approval.

J S W Whale ..... 31/1/22 .....

Jonathan Whale, Treasurer — Date

..... 31st Jan 2022 .....

Heather Brearey, Rector — Date

..... 31st JAN 2022 .....

David Carr, PCC Secretary — Date

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

In common with many other churches our underlying finances in 2021 were again significantly affected by the impact of the pandemic. Many of our main sources of income were significantly reduced, including letting income, wedding fees, fundraising events and plate collections. However, this shortfall was substantially offset by a generous response from our congregation and the Friends ; and by a return in the second half of the year to more normal levels of church activities.

In broad terms, our funds have reduced by approximately £28 k during 2021; our regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme has reduced by approx. £5.9k ,but we have also received specific donations of £11.5k, so our congregation and the Friends remain incredibly generous. As previously reported, improvements and maintenance to the fabric of the building have totalled £24k . However, our financial position in 2021 has effectively been underwritten by the continued receipt of generous legacies and donations, especially the Diverall legacy share portfolio in 2020 that was realised in March 2021 and the £10k received from Norah Olwyn Davies in April 2021.

At 31 December 2021 our funds were £172k (£92k Unrestricted, £63k Designated, £17k Restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £31K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £17k in funds restricted for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.
The table below shows the trend of our unrestricted funds over the past 5 years:

Date	31/12/17	31/12/18	31/12/19	31/12/20	31/12/21
Unrestricted & Designated Funds (£k)	79	86	97	187	155

Despite the financial challenges of the past 2 years we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities. We contributed £95k (more than requested) to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund. Then we donated almost £7k to causes including the Winchester Youth Counselling, the Michael Project, CMS, Ashray, Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, and the congregation have continued to give generously to the Pannai Orphanage.

Administering a charity with £172k of assets is a team effort involving lots of people and I would like to thank all those who contribute to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; Lorraine Lillywhite who maintains our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Colin Scott-Morton who has kindly taken on the work of reclaiming the VAT on our building works; our Gift Aid Secretary David Griffiths and a large team of people who count and record our collections each week, and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes, for reviewing these financial statements. Finally, our thanks go to Dennis Bignell, our Assistant Treasurer who keeps everything running smoothly and has also taken on the administration of the magazine subscriptions. Dennis is stepping down in April 2022 and will be greatly missed.

Jonathan Whale
Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	160,267	15,190	—	175,457	196,911
Income from Investments	42	—	—	42	250
Other trading activities	3,307	—	—	3,307	1,885
Church Activities	20,223	—	—	20,223	21,993
Other income	4,890	—	—	4,890	3,092
Total income	**188,729**	**15,190**	—	**203,919**	**224,131**
Expenditure on:					
Costs of Generating Funds	959	—	—	959	944
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	3,872	3,220	—	7,092	7,932
Church Activities	191,412	5,070	—	196,482	151,460
Total expenditure	**196,243**	**8,290**	**—**	**204,533**	**160,336**
Net income / (expenditure) before transfer	**(7,514)**	**6,900**	**—**	**(614)**	**63,795**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,009	579	—	4,588	548
Gross transfers between funds - out	(597)	(3,991)	—	(4,588)	(548)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(27,631)	—	—	(27,631)	27,631
Net movement in funds	**(31,733)**	**3,488**	**—**	**(28,245)**	**91,426**
Total funds brought forward	**186,824**	**13,571**	**—**	**200,395**	**108,969**
Total funds carried forward	**155,091**	**17,059**	**—**	**172,150**	**200,395**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	92,170	—	—	92,170	123,604
Designated					
Church Repair Fund	25,000	—	—	25,000	25,000
Growing Younger	709	—	—	709	1,008
JPH Repair Fund	5,000	—	—	5,000	5,000
Reserve Fund	31,212	—	—	31,212	31,212
Youth Work	1,000	—	—	1,000	1,000
Restricted					
Bell Fund	—	7,893	—	7,893	7,653
C Brill Fund	—	3,725	—	3,725	3,828
Chatterbox	—	550	—	550	—
Restricted Donations	—	4,891	—	4,891	2,090

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
2701	Audio System	—	4,102
	Total Fixed assets	**—**	**4,102**
Current assets			
3001	NatWest Current Account	40,113	34,411
3002	NatWest Gift Aid Account	7	32
3003	NatWest Flower Account	146	293
3004	Lloyds Fees Account	1,775	1,653
3005	CCLA (CBF) Account	129,065	59,023
3009	Nationwide Account	—	—
3020	Legacy Investment Portfolio	—	99,885
Z05	Accounts Receivable	4,008	2,676
	Total Current assets	**175,114**	**197,973**
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	2,964	1,680
	Total Liabilities	**2,964**	**1,680**
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	**172,150**	**200,395**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(614)	63,795
Z01	Starting balances	172,764	108,969
Z03	Gains on investment assets	—	27,631
	Total Reserves	**172,150**	**200,395**
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	92,170	123,604
	Designated	62,921	63,220
	Restricted	17,059	13,571
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	**172,150**	**200,395**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Audio System -	(20,509)	—	20,509	—	—	4,102
Totals	**(20,509)**	**—**	**20,509**	**—**	**—**	**4,102**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
NatWest Current Account -	64,005	16,550	(40,442)	—	40,113	34,411
NatWest Gift Aid Account -	(11,827)	—	11,834	—	7	32
NatWest Flower Account -	146	—	—	—	146	293
Lloyds Fees Account -	1,775	—	—	—	1,775	1,653
CCLA (CBF) Account -	56,401	46,371	26,293	—	129,065	59,023
Totals	**110,500**	**62,921**	**(2,315)**	**—**	**171,106**	**95,412**
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	3,920	—	88	—	4,008	2,676
Totals	**3,920**	**—**	**88**	**—**	**4,008**	**2,676**
Current assets - Investments						
Legacy Investment Portfolio -	—	—	—	—	—	99,885
Totals	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**99,885**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	1,741	—	1,223	—	2,964	1,680
Totals	**1,741**	**—**	**1,223**	**—**	**2,964**	**1,680**
Grand total	**92,170**	**62,921**	**17,059**	**—**	**172,150**	**200,395**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Bells - Bell Fund						
Restricted	7,653	—	—	240	—	7,893
Sub-total for Bells	**7,653**	**—**	**—**	**240**	**—**	**7,893**
CBrill - C Brill Fund						
Restricted	3,828	—	103	—	—	3,725
Sub-total for CBrill	**3,828**	**—**	**103**	**—**	**—**	**3,725**
Chatterbox - Chatterbox						
Restricted	—	550	—	—	—	550
Sub-total for Chatterbox	**—**	**550**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**550**
ChurchRep - Church Repair Fund						
Designated	25,000	—	—	—	—	25,000
Sub-total for ChurchRep	**25,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**25,000**
Growing - Growing Younger						
Designated	1,008	—	316	17	—	709
Sub-total for Growing	**1,008**	**—**	**316**	**17**	**—**	**709**
JPHRepair - JPH Repair Fund						
Designated	5,000	—	—	—	—	5,000
Sub-total for JPHRepair	**5,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,000**
Pannai - Pannai Orphanage Don						
Restricted	—	3,081	3,220	139	—	—
Sub-total for Pannai	**—**	**3,081**	**3,220**	**139**	**—**	**—**
ResDons - Restricted Donations						
Restricted	2,090	11,559	4,968	(3,790)	—	4,891
Sub-total for ResDons	**2,090**	**11,559**	**4,968**	**(3,790)**	**—**	**4,891**
Reserve - Reserve Fund						
Designated	31,212	—	—	—	—	31,212
Sub-total for Reserve	**31,212**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**31,212**
Youth - Youth Work						
Designated	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for Youth	**1,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,000**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	123,604	188,729	223557	3,394	—	92,170
Sub-total for General	**123,604**	**188,729**	**223557**	**3,394**	**—**	**92,170**
Grand total	**200,395**	**203,919**	**232164**	**—**	**—**	**172,150**

Analysis of income

Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
0101 - Regular Giving SO GA	4,200	—	—	—	4,200	3,465
0102 - Regular Giving - envlps GA	853	—	—	—	853	760
0104 - CAF Vouchers	1,300	—	—	—	1,300	1,660
0105 - Regular Giving - PGS Drt GA	58,554	—	—	—	58,554	64,469
0201 - Regular Giving - SOs NGA	1,560	—	—	—	1,560	2,460
0202 - Regular Giving - envlps GA	150	—	—	—	150	5
0204 - Regular Giving - PGS Drt NGA	3,561	—	—	—	3,561	3,438
0301A - Sunday Collctns GASDS	3,472	—	—	—	3,472	1,938
0301B - Sunday Collctns non GASDS	—	—	—	—	—	210
0303 - Funeral Collections	5	—	—	—	5	284
0304 - Baptism Collections	1,196	—	—	—	1,196	94
0306 - One off Gift Aid envelopes	1,424	—	—	—	1,424	5,862
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	10	—	—	—	10	64
0307A - Donations by card reader GA	2,043	—	—	—	2,043	924
0402 - Church Donations Box	712	—	—	—	712	473
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	955	—	—	—	955	673
0500 - Other specific donations	508	—	11,359	—	11,867	3,247
0501 - One off dons outside services	2,128	—	500	—	2,628	1,156
0502 - Donations - Ringers / Others	240	—	—	—	240	61
0503 - Lango Donations	—	—	—	—	—	541
0504 - Pannai Donations	—	—	2,640	—	2,640	2,736
0506 - Lent Project	—	—	—	—	—	442
0601 - Gift Aid on unrestricted income	18,294	—	—	—	18,294	18,990
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income	331	—	691	—	1,022	881
0700 - Legacies received	52,746	—	—	—	52,746	73,273
0801 - Grants Recurrng - Unrstrd	35	—	—	—	35	35
0802 - Grants Non Recurrng - Unrstrd	2,152	—	—	—	2,152	3,663
0803 - VAT Recovered	3,838	—	—	—	3,838	—
0805 - Govmnt Grant - COVID-19	—	—	—	—	—	5,107
Total	160,267	—	15,190	—	175,457	196,911

Other trading activities

0902 - Other Fund raising activities	2,132	—	—	—	2,132	1,519
0903 - Social Events	846	—	—	—	846	60
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	329	—	—	—	329	306
1001 - Interest received	42	—	—	—	42	250
Total	3,349	—	—	—	3,349	2,135

Church Activities

1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	7,633	—	—	—	7,633	7,938
1201 - Sale of Books, Cards etc.	357	—	—	—	357	—
1202 - Income from use of Church	1,751	—	—	—	1,751	450
1203 - Income from use of JPH	1,498	—	—	—	1,498	1,451
1204 - Magazine Sales - Casual	262	—	—	—	262	177
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subs	3,191	—	—	—	3,191	2,992
1206 - Magazine Advertising	5,531	—	—	—	5,531	8,955
1207 - Printing	—	—	—	—	—	30
Total	20,223	—	—	—	20,223	21,993

Other income

1303 - Ovington Payments	1,432	—	—	—	1,432	926
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	1,715	—	—	—	1,715	1,096
1305 - Bighton Payments	1,743	—	—	—	1,743	1,070
Total	4,890	—	—	—	4,890	3,092
INCOME TOTAL	188,729	—	15,190	—	203,919	224,131

Analysis of expenditure

Costs of Generating Funds

1702 - Cost of fundraising	553	—	—	—	553	746
1703 - Cost of Social Events	361	—	—	—	361	108
1705 - Cost of supporting reg. giving	—	—	—	—	—	73
2320 - Credit and debit card charges	45	—	—	—	45	17
Total	959	—	—	—	959	944

All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations

1801 - Annual Charitable Giving	3,110	—	3,220	—	6,330	5,336
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	762	—	—	—	762	2,596
Total	3,872	—	3,220	—	7,092	7,932

Church Activities

1900 - Parish Share	95,000	—	—	—	95,000	99,489
2001 - Assist stff sal/pnsn/honra (B)	15,006	—	—	—	15,006	13,521
2002 - Organist/choir/sals/honoraria	2,630	—	—	—	2,630	1,180
2101 - Workng exps of Incumbent (B)	—	—	—	—	—	59
2102 - Working exps - asst Clergy (B)	61	—	—	—	61	831
2103 - Working exps -asst staff (B)	—	—	—	—	—	159
2104 - Parsonage / Staff housing (B)	657	—	—	—	657	622
2105 - Benefice Admin expenses	1,796	—	—	—	1,796	224
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	1,202	155	800	—	2,157	1,368
2301 - Church Insurance	3,108	—	—	—	3,108	3,082
2302 - Church Cleaning	380	—	—	—	380	190
2303 - Church minor repairs	14,389	—	—	—	14,389	25
2303A - Church Clock Reps 2021/22	5,024	—	270	—	5,294	—
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	4,536	—	—	—	4,536	1,857
2305 - Telephone	1,013	—	—	—	1,013	771
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	572	—	—	—	572	278
2307 - Provision of Services	857	—	—	—	857	717
2308 - Music/choir/robes	—	—	—	—	—	107
2309 - Church Grounds	7,425	—	50	—	7,475	4,689
2310 - Flowers	1,102	—	—	—	1,102	530
2311 - Sndy Sch/ 2nd Sunday costs	—	111	—	—	111	1,274
2312 - Training/Course Fees BRILL	—	—	80	—	80	10
2313 - Subscriptions	931	—	—	—	931	641
2314 - Other support costs	1,104	50	1,870	—	3,024	1,749
2315 - Administration	4,462	—	—	—	4,462	1,309
2316 - Bank Charges	95	—	—	—	95	156
2401 - Church Gas - TGP 47209	2,127	—	—	—	2,127	1,633
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	494	—	—	—	494	344
2403 - Church Running - Deprcn	4,102	—	—	—	4,102	4,102

2502 - Magazine Printing	6,428	—	—	—	6,428	5,317
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	1,262	—	—	—	1,262	1,168
2504 - JPH - Insurance	1,036	—	—	—	1,036	1,027
2505 - JPH - Electricity	987	—	—	—	987	688
2506 - JPH - Gas - TGP 38695	444	—	—	—	444	294
2507 - JPH - Water	158	—	—	—	158	162
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	9,702	—	2,000	—	11,702	—
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	2,250	—	—	—	2,250	1,294
2510 - JPH - Consumables	306	—	—	—	306	185
2601 - Audit Fees	450	—	—	—	450	408
Total	191,096	316	5,070	—	196,482	151,460
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	195,927	316	8,290	—	204,533	160,336
GRAND TOTAL	(7,198)	(316)	6,900	—	(614)	63,795

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d) Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.
VAT reclaim grants are recognised when received.
Other Grants and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

e) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded when the award creates a legal obligation on the PCC.

Church activities

The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

Depreciation
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10 - 33% straight line

The sound system installed in 2017 has been capitalised and is being depreciated over 5 years at 20% per annum straight line.

Net book value 1.1.21	£4,102
Less depreciation in 2021	£4,102
Net book value 31.12.21	£NIL

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments would be stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

g) Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

h) Cash and Deposits
Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Disclosures

Employees: The average number of employees during the year 2021 was 1.

Pension Provision. The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a Defined Benefits Scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age. dc

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the

Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the employer's contributions payable (2021: £642, 2020: £572 - lower because of furlough).
A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £2.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiner's Fee: The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is £450.

3. PCC Funds

The PCC's policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

4. Magazine Finances

The renewal date for magazine subscriptions being the end of the year means that subscriptions for any given year can appear in both the appropriate year and the previous year's accounts.

Magazine sales for 2021 magazines are therefore calculated as follows:

	£
2021 Accounts Subscription Income	3,191
less subscriptions for 2022 paid in 2021	(2,905)
plus subscriptions for 2021 received in 2020	2,932
Total subscription income for 2021	3,218
plus casual sales in 2021	262
Total Sales for 2021	3,480

The cost of the magazine is primarily printing:

Printing	6,428
Other production costs	1,262
Total costs	7,690

The magazine account for 2021 is therefore:

Sales Income	3,480
Advertising	5,531
Total Income	9,011
Less costs	7,690
Surplus	1,321

5. Financial Policies and Protocols

In April 2021 the Standing Committee (SC) reviewed internal financial practices and approved:

a) Payments

Cheques issued are signed by two signatories from a panel consisting of the Churchwardens, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Cheques are seldom used now.

Online BACS payments are made by the Assistant Treasurer and monitored by the Treasurer. Payments are scheduled and countersigned by a Churchwarden and the Treasurer at regular intervals. Direct debit payments are approved when the supply or service starts.

An **Expenditure Approval Register** is maintained in which all non-pay or charitable giving payments over £500 are recorded and presented to the SC annually for approval. The register gives details of the supplier, amount, purpose and what prior approval has been given.

Expense reimbursement claims should be submitted to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with written receipts, and confirming that any appropriate authorisation has been obtained. Clergy should complete and submit an expense claim form along with receipts and mileage details.

b) Delegated Authority for Spending

Generally - up to £250. Church Officers can spend on routine items within their area of responsibility up to £250, without the need to seek prior approval. The Treasurer will monitor these payments and spending patterns for reasonableness, raising concerns if necessary. If possible more than one quotation should be sought for non-routine expenditure.

From £250 to £500. Items expected to exceed £250, up to £500, should be approved in advance by the Clergy (Mission) or Churchwardens (other matters), with the Treasurer advised when approval given. Unusual items should be approved in consultation with the Treasurer.

Over £500. Items exceeding £500 should always be approved in advance by the SC. In an emergency, SC members should be consulted, if possible, before action taken and expenditure incurred.

Substantial expenditure of an unusual nature, such as extensive repairs or improvements, should be approved in advance by the PCC on recommendation from the SC with estimated costs.

c) Specific Approvals

The **Fees Bank Account** is managed by the Benefice Administrator and monitored by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. The monthly return of statutory fees to the diocese and the corresponding payment is approved before submission by the Treasurer and a Churchwarden.

Flower Fund Bank Account for Church flowers is managed by authorised individuals from the Flowers team and is monitored by the Assistant Treasurer.

Fabric Maintenance Work is overseen by the Fabric Manager, who is authorised to obtain quotations for projects up to £500 for approval by the SC. Projects over £500 need a report outlining the proposed work for prior approval.

d) Management of Income

Cash received should always be counted by two people together as a matter of best practice in order to protect them from challenge. The Independent Examiner regularly stresses the importance of this in his report on the Annual Accounts. This should apply to Church collections, donations box, fund-raising, social events and all other activities where the money accrues to the Church.

Income received must be accounted for gross (without deduction of any expenses incurred raising the income) and expenses claimed for subsequent reimbursement by the Treasurer.

Investment of Surplus Funds. The SC and PCC should adopt a policy for the investment of funds judged surplus to current requirements. This should have regard to the length of time the money is unlikely to be required and the risk of loss on the chosen investments.

e) Annual Charitable Giving

The amount and allocation of annual charitable giving is considered and approved by the PCC each year, usually in November, following the receipt of appropriate information and recommendations from the Treasurer.

In addition to this, decisions may be made by the clergy and churchwardens throughout the year, consulting with SC where it is considered appropriate, to allocate collections for particular services to specific charities or other appropriate causes.

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This 2021 Report and the accompanying Financial Statements were adopted by the PCC meeting on Tuesday March 15th 2022.

Signed..... Dated 15/3/22

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, N

England & Wales - Charity number 1127318

Accounts

St John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

at the heart of Alresford

2020 Annual Report and

Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held by St. John's Church via Zoom
at
a date to be confirmed before May 30 2021

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW ALRESFORD

The church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford, serves as a witness to the Glory of God in the community by:-

celebrating the life of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

through worship, prayer and service

caring about one another in Christ

through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting, healing, and the recognition of personal gifts

cultivating personal growth in Christ

through prayer, bible study, preaching and the Sacraments

communicating Christ to our community and to the wider world

through example, teaching, support and co-operation

THE ANNUAL MEETING

At a date to be confirmed before May 30 2021
via Zoom

This report is sent out as early as possible firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask, further to the report.

At this meeting, we shall be electing, or re-electing, two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2022.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide-ranging decisions on church life at St. John's.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England as an organisation that shares Christ's concern for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure you believe they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of its work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral roll and the wider community.

David Carr

PCC Secretary

We hope you will be able to attend the annual meeting.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St. John the Baptist in the Benefice of The Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St. John the Baptist Church, West St., Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No.1127318

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest-in-Charge (Rector Designate)	**The Rev'd Julia Myles (resigned w.e.f. 18/11/20)**
Benefice Curate	**The Rev'd Tasha Anderson**

Wardens Jackie Connell, Jane Parsons

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Barbara Griffiths
Sue Clarke
Rosie Waring-Green
Miranda Pinch

(All the above elected October 2020)

Elected members:

James Lees
Greville Dawson (from 27/10/20)
Pearl Page
Ian Waring-Green (co-opted until APCM 2021)
Rex Corfield
Maureen Skayman
Charlotte Ryton (from 27/10/20)
Janet Pooley (from 27/10/20)

Co-opted members: Alistair Beecher (Treasurer)
David Carr (PCC Secretary)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church--Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints a number of groups and committees that meet regularly during the course of the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities for issues including such activities as Ministry, Worship, World (Outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance. Representatives are also elected to Churches Together in Alresford.

The number on the Electoral Roll as reported by the Electoral Roll Officer at the Annual Meeting on the 27th October 2020 was 221, following a complete revision of the Roll. The average number of usual Sunday service attendees was 47, plus a large number of attendees online.

In 2020 the PCC met formally six times. During the course of the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the individual reports that follow. The Standing Committee met formally seven times in the year and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary in running St. John's. Our Priest-in-Charge, Revd Julia Myles, resigned with effect from November 18th 2020 and we are therefore faced with another interregnum in the space of three years.

St. Johns, in common with all other churches, has been hugely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Every one of our normal activities has been adversely affected, and we have been unable to progress with many of the plans and initiatives which we had hoped to undertake. The life of the church reduced to almost the bare minimum of keeping some form of service pattern in being, and maintaining access for private prayer. In parallel this involved an extremely large amount of time and effort, by many people, in keeping in touch with parishioners and trying to offer help and assistance where required. Services, meetings, planning and many other arrangements have had to be carried out on-line, using especially the Zoom facility and on-line broadcasting. A large number of people have stepped forward to offer their time and resources in these matters, and we are extremely grateful for all their efforts.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

As in previous years, the PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities, and also raised and donated other one-off amounts.

The PCC has been concerned for some time with the need for increased stewardship income, as reflected in the Treasurer's reporting, and we continue to search for a suitable individual, team and means to manage and expand this activity.

St. John's is a fully participating member of Churches Together in Alresford.

The PCC would like to thank the Licensed Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

David Carr

PCC Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 8pm in the Church, and via live broadcast

Present: 20 parishioners and an unknown number via broadcast.
Apologies: Received from three people

Jackie Connell welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

CHAIR: As we had no clergy available Jackie proposed that the PCC Secretary, David Carr, be appointed as chair of this meeting and this was agreed unanimously.

Churchwardens Measure: Jackie explained the circumstances and her reasons for carrying on with her duties of Churchwarden, beyond the six year limit. The Chair then proposed the following resolution: **"That this meeting of the parishioners of the Parish of St. John the Baptist New Alresford resolves that the rule under the Churchwardens Measure 2001 which states that the maximum continuous period of service as churchwarden of the same parish is six terms of office, after which the churchwarden must take at least a two year break before re-appointment will not apply to this parish". This proposal was resolved *nem con.***

Election of Churchwardens
David reported that Jackie Connell and Jane Parsons had been duly proposed and seconded for re-election, and there were no further nominations. They were duly elected, welcomed with applause, and thanked for their work over the year. Jackie subsequently clarified that her appointment would be until April 2021, when we expected and hoped that the next APCM would be held.

Approval of Minutes of the 2019 APCM
The Minutes had been circulated, with the Annual Report, prior to the meeting. The Minutes were duly approved and signed as a true record, with no matters arising.

Election of Deanery Synod and PCC Members
David proposed, with the agreement of the meeting, that the two elections would be considered together. For **Deanery Synod representatives**, Sue Clarke, Rosie Waring-Green, Barbara Griffiths and Miranda Pinch had been duly proposed and seconded, with no further nominations. **For PCC Membership**, Charlotte Ryton, Greville Dawson and Janet Pooley had been duly proposed and seconded, with no further nominations. All those named were elected unanimously and welcomed with applause.

Electoral Roll
David reported that there were 221 members on the newly-revised Roll, a reduction of 5 compared with 2019. David Griffiths was now retiring from the Electoral Roll Officer's position, and was thanked for his many years of service. It was proposed that Greville Dawson be appointed in his place and this was agreed unanimously.

Annual PCC Report
David reported that this had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 10 2020. There were no questions or comments, and they were accepted by the meeting.

Financial Report and Annual Accounts y/e December 31 2019
Likewise, David reported that these had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 10 2020. There were no questions or comments, and they were accepted by the meeting.

Terrier Report
Jackie reported that the Terrier was complete and the acceptance certificate would be signed and completed. The only change from last year was that the mobile organ (now

private property) has been removed from the register.

Deanery Synod Report

David said that Barbara Griffiths' report on proceedings was included in the Annual Report. There were no comments or questions.

AOB

(1) David said that the Priest-in-Charge had sent a video report covering the previous 18 months, and this would be made available to anyone who wanted to view it.

(2) Jackie reiterated that unfortunately there could be no social gathering this year, but she looked forward with hope that the coming year was one in which we could "Greet, Gather and Grow", and commended to everyone the different plans for Christmas celebrations and activities this year.

The meeting ended with the Grace at 8.18 pm, without the usual social gathering.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Who could have imagined when we urged on our favourite camels and enjoyed our fish and chips at the race night last January that within a few weeks we would be in total lockdown? Since March life within St John's has been quite different because of the Covid virus and we have all had to get used to a different way of living. For three months we followed the Government instructions and were unable to use our church at all. We were extremely grateful to Paul Myles whose technical knowledge enabled us to have recorded services. In those early days we were all so amazed to be able to watch Julia's very moving Easter services as well as the highly entertaining 'Revved Up Rector' which was mainly aimed at the younger members of the congregation but also enjoyed by many adults. Since then and as a result of many hours of hard and sometimes frustrating work, Rosie Waring-Green and her team have developed their skills and we can now watch live streamed services from the church as well as some that are recorded elsewhere. None of this would have seemed possible a year ago and so we sincerely thank all those who work so hard to record and produce our services.

One of our concerns at the start of the lockdown was the people who were unable to go out and those who live alone. We spent the first days identifying some of these people and then arranged for the pastoral visitors and several other volunteers to phone them regularly. Over the course of the year, we have been contacting over 150 people and this has been an invaluable way of keeping in touch and helping people to feel less isolated. Since June, the Government has allowed the church to open for private prayer and many of those who have been making the phone calls have also volunteered to open the church and welcome those who come in for prayer. As we move into our third lockdown the importance of having the church open for private prayer is becoming increasingly evident and it is good to know that the welcomers will also offer support and pray with distressed people if that is needed. We are extremely grateful for all these volunteers. At the end of June we were also allowed to have services in church again. This had to be carefully managed with restricted numbers to ensure everyone was socially distanced and therefore kept safe. Going to church became a slightly different experience with a scattered congregation and no singing permitted but it was good to be back in church. Having to book a seat in church seems such an alien concept when normally we are trying to encourage more people to come! For those unable to come to church the option of watching the live streamed service at home has been a very positive alternative.

There were other causes for sadness in 2020. During this year several of the most faithful members of our congregation died. We remember with affection June Gregory, Olwen Davies, Liz Pakenham and more recently Peter Petheram, our former treasurer. We miss them and thank God for all they contributed to the life and work of St John's during their time with us. Then in November we said farewell to Julia and Paul Myles as they moved to the Isle of Wight where Julia has taken the position of Spiritual Director of the Mountbatten hospice on the island. The Covid restrictions meant it was not possible to give them our usual St John's send-off but during her final service we were able to thank Julia for all she had done for us, our church and community in the three years she had been our Priest in Charge.

There were also some good things that happened during the year. For a start many of us became much more proficient at using our computers and learned how to Zoom because that is the only way we can still have meetings and see one another. Despite the church closure and the lack of fundraising opportunities our finances have not suffered badly because people have been very generous, and we are truly thankful for that. Tasha, having completed her training and curacy, was officially signed off by the Bishop of Winchester and has been an invaluable support and spiritual leader. Rex Corfield completed a BCM in Creation Care and will be helping us to become a 'greener' church. Christmas was a busy and fruitful time when, realising we were not going to be able to celebrate in the usual way, we looked for new ways to share the Christmas message. The result was amazing. We had a fantastic life size crib outside the north door as well as two Comfort and Joy Christmas trees on which people had been invited to share their hopes and the things for which they needed comfort. There was also a popular Nativity Hunt with lots of displays around the town and we had many generous donations which enabled us to distribute gifts to those shops, businesses, and individuals for whom 2020 had been a particularly difficult year. It was a wonderful example of St John's working together as a united Christian family. Throughout the year so many people have given freely of their time and skills in order to keep St John's running smoothly and we offer each one of you our sincere thanks. We also give thanks for Penny who relieves us of so many of the essential and time-consuming tasks and is always so cheery and welcoming.

As we remain in interregnum and go into a new year which is still dominated by the coronavirus, we pray that we will retain and build on the wonderful spirit of fellowship that was so evident at Christmas time and enabled us to be a strong Christian presence at the heart of the community.
Jane and Jackie

ALRESFORD DEANERY SYNOD

Alresford Deanery consists of representatives from the twenty-six churches which make up the Benefices of the Arle Valley, Bishop's Sutton, Ropley and West Tisted, Farleigh, Candover and Wield, the Itchen Valley and the Upper Itchen. In the past year the Synod has met once, face to face and once by Zoom. Items on the agenda included a report on the pilot scheme for Focal Ministry which involved a Focal Minister being appointed for each church in a benefice. This was proving successful in the parishes of Bighton with Ian Waring Green and in Old Alresford with Sue Armstrong appointed. It was decided at the Zoom meeting in December to have a vote in the February 2021 meeting about the future of our ling with Lango because the Diocesan Mission committee is proposing a revamp of the Deanery links. In his report the Area Dean mentioned that the Diocesan Resilience Task Force was discussing pastoral reorganisation, but the findings were highly confidential until the next steps have been developed.
In November £4000 was sent to our link Diocese of Lango in Uganda to be used towards the Youth Vocational scheme and the work of the Mother's Union. Feedback had been received on how the money was used for these projects. The Bishop and the Diocesan Mission team are reconsidering the Deanery links. The concentration of links with Uganda would be changed and Deaneries would be allocated other countries with which to be linked.
It was with regret that the Arle Valley Benefice said goodbye to their Priest in Charge, Julia Myles who is taking up an appointment on the Isle of Wight as a chaplain to the hospice there and to their Curate, Tasha Anderson who is to become Priest in Charge at Milford on Sea and Everton.
Barbara Griffiths

ALRESFORD LADIES GROUP

After a very enjoyable and varied programme in 2019 members of Alresford Ladies Group were hoping for more of the same in 2020 little did we all realise that life would be turning upside down for the whole world in a matter of weeks.
In January Ned Denshams talk on the Camino de Santiago a pilgrims route through Northern Spain known in English as the Way of St. James was both interesting and informative.
Winchester Hospice was the subject of Februarys programme. Sabrina Marsden gave the members an all round insight into the workings and construction of the Hospice which was a former nurses home on the Royal Hampshire County Hospital site.
At the start of March it soon became clear that the meeting for the month would have to be cancelled and thereafter all the meetings for the rest of the year and perhaps beyond, this included our annual AGM in November, the account reconciliation for 2019/2020 has been signed by the accountant . As Christmas approached I received many Christmas cards from members saying how they missed the meetings plus seeing and getting together with friends.
We are all going through a very unprecedented time at the moment but hopefully life will start to change gradually. In the meantime keep safe and well. Beverly Terrill

CATERING TEAM

We were able to have our annual Lent Lunch in March 2020… just before lockdown.
The John Pearson Hall was full to bursting and the frugal lunch of soup, bread, cheese and chutney was enjoyed by all.
We have not been able to have any other functions in this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

I would like to thank the Catering Team (Sarah, Hefin, Rene, Jan, Det, Kathy, Caroline & Hilary, as well as our extra washing up team the Mackrells) for their continued support and hope to be able to do more catering at some point when it is safe to do so!! Pippa Sherry.

CHURCH CLEANING

Due to Covid, the cleaning team have been furloughed without pay! We are very grateful that Gayle Tiplady has been cleaning and sanitising the Church for us. Hefin Tudor

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALRESFORD

In the many years in which I have written this annual report I have normally reported that ecumenical relations in and around Alresford have continued to flourish and the year's events have been much the same as in previous years. Sadly, in the same way that the routine of individual churches has been disrupted more than could previously have been envisaged, ecumenical interaction has been severely curtailed since March 2020. At a time when we have needed to pull together it does seem unfortunate that communal ecumenical socially distanced worship has not proved possible because of the restrictions on the numbers allowed to be at outside gatherings.

With the Covid storm clouds starting to gather there was just time to hold another successful and enjoyable weekend of study, fellowship and fun in Bournemouth in March. What has in recent years become an annual event will not be possible in 2021 and all involved with CTIA look forward to being able to a time when, with confidence, it may plan another away weekend.

The camaraderie of CTIA committee meetings has been missed as has been ecumenical worship including the Good Friday walk of witness and Christmas carol singing in the town centre and at Alresford's sheltered housing but the highlight of the year was the inspiring entertaining online Community carol service. Many thanks to all involved and particular Rosie Waring Green's drive and leadership.

Restrictions meant that no hot Christmas Day lunch could be provided for those on their own this year but CTIA was pleased to be able to be a major financial supporter of Christmas food "goody bags" that were distributed through the Alresford senior citizens lunch club.

CTIA has always valued the support it continues to receive from the local clergy notwithstanding the ever increasing demands on their time and in particular the work they have put into making recent Bournemouth weekends so successful. The contribution of Julia Myles and Ruth Fry remain in the memory and CTIA wishes them well in their new ventures.

The CTIA Chair passes from Methodist to Anglican to Catholic on (normally) a two year cycle but Gary Carter from Alresford Methodist Church kindly agreed in 2020 to extend his tenure by a further year and we are very grateful to him. Hopefully by the middle of this year we will all be vaccinated and with a new Anglican Chair CTIA and its churches will be able to move forward proclaiming and sharing our common faith and not doing separately things that can be done as well or better together. St John's CTIA representatives are Jackie Connell, Sarah Wilding and me. We would love to hear from any members of the St.John's family who would like to be more involved in the ecumenical life of Alresford! James Pinniger

COFFEE CAKE and CHAT

Coffee Cake and Chat only met in January, February and March 2020 because of the pandemic. During that time £130 was collected and has been sent to the Winchester Hospice Appeal. Hopefully we will be able to meet again in the not too distant future.
Angela Peel

FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE

Regular servicing and essential maintenance, emergency repairs and care for the church yard continued throughout the year. Thanks for their continued efforts go to James Lees, Chris Lillywhite and others. Thanks are also due to Kathryn and Roger Lockyer for their care regarding locations for new graves and ashes and for maintaining the church yard register. At the time of writing, approval of the Faculty for the creation of a new area for the interment of ashes had not been received.
In the context of ECO Church, Rex Corfield continued to produce articles for publication in the weekly news sheet. Their theme was what we can do to care for God's creation.
No activities took place relating to the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection of the buildings and church yard or initiatives that would involve the Friends of St John's. Greville Dawson.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

A very different year! The chancel pedestal was only done for about six months in total and the Lady Chapel for the first two months or so of 2020 until lockdown last March!

When Chancel flowers were resumed in July we were fortunate to get sponsors for each Sunday right through to Christmas. This process was made difficult as sponsors had to contact us personally rather than use a list in church and we mostly had to use the post for the various money transactions we always have with regard to each pedestal that is done.

As I write flowers have again been halted with the hope of resuming at Easter!

My partner in flowers, so to speak, has now decided it is time, after thirty eight years of flower arranging at St Johns, to give up. I thank Beryl for all she has done. I have really enjoyed working with her and will miss her input very much.

Thank you, too, to everyone who has given support in many ways, and last, but not least, to the team of ladies who have willingly kept things going under difficult circumstances! Diana Robbins

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Four risk assessments were created to cover all aspects of pre-Christmas initiatives that would involve our direct interaction with the public.
General upkeep of the Risk Assessment register was suspended, though a new call-out rota for the alarm system was created.
Three false alarms occurred in December. Our contractor confirmed that all was in working order. Thanks go to Janet Pooley and Rosie Waring Green for attending to reset the system.
The "vacant position" of H&S Officer was advertised in the weekly notices in the hope that an individual would come forward to take on the role. Thus far there have been no volunteers. Greville Dawson.

(Benefice) PARISH MAGAZINE—The Arle Valley Voice

The Arle Valley Voice has recently celebrated its one year anniversary after its debut in November 2019. The feedback has been very positive and we think that the monthly colour cover depicting a local area scene/image works well.

There have been a few changes to the magazine team during 2020. Our long serving Subscriptions team member, Julie James, retired from the role with Karen Beecher filling her shoes. St. John's assistant treasurer, Dennis Bignell, is now in charge of the advertisements (Karen's previous role).

During the first Coronavirus lockdown, the magazine utilised the option by our printers to post the combined May/June magazine directly to subscribers. We felt that a combined issue would offset the cost of the postal

delivery. The July issue was not produced due to the church closure and lack of suitable material to adequately fill that edition. The August edition was also posted to subscribers. Penny Forbes.

PASTORAL VISITORS

2020 was a busy year for the fifteen pastoral visitors. Our normal practices were largely put on hold as visiting vulnerable people was not an option. Instead we maintained contact by regular phone calls to over 150 people. During the summer we were able to stand outside front doors and enjoy face to face socially distanced contact but winter and lockdown meant we had to revert to phone calls, zoom or FaceTime. It was a challenging time but worthwhile. Due to the restrictions we had fewer funerals than normal in church, many people choosing a simple service at the Crematorium or graveside with a few members of the immediate family. Streaming services became popular, enabling more distant friends and relatives to be part of the service. Many thanks to Rosie for making this possible. There may be memorial services later this year if appropriate. We had some zoom team meetings which were better than nothing but not the same as a friendly chat. A few of us joined the church opening team, enabling the church to stay open daily for private prayer. A great deal of pastoral support has been given by this team of volunteers. At the time of writing many of our vulnerable people have received their first dose of the vaccine. As spring comes with warmer weather and more people vaccinated we hope 2021 will be an easier year.
Jackie and Sue

PRAYER MINISTRY

During this difficult year, the Prayer Team have continued to provide opportunities for prayer through online prayer support as because of social-distancing, we are not able to pray regularly at the back of the church during the Sunday service.
We have been very encouraged this year by the many times we have been able to thank God for answered prayer and would encourage you to email or phone and share a request or a thank you.
As a group, we have not been able to carry on physically our monthly meetings but we have all stayed in touch and as you would expect there have been many more prayer requests than usual.
We regularly check the 'Say One For Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge privilege to be able to share these concerns, anxieties in prayer with the Lord.
It was also very special to be part of the Ribbon Team for the Comfort and Joy Trees as we chatted to the public at the top of West Street – when the weather allowed!! We were engaged in many deep and important conversations and also by the Trees outside the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.

We also have a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone – 01962 733237 / 07891120662 – or email Rosie – rosie@22rwg.co.uk – for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray with you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God.

If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through. The commitment is usually one Sunday a month and a meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Rosie Waring Green

SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2020, social media has become more important than ever.

During the lockdowns we have needed to record live services through the St John's Facebook page as well as using YouTube to store the services and enable them to be shared and viewed easily. Facebook, not just St John's own page, has been essential for advertising events and services as well as sharing information. The 'All Things New Alresford' page (residents only), the public 'All Things Alresford' page as well as 'New Alresford Parish Council', 'CTIA' and other relevant pages, depending on the content, have all proved

invaluable. You will find that most shops, pubs, cafes and services, including the Alresford Surgery have their own pages.

Many more view the Services once they are on YouTube as a lot of people who are not happy viewing via Facebook, are happier using the link supplied in emails and are, possibly unaware that the vehicle used in YouTube.

The huge advantage of Facebook is that the reach can be huge and when other pages repost our adverts and information they can reach as many as 1500 as one did on October 15th 2020! We currently have405 page followers and slightly fewer page likes. A '**Like'** is a person who has chosen to attach their name to the Page as a fan. A '**follower'** is a person who has chosen to receive the updates that we post in our news feed. Sorry about all the jargon, but someone was bound to ask!

It is important for people to know that it is not necessary to sign up to anything to view public pages on Facebook and YouTube. The St John's Facebook page can easily be accessed through the website or you can go directly to Facebook to view any page that is public. We are about to set up our own Benefice YouTube channel to make it easier for people to go directly to our own site and avoid videos that are not relevant. Such channels are free to set up by anyone and many people have their own channels for private, or public videos.

I know that many people are suspicious of Facebook and YouTube and they can get a bad press, but, like everything else they can be used for good or ill. When the printing press was first invented there were similar fears, followed by books, newspapers, the telephone, internet in general, etc. Do take a look. You might be pleasantly surprised! Miranda Pinch.

TABLETALK

Like every other regular group meeting, Tabletalk has been greatly affected by Covid.
Our sessions in January and February took the usual format and we were just wondering what to do for Lent, when the first lockdown hit.

Because those attending Tabletalk tend to be older and less conversant with the Internet, it took quite a long time before we were able to meet virtually using Zoom. We now have regular sessions on Zoom with six to eight people joining in and we hope to expand that as others are enabled to access the Internet with equipment gifted to them, wifi connections improved and personal help to make it all work.

We have been looking at the Advent course written by the Diocese of Sheffield and are currently deciding what we want to do in Lent.
It is an important way of keeping in touch with as many people as possible in a difficult time.

Miranda Pinch, Sue Clarke and Jackie Connell.

TOWER REPORT

2020 was a year like no other. It started off in good heart with a day out ringing on Jan 4th a festive feast to follow in the evening for St John's ringers.
Until March the usual Sunday morning ring had an average of 8 ringers, the well-attended practices usually over 12.
The simulator allowed noiseless practices on a Tuesday morning and a few evenings to improve our skills. Bells sounding from the computer in the ringing room but not outside.
A day long course on March 7th put on by the Association of Ringing Teachers was accommodated in the JPH with simulator ringing in the tower. All day refreshments supplied by St John's ringers for students from as far afield as Wales who came to learn best practices in teaching ringing.
The last real ringing was done on March 15th for a CTiA service, then no full circle ringing until Aug 15. Zoom meetings with a quiz and one socially distanced garden meet kept the band in touch with one another.
VE Day passed with no church bell ringing but VJ 75 heard 4 bells ringing full circle again. This with Covid

protocols in place - extractor fans in the windows to improve air flow, masks, sanitizer and social distancing. From then on 4 bells rang for 9.30 services for just 2 months before the second lockdown reduced us to single chiming bells.
Only one quarter peal was rung, no Tower Lunch, no wedding ringing, but at least the flag kept flying, the church clock ticking and chiming, and handbells rang for the Carol Service. Tower Secretary

WEEKLY NOTICES

I have never, in the years I have been producing the weekly notices, written anything for the annual report, but the weekly notices changed so much in the last year that I thought I would write something for this year's report.
First of all, the notices are now in colour! For many years they have been in black and white, because the cost of printing 220+ copies each week in colour would have made it much more expensive. But now the weekly notices are emailed with only a very few actually printed. And that's the second difference: the notices are now emailed to approximately 220 recipients, and they are also available on the benefice website. I wonder if we will ever revert back to a fully printed approach – I somehow doubt it.
For years, the notice sheet has just contained church notices, information on services, collects and readings for the week and intercessions. But over the spring and summer months we tried to make it more newsy, especially "good news". And of course, with the ability to produce a colour version, we could add photos of people and events as well. We have had some good feedback from this.
My thanks to those who have contributed much of the material for the notices: the clergy and churchwardens for prayers and intercessions, and also Angela and Sue Clarke; the hospital team; Rex for his series of 'Carbon Footprints'; those who gave me "good news". And finally thank you to Church House for a piece of software called Visual Liturgy, without which I would be lost! Rob Attenborough

WEB SITE

The web site changed its approach during 2020. Whereas before it contained information that remained fairly static, such as the normal regular services, things were anything but static last year, and we had to adapt as appropriate. So now the website advertises on the home page what services are going to take place each week, and whether they are live services, services being streamed via our Facebook page, or whether they are pre-recorded. Each Sunday we now provide links to watch the recordings of, mainly, St John's services, and links to the weekly notices for that week. And we have recently included links to the recordings of the Friday morning Communion service and Wednesday Reflections.
We have tried to make sure the information on the website is up-to-date, and made sure extra pages were added at Christmas to cover the services over that period.
On the regular services page of the web site it states "this was our pattern of regular Sunday and weekday worship which we hope we will be able to return to as soon as possible". We are all looking forward to that! Rob Attenborough

WORLD TEAM

We met only once last year in person, the rest of the time communications have been by email. All our overseas links have been affected by the pandemic.

Ashray UK: the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions reported that the schools had been closed most of the year, delivering lessons online. Large development works on the ageing campus have been able to go ahead and a new School of Iconography will be opened as soon as it is safe to do so.

Church Mission Society: it was disappointing that Lynn Treneary, our link partner's planned visit in March had to be cancelled. She was delayed in the UK for some time due to Covid restrictions but returned to Maridi, South Sudan in September as an English teacher, general assistant to the Bishop and a deacon at the cathedral.

The Michael Project, Zimbabwe: in spite of the many challenges that the Michael Project faced in 2020 they are very thankful for the support received for the Bike Ride 'Bridge to Bezi 'which many people from St John's and the Benefice supported.
Unfortunately because of Covid we were unable to hold our usual money raising Coffee morning. They continue to send updates and prayer letters that the World Team circulate to those interested and also through the Arle Valley Voice magazine.

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: the children remained relatively safe in their rural setting but those who were able to, returned home at the height of the pandemic. They are very grateful for the continuing support of our sponsorship.

Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu: the home for elderly and destitute people damaged by leprosy, were extremely grateful for a legacy which they received last year. They have appointed a nurse assistant and have been able to renovate the cottages and the dining hall.

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Ministry/World Partnerships and there are regular articles in the Voice magazine. Sue Greenway

YOUTH WORK

Having read last year's report which was full of family and youth activities, I thought I would be struggling to report on much for the last 12 months!! There was no Our Place, Summer Fun and just a handful of meetings at Coffee#1!! As you will see below though, we were all able to engage in the life of the church and the community more than we thought we would be able to.

We did manage to create a virtual Spring Fun this year. This was the first 'Spring Fun' performed by the young people of St John's and created and rehearsed in very different circumstances!!!! Everything was connected through Zoom and the delay between the Director and the Cast was a challenge.!!
'The Tale of 3 Trees' musical is a retelling of the traditional Christian folktale of three trees.
Each tree has a different ambition - one to be made into a treasure chest, another into a royal ship and the third to become a sign pointing upwards to God. The trees' initial disappointment of being made into a manger, a humble fishing boat and a cross is transformed when they come to realise that they have played a part in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
However, through technology, great fun was had at the retelling of this beautiful story and of course we could all actually sing-a-long which was something we can't do when we are physically together at the moment!!

The other thing that technology has allowed this year is being able to record families leading the prayers and readings for our Second Sunday All Age services. This has enabled the online presence of families who would otherwise have wanted to social distance and has been a real blessing to be able to keep in touch.

Christmas was obviously also very different this year but the families and young people were very involved in helping to paint the amazing outside Stable scene this year as well as leading a Sketch in the online Churches Together in Alresford Community Carol Service. It was lovely to have the Sunshine Singers too taking part and with some amazing editing from Nathan, two small groups became one large group singing their hearts out.
Many families also took part in the Nativity Story Hunt by either creating wonderful lit up images in their windows, on fences or in their gardens or actually taking part in going on the Trail to find the many lit up Nativity scenes.

Depending on the future of Our Place/Plus, we will keep you informed about any help needed but we would really appreciate prayers for the way forward for the young people of St John's.
Rosie Waring Green

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

Year Ended 31 December 2020

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2020	**Charity no (if any)**	1127318
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:		**Date:**	3/3/21
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Standing Committee Approval Certificate

We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ended 31 December 2020 and that the financial statements have our approval.

Alistair Beecher, Treasurer	Date 22/1/2021
Jackie Connell, Churchwarden	Date 24/01/2021
David Carr, Secretary	Date 24-1-2021

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

In common with other churches our underlying finances in 2020 were significantly affected by enforced closure and restricted congregations as a result of the pandemic. Many of our main sources of income were significantly reduced, including letting income, wedding fees, fundraising events and plate collections. However, this shortfall was substantially offset by a generous response to our Covid-19 appeal; by participation in the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to reduce our employment costs; by receipt of other Covid-19 related grants from local government and by reduced overheads relating to closure. As a result, our regular activities produced a relatively small shortfall in the year of around £8K. Moreover, this shortfall was more than offset by the receipt of a large legacy. Following a Deed of Appropriation in November we received a share worth approximately £72K of a substantial investment portfolio, which further increased in value by the year end, and additional cash receipts are expected when the estate is fully distributed. As a result we had a *surplus* of income over expenditure in the year of £64K (income £224K, expenditure £160K) and an additional unrealized gain on the investment portfolio of £28K. This extremely generous windfall provides us with unexpected short term financial security and our stewardship of the gift will require much careful thought and prayer.

At 31 December 2020 our funds were £200K (£124K Unrestricted, £63K Designated, £13K Restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £31K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £13K in funds restricted for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, including the £28K referred to above of unrealised gains on the revaluation of our investment portfolio, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.

Despite the financial challenges of the pandemic we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities, in addition to the £99K we contributed to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund. We donated almost £8K to causes including the Winchester Basics Bank, the Michael Project, CMS, Lango, Ashray, Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, the Children's Society and the Pannai Orphanage.

Administering a charity with £224K of income is a team effort involving lots of people and I would like to thank all those who contribute to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; Lorraine Lillywhite who maintains our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Liz Boreham, Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Julie James who helps manage our BT and utilities contracts; Karen Beecher who administers the magazine subscriptions; our Gift Aid Secretary David Griffiths and a large team of people who count and record our collections each week. Finally, many thanks to Dennis Bignell our Assistant Treasurer who keeps everything running smoothly and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes, for reviewing these financial statements.

Alistair Beecher
Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford
January 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations and legacies	189,399	7,512	—	196,911	156,934
Income from Investments	250	—	—	250	441
Other trading activities	1,885	—	—	1,885	8,740
Church Activities	21,993	—	—	21,993	25,888
Other income	3,092	—	—	3,092	5,286
Total income	**216,619**	**7,512**	**—**	**224,131**	**197,289**
Expenditure on:					
Costs of Generating Funds	944	—	—	944	2,205
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	3,159	4,773	—	7,932	12,571
Church Activities	149,971	1,489	—	151,460	166,596
Major Capital Expenditure	—	—	—	—	7,370
Total expenditure	**154,074**	**6,262**	**—**	**160,336**	**188,742**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**62,545**	**1,250**	**—**	**63,795**	**8,547**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	548	—	548	1,705
Gross transfers between funds - out	(548)	—	—	(548)	(1,705)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Unrealised gains on revaluation of investments	27,631	—	—	27,631	—
Net movement in funds	**89,628**	**1,798**	**—**	**91,426**	**8,547**
Total funds brought forward	**97,196**	**11,773**	**—**	**108,969**	**100,422**
Total funds carried forward	**186,824**	**13,571**	**—**	**200,395**	**108,969**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	95,973	—	—	95,973	33,611
Unrealised Investment Gains	27,631	—	—	27,631	—
Designated					
Church Repair Fund	25,000	—	—	25,000	25,000
Growing Younger	1,008	—	—	1,008	1,373
JPH Repair Fund	5,000	—	—	5,000	5,000
Reserve Fund	31,212	—	—	31,212	31,212
Youth Work	1,000	—	—	1,000	1,000
Restricted					
Bell Fund	—	7,653	—	7,653	7,653
C Brill Fund	—	3,828	—	3,828	3,828
Restricted Donations	—	2,090	—	2,090	292

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
		£	£
Fixed assets			
2701	Audio System	4,102	8,204
	Total Fixed assets	**4,102**	**8,204**
Current assets			
3001	NatWest Current Account	34,411	35,881
3002	NatWest Gift Aid Account	32	41
3003	NatWest Flower Account	293	153
3004	Lloyds Fees Account	1,653	—
3005	CCLA (CBF) Account	59,023	58,773
3009	Nationwide Account	—	1,276
3010	Debtors	—	—
3020	Legacy Investment Portfolio	99,885	—
Z05	Accounts Receivable	2,676	5,167
	Total Current assets	**197,973**	**101,291**
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	1,680	526
	Total Liabilities	**1,680**	**526**
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	**200,395**	**108,969**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	63,795	8,547
Z01	Starting balances	108,969	100,422
Z03	Unrealised Gains on investment assets	27,631	—
	Total Reserves	**200,395**	**108,969**
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	123,604	33,611
	Designated	63,220	63,585
	Restricted	13,571	11,773
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	**200,395**	**108,969**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Audio System -	(16,407)	—	20,509	—	4,102	8,204
Totals	**(16,407)**	**—**	**20,509**	**—**	**4,102**	**8,204**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
NatWest Current Account -	58,851	16.849	(41,289)	—	34,411	35,881
NatWest Gift Aid Account -	(9,162)	—	9,194	—	32	41
NatWest Flower Account -	293	—	—	—	293	153
Lloyds Fees Account -	1,653	—	—	—	1,653	—
CCLA (CBF) Account -	(13,641)	46,371	26,293	—	59,023	58,773
Nationwide Account -	—	—	—	—	—	1,276
Totals	**37,994**	**63,220**	**(5,802)**	**—**	**95,412**	**96,124**
Current assets						
Accounts Receivable -	2,588	—	88	—	2,676	5,167
Totals	**2,588**	**—**	**88**	**—**	**2,676**	**5,167**
Current assets - Investments						
Legacy Investment Portfolio	99,885	—	—	—	99,885	—
Totals	**99,885**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**99,885**	**—**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	456	—	1,224	—	1,680	526
Totals	**456**	**—**	**1,224**	**—**	**1,680**	**526**
Grand total	**123,604**	**63,220**	**13,571**	**—**	**200,395**	**108,969**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Bell Fund	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Restricted	7,653	—	—	—	—	7,653
Sub-total for Bell Fund	**7,653**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7,653**
C Brill Fund						
Restricted	3,828	—	400	400	—	3,828
Sub-total for C Brill Fund	**3,828**	**—**	**400**	**400**	**—**	**3,828**
Church Repair Fund						
Designated	25,000	—	—	—	—	25,000
Sub-total for Church Repair Fund	**25,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**25,000**
Growing Younger						
Designated	1,373	25	390	—	—	1,008
Sub-total for Growing Younger	**1,373**	**25**	**390**	**—**	**—**	**1,008**
JPH Repair Fund						
Designated	5,000	—	—	—	—	5,000
Sub-total for JPH Repair Fund	**5,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,000**
Pannai Orphanage Donations						
Restricted	—	3,190	3,336	146	—	—
Sub-total for Pannai Orphanage Dons	**—**	**3,190**	**3,336**	**146**	**—**	**—**
Restricted Donations						
Restricted	292	4,322	2,526	2	—	2,090
Sub-total for Restricted Dons	**292**	**4,322**	**2,526**	**2**	**—**	**2,090**
Reserve Fund						
Designated	31,212	—	—	—	—	31,212
Sub-total for Reserve Fund	**31,212**	—	**—**	**—**	**—**	**31,212**
Youth Work						
Designated	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for Youth Work	**1,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,000**
General Fund						
Unrestricted	33,611	216,594	153,684	(548)	—	95,973
Unrealised Investment Gains	—	27,631	—	—	—	27,631
Sub-total for General	**33,611**	**244,225**	**153,684**	**(548)**	**—**	**123,604**
Grand total	**108,969**	**251,762**	**160,336**	**—**	**—**	**200,395**

Analysis of income

Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£
0101 - Regular Giving Gift Aid by Standing Ordr	3,465	—	—	—	3,465	3,520
0102 - Regular Giving Gift Aided by envelope	760	—	—	—	760	2,775
0104 - CAF Vouchers	1,660	—	—	—	1,660	1,700
0105 - Regular Giving Gift Aid by PGS Direct	64,469	—	—	—	64,469	63,144
0201 - Regular Giving by Standing Order	2,460	—	—	—	2,460	2,460
0202 - Regular Giving by envelope	5	—	—	—	5	150
0204 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct Debit	3,438	—	—	—	3,438	2,936
0301A - Sunday Collections GASDS	1,938	—	—	—	1,938	9,804
0301B - Sunday Collections non GASDS	210	—	—	—	210	—
0302 - Wedding Collections	—	—	—	—	—	26
0303 - Funeral Collections	284	—	—	—	284	829
0304 - Baptism Collections	94	—	—	—	94	433
0306 - One off Gift Aid envelopes	5,862	—	—	—	5,862	2,186
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	64	—	—	—	64	19
0307A - Donations by card reader GA	924	—	—	—	924	—
0308 - Midweek Collections	—	—	—	—	—	336
0402 - Church Donations Box	473	—	—	—	473	1,180
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	673	—	—	—	673	1,479
0500 - Other specific donations	2	—	3,245	—	3,247	8,382
0501 - One off donations outside services	1,131	25	—	—	1,156	2,692
0502 - Donations by Ringers and Others	61	—	—	—	61	111
0503 - Lango Donations	—	—	541	—	541	735
0504 - Pannai Donations	—	—	2,736	—	2,736	2,776
0506 - Lent Project	—	—	442	—	442	831
0509 - Bell Fund Non Gift Aided	—	—	—	—	—	10
0513 - Bell Fund Gift Aided	—	—	—	—	—	390
0517 - Churchyard Donations	—	—	—	—	—	100
0601 - Gift Aid on unrestricted income	18,990	—	—	—	18,990	20,783
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income	333	—	548	—	881	673
0700 - Legacies received	73,273	—	—	—	73,273	18,966
0801 - Grants Recurring - Unrestricted	35	—	—	—	35	35
0802 - Grants Non Recurring - Unrestricted	3,663	—	—	—	3,663	5,617
0803 - VAT Recovered	—	—	—	—	—	1,856
0805 - Government Grant - COVID-19	5,107	—	—	—	5,107	—
Total	189,374	25	7,512	—	196,911	156,934

Other trading activities

0901 - Watercress Festival Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	3,766
0902 - Other Fund raising activities	1,519	—	—	—	1,519	1,758
0903 - Social Events	60	—	—	—	60	311
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	306	—	—	—	306	295
0906 - Generic Event 1	—	—	—	—	—	2,610
1001 - Interest received	250	—	—	—	250	441
Total	2,135	—	—	—	2,135	9,181

Church Activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	7,938	—	—	—	7,938	12,025
1201 - Sale of Books etc.	—	—	—	—	—	70
1202 - Income from use of Church	450	—	—	—	450	3,555
1203 - Income from use of JPH	1,451	—	—	—	1,451	1,801
1204 - Magazine Sales - Casual	177	—	—	—	177	449
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subscriptions	2,992	—	—	—	2,992	3,519
1206 - Magazine Advertising	8,955	—	—	—	8,955	4,249
1207 - Printing	30	—	—	—	30	220
Total	21,993	—	—	—	21,993	25,888

Other income

1303 - Ovington Payments	926	—	—	—	926	1,623
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	1,096	—	—	—	1,096	1,838
1305 - Bighton Payments	1,070	—	—	—	1,070	1,825
Total	3,092	—	—	—	3,092	5,286
INCOME TOTAL	216,594	25	7,512	—	224,131	197,289

Analysis of Expenditure

Costs of Generating Funds

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1701 - Cost of Watercress Festival	—	—	—	—	—	64
1702 - Cost of fundraising, inc LL, HS, CR etc	746	—	—	—	746	912
1703 - Cost of Social Events	108	—	—	—	108	819
1705 - Cost of supporting regular giving	73	—	—	—	73	—
1708 - Cost of Generic Event 1	—	—	—	—	—	410
2320 - Credit and debit card charges	17	—	—	—	17	—
Total	944	—	—	—	944	2,205

All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations

1801 - Annual Charitable Giving	2,000	—	3,336	—	5,336	5,571
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	1,159	—	1,437	—	2,596	7,000
Total	3,159	—	4,773	—	7,932	12,571

Church Activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1900 - Parish Share	99,489	—	—	—	99,489	97,425
2001 - Assistant staff salaries/honoraria (B)	13,521	—	—	—	13,521	13,885
2002 - Organist/choir/salaries/honoraria	1,180	—	—	—	1,180	7,112
2101 - Working expenses of Incumbent (B)	59	—	—	—	59	1,086
2102 - Working Expenses of Assistant Clergy (B)	786	35	10	—	831	1,997
2103 - Working expenses of assistant staff (B)	159	—	—	—	159	—
2104 - Parsonage / Staff housing (B)	622	—	—	—	622	664
2105 - Benefice Administration expenses	224	—	—	—	224	—
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	1,368	—	—	—	1,368	935
2301 - Church Insurance	3,082	—	—	—	3,082	3,002
2302 - Church Cleaning	190	—	—	—	190	6
2303 - Church minor repairs	25	—	—	—	25	1,116
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	1,857	—	—	—	1,857	3,113
2305 - Telephone	771	—	—	—	771	937
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	48	—	230	—	278	792
2307 - Provision of Services	682	35	—	—	717	1,975
2308 - Music/choir/robes	107	—	—	—	107	1,530
2309 - Church Grounds	4,577	—	112	—	4,689	6,178
2310 - Flowers	530	—	—	—	530	1,523
2311 - Sunday School and Second Sunday costs	954	320	—	—	1,274	491
2312 - Training/Course Fees	10	—	—	—	10	840
2313 - Subscriptions	641	—	—	—	641	669
2314 - Other support costs	612	—	1,137	—	1,749	142
2315 - Administration	1,309	—	—	—	1,309	3,254
2316 - Bank Charges	156	—	—	—	156	95
2401 - Church Gas - TGP 47209	1,633	—	—	—	1,633	1,256
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	344	—	—	—	344	545
2403 - Church Running - Depreciation	4,102	—	—	—	4,102	4,101
2502 - Magazine Printing	5,317	—	—	—	5,317	5,665
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	1,168	—	—	—	1,168	324
2504 - JPH - Insurance	1,027	—	—	—	1,027	1,001
2505 - JPH - Electricity	688	—	—	—	688	1,091
2506 - JPH - Gas - TGP 38695	294	—	—	—	294	552
2507 - JPH - Water	162	—	—	—	162	262
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	420
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	1,294	—	—	—	1,294	1,923
2510 - JPH - Consumables	185	—	—	—	185	299
2601 - Audit Fees	408	—	—	—	408	390
Total	149,581	390	1,489	—	151,460	166,596

Major Capital Expenditure

2700 - Major repairs/redecoration to church	—	—	—	—	—	1,876
2800 - Major repairs to JPH	—	—	—	—	—	5,494
Total	—	—	—	—	—	7,370
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	153,684	390	6,262	—	160,336	188,742
GRAND TOTAL	62,910	(365)	1,250	—	63,795	8,547

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d) Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.
VAT reclaim grants are recognised when received.
Other Grants and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from investments
Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All other income
All other income is recognised when it is received.

e) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded when the award creates a legal obligation on the PCC.

Church activities
The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

Depreciation
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10 - 33% straight line

The sound system installed in 2017 has been capitalised and is being depreciated over 5 years at 20% per annum straight line.

Net book value 1.1.20	£8,204
Less depreciation in 2020	£4,102
Net book value 31.12.20	£4,102

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

g) Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

h) Cash and Deposits
Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Disclosures

Employees: The average number of employees during the year 2020 was 1.

Pension Provision: The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a cash balance section classed as a defined benefits scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the contributions payable (2020: £572, 2019: £255).

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2016. A valuation as at 31 December 2019 was not complete at 31 December 2020. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £1.8m on the

ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiners Fee: The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is £408.

3. PCC Funds

The PCC's policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

4. Magazine Finances

The renewal date for magazine subscriptions being the end of the year means that subscriptions for any given year can appear in both the appropriate year and the previous year's accounts.

Magazine sales for 2020 magazines are therefore calculated as follows:

	£
2020 Accounts Subscription Income	2,992
less subscriptions for 2021 paid in 2020	(2,932)
plus subscriptions for 2020 received in 2019	3,359
Total subscription income for 2020	3,419
plus casual sales in 2020	177
Total Sales for 2020	3,596

The cost of the magazine is primarily printing:

Printing	5,317
Other production costs	1,168
Total costs	6,485

The magazine account for 2020 is therefore:

Sales Income	3,596
Advertising	8,955
Total Income	12,551
Less costs	6,485
Surplus	6,066

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This 2020 Report and the accompanying Financial Statements were adopted by the PCC meeting on Tuesday March 9th 2021.

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