

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127820

Details

Other names	CHRIST CHURCH PCC, BEXLEYHEATH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-02-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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Classification

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

Geography

- Area of benefit: UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Bexley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£364,034	£232,490	-	-
2024-12-31	£384,218	£277,829	-	-
2023-12-31	£285,452	£269,303	-	-
2022-12-31	£231,764	£225,992	-	-
2021-12-31	£286,053	£304,044	-	-
2020-12-31	£204,878	£197,877	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev TREVOR WYATT	Chair	2014-04-30
Alexander Newson		2024-04-28
Alistair Arthur		2024-04-28
Carolyn Barbara Ellery		2023-04-23
David George Groombridge		2023-04-23
David Soile		2024-04-28
Deborah Janice Newson		2024-04-28
ELISABETH PETCHEY		2021-05-16
Fay Teresa Wyatt		2025-04-27
JANE ELIZABETH HILLESS		2022-04-24
Margaret Jones		2024-04-28
Nike Jolaoso		2024-04-28
PATRICIA ANN CROFT		2021-05-16
PATRICIA MARY PERKS		2019-04-24
Pamela Joan Hunt		2025-04-27
RACHEL MARY MILES		2022-04-24
RICHARD JOHN PERCIVAL LLB JP		
ROB HILLESS		
ROY BRIAN HUMPHREY		2025-04-27
SHEILA WINIFRED HANCOCK		2022-04-24

Accounts

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH**

**REPORT
&
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31st December 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Administrative information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Bexleyheath (PCC) is a registered charity (number 1127820).

The parish is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. Christ Church is situated in Bexleyheath town centre; its postal address is Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7BT.

The following persons served as members of the PCC during the period from 1st January until the date on which this report was approved:

Incumbent The Reverend Trevor Wyatt

Other Clergy N/A

Wardens David Groombridge
 Rob Hillless

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Vicky Darton-Bigg (until APCM 2025)

Roy Humphrey

Alex Newson

Debbie Newson

Elected Representatives of the Laity

Alistair Arthur

Mark Bott

Glenda Cooper (until APCM 2025)

Patricia Croft

Carolyn Elery

Sheila Hancock

Jane Hillless (until APCM 2025)

Pamela Hunt (from APCM 2025)

Nike Jolaoso

Margaret Jones

Rachel Miles

Victor Omeni-Nzwehuie (from APCM 2025)

Victoria Onuniwu (until APCM 2025)

Richard Percival

Pat Perks

Elisabeth Petchey

David Soile

Fay Wyatt (from APCM 2025)

Co-opted

Jane Hillless (from 27/04/2025)

Pat Perks (from 27/04/2025)

Structure, Governance and Management

The function and purpose of the PCC is outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC operates through its Standing, Catering, Fabric, Finance & Stewardship, Fundraising & Socials, Building our Future sub-committees, and receives the minutes of those meetings.

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 to stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Trevor Wyatt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The main activities are the provision of church services (including baptisms, weddings and funerals), further teaching of adults (including house groups and courses), youth and children's work, supporting missionary and charitable organizations and courses in the UK and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and hall buildings on the site in the Broadway, Bexleyheath.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of preparation of this report, there were 244 persons (211 in March 2025) on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance at all Sunday services in Church in 2025 was 137 adults (2024: 139) and 28 children (2024: 26), though these numbers fluctuate considerably through the year. These averages are based on the Statistics for Mission attendance figures for October 2025.

Vicar's Report

I want to begin by giving thanks. The past year has brought moments of joy, challenge, and quiet faithfulness, and through it all we trust that God has continued to work in and through our parish. It is a privilege to serve alongside you.

I want to express my deep gratitude to our churchwardens, whose steady leadership and good humour have supported both me and the wider congregation. Especially to David Groombridge who is stepping down this year but has worked incredibly hard for us all. My thanks also go to the PCC for their thoughtful governance, and to our many volunteers — those who read, pray, sing, welcome, clean, garden, count, teach, visit, and quietly keep the life of the church moving. Much of what sustains our parish is unseen, but never unnoticed.

The worship pattern of our church is largely unchanged. The Book of Common Prayer is used on Sundays at 8am (Holy Communion) and at 6pm (Evensong) and once a month on Wednesdays at 10.30am (first Wednesday in the month). Common Worship (with modern English) is used at our main 10am Holy Communion services each week. At our 10am main service we are on average between 90 to 110 adults and some 20 to 30 children/young people. Attendance at 8am Holy Communion is between 10 and 15 people most weeks, and Evensong is between 15 and 20. The Wednesday congregation numbers between 20 and 25 people each week, and for many who attend on a Wednesday, it is like their

"Sunday service" and for this reason we don't see them on a Sunday. The church has continued to grow, and we have seen new members join us. However in recent years many hugely talented and committed church members have gone to glory, and this has impacted our capacity as a church. There is an urgent need for us to nurture and grow younger talent in the church.

The choral tradition continues to be at the heart of our worshipping life with traditional hymns and the eucharist each Sunday, apart from the family service once a month. Our music director, Luke Green has continued to bring great commitment and energy to this role. Michael King has continued to do a sterling job as our Organist and our Choir continues to enrich our worship. The Music Group continues to support the Family Services that happen once a month. We are blessed to have such a talented musical team.

Our work amongst children and young people and families has continued to flourish. We are most grateful to Sherry Snowden, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick and Stephen Taylor-Hunt who have looked after our young people as volunteers. We are glad to have welcomed Kelvin Shabee as our new Youth Minister in September and his contribution.

Our children's groups have continued to flourish and thanks go to the leaders of these groups; Kim McLachlan's for Sunday Club, Vicky Cox for Messy Church, and Fay Wyatt for Sunbeams. Our thanks also to Maggie Turner for the children's craft tables during family services. The 14th West Kent Boys Brigade and Girls Association has continued to go forward under the leadership of their Captain Andrew Church.

Our Saturday morning café, Josie's Vintage Café, has continued to go from strength to strength. There have been many weeks when Josie's Café has been full up and it has been hard to find a spare seat. Our other community outreach initiatives – Wednesday lunchtime concerts, knitting group, craft group, the ladies meeting and our monthly church services in the care home have continued to thrive. Our thanks to the leaders of these groups/initiatives.

Our links with the local community remain strong. We are engaged with all of the schools in the parish (Lift Bexleyheath, Townley Grammar, Upton, Uplands, Crook Log, Gravel Hill) and this includes the taking of assemblies, schools visits to the church and Christmas nativities/concerts. The Guides have sadly left us, but the Bean Road Cubs/Scouts are still much engaged with us.

It has been a privilege to walk with families through many baptisms, weddings, and funerals that we have had. These moments remind us of the breadth of our ministry and the trust placed in the church at significant points in people's lives.

We should pause for a moment and remember those saints in our church that left us for glory in 2025 – Patricia Dyer, John Richards, Melody Salom, and Shirley Rumsey.

We are all blessed to have such a talented ministry team who have continued to help with the preaching and the wider ministry of our church. Our Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) Marilyn Ormes, George Johnson and Yvonne Fowler have continued to preach regularly. Marilyn organises our visiting team for those who can't get to church and home communion. Our occasional preachers – Roy Humphrey, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick, David Soile, Robert Ramsdale and Sherry Snowden – have continued to give talks for us mainly at services on Wednesday and on Sundays at 8am and 6pm. Our three authorized Anna Chaplains exercise ministries in

different ways – Jo Ellard (care homes), Patricia Croft (ladies meeting), and Richard Percival (parish lunch).

Vicky Cox has continued to do a great job as our parish administrator church office, working 'the extra mile' on many occasions to deal with various things that have come up and emergencies. Our thanks also go to Tony Duck for keeping the grounds looking so tidy and to Ros and Francis Tibbles for their work with the flower beds. Our new treasurer, Elisabeth Petchey, has done really well picking up from where Glenda left off. Huge thanks are due to Elisabeth who has taken this on as a volunteer and we should all be mindful that this role takes several hours each week dealing with the finances of the church.

The life of the church is greatly enhanced by the provision of refreshments and food at many of our services and events. We are very blessed to have Jane Hillless, who heads up our very committed catering team who look after many social events including the Parish Lunches that are much loved. We should also acknowledge our talented team of flower arrangers who make the church look so lovely.

The redevelopment project (Building Our Future or BOF) has moved forward with a grant of £25K from central church that the Diocese has received for developing proposals to redevelop the site. Outline plans have been drawn up and a pre-app is being prepared for submission to Bexley Council in 2026.

We continue to ensure that we create a safe place and a safe church for all who come to us. We have the necessary Safeguarding information on our church website, and this subject is a standard item on the agenda of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings and also of the Ministry Leadership Team (MILT). Vicky Cox has been our Safeguarding Officer.

Christ Church Bexleyheath continues to be a growing church, and we simply could not manage to do all that we do without the support of so many who volunteer and do so much to help and support the life of the church in its various ministries. A huge thank you to everyone who helps in whatever way – however great or small.

As we look to the coming year, I believe we are being called to deepen our discipleship, strengthen our welcome, and continue serving our community with compassion. My hope is that we will grow not only in number but in faith, generosity, and joy. I am confident that God will continue to guide us as we seek to be a church that reflects Christ's love.

It continues to be a huge privilege for me to serve here at Christ Church Bexleyheath as Vicar. I look forward to many blessings as we continue to grow the life of the church and go forward together in faith and love.

In Christ's Service,

Trevor

Financial Review

The PCC sets an annual budget and receives income and expenditure reports at its meetings for monitoring purposes. Total income on the General Fund for 2025 was £247,258 against a budget of £244,370. Total expenditure was £229,827 against a budget of £237,792.

Giving was lower than anticipated but this was compensated by additional income from investments, hall and church lettings in the year. There were unplanned costs in the halls to replace floor covering (£1,975), for blocked toilets and drains (£1,944), pest control (£1,350). Savings were made on gas and electricity costs in the church by moving to a fixed price tariff for two years.

The PCC agreed to transfer £15,000 from net income into a designated fund for Building our Future (BOF), leaving a net movement in the General Fund of £5,657 for the year.

We were very fortunate to receive a legacy of £ 70,167 from the Estate of Ann Akhurst, which has been added to BOF in the Restricted Funds.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to have a General Reserve Fund of £25,000 and a Development Fund of £25,000, which with gains on investments have grown to £25,559 and £25,560 respectively. The Diocesan Repair Fund, which had a balance of £27,213 at 31.12.2025, is available for carrying out any significant repairs to the church, such as to the roof.

Investments

There are two long-term investment funds, which are managed by Sarasin & Partners. £120,000 was added during the year, bringing the total portfolio value to £445,656 at 31.12.2025 (£313,253 at 31.12.2024).

There is also £21,562 (2024: £18,378) held by Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance as Custodian Trustees for Christ Church Bexleyheath in M & G Equities Investment Fund for Charities.

Grants

A grant of £3,100 for the Ukrainian Church was brought forward from 2024. £2,770 was donated to Christ Church for the Ukrainians use of the church and halls and £380 disbursed for course fees.

A grant of £250 received from the Choral Evensong Trust was used at a choral evensong service and reception in November for invited singers and guests.

Elisabeth Petchey
Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	General		Designated		Restricted		Total Funds	
		Fund		Funds		Funds		2025	2024
		2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024		
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	Restated	
INCOMING RESOURCES	2								
Voluntary income	2(a)	143,732	156,113	1,995	2,132	97,182	101,707	242,909	259,952
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	7,127	12,170	0	0	8,002	5,691	15,129	17,861
Investment income	2(c)	6,146	3,325	723	745	8,624	7,747	15,493	11,817
Income from church activities	2(d)	90,253	88,288	0	0	0	0	90,253	88,288
Grants	2(e)	0	0	0	0	250	6,300	250	6,300
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		247,258	259,896	2,718	2,877	114,058	121,445	364,034	384,218
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	181	176	0	0	0	0	181	176
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of church activities	3(c)	217,129	200,243	1,633	1,677	630	63,610	219,392	265,530
Outreach	3(d)	12,517	0	400	12,123		0	12,917	12,123
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		229,827	200,419	2,033	13,800	630	63,610	232,490	277,829
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		17,431	59,477	685	-10,923	113,428	57,835	131,544	106,389
Gains / (losses) on investments		3,184		1,119	359	11,284	21,371	15,587	21,730
Transfers between funds	9								
Transfer to Repair Fund		-2,800	-2,800	2,800	2,800			0	0
Transfer from Outreach Fund		72	-12,500	-72	12,500			0	0
Transfer from Ukrainian Church		2,770				-2,770		0	0
Transfer to Building our Future Fund		-15,000	-10,000	15,000			10,000	0	0
Transfer to Choir Vestry Fund			-10,000		10,000			0	0
Transfer to Reserve Fund			-5,996		5,996			0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		5,657	18,181	19,532	20,732	121,942	89,206	147,131	128,119
BALANCES brought forward		62,788	44,607	85,244	64,512	384,222	295,016	532,254	404,135
BALANCES carried forward		68,445	62,788	104,776	85,244	506,164	384,222	679,385	532,254


PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ended 31st December 2025

		General	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Fund	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
Notes		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
						Restated
		Tangible assets				
CURRENT ASSETS						
		Stock				
		Debtors & prepayments				
	5	28,614	1,273	742	30,629	40,811
		Investments				
		21,562	45,123	400,533	467,218	331,631
		Cash at bank				
		29,492	58,380	104,889	192,761	174,026
		79,668	104,776	506,164	690,608	546,468
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
		Creditors				
	6	-11,223			-11,223	-14,214
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		68,445	104,776	506,164	679,385	532,254
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES						
		Loans				
NET ASSETS						
		68,445	104,776	506,164	679,385	532,254
FUNDS						
	7	68,445			68,445	62,788
			25,559		25,559	25,000
			25,560		25,560	25,000
			6		6	91
			0		0	472
			1,273		1,273	847
			165		165	144
			27,213		27,213	23,690
			10,000		10,000	10,000
				980	980	980
				14,893	14,893	14,893
				0	0	3,150
				0	0	0
			15,000	490,291	505,291	365,199
		68,445	104,776	506,164	679,385	532,254

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on 18 March 2026 on its behalf by:



David Groombridge
Churchwarden



Elisabeth Petchey
Treasurer

The notes on Pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31st December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC General funds are unrestricted funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and any surplus can be moved to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2025

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2. INCOMING RESOURCES								
2(a) Voluntary income								
Planned giving								
- under gift aid	89,682	88,692					89,682	88,692
- other	10,013	10,036					10,013	10,036
- income tax	27,595	31,481			50	14,400	27,645	45,881
Collections	6,229	6,187					6,229	6,187
Donations	10,213	19,717	1,995	2,132	26,965	61,736	39,173	83,585
Legacies					70,167	25,571	70,167	25,571
	143,732	156,113	1,995	2,132	97,182	101,707	242,909	259,952
2(b) Activities for generating funds								
Josie's Vintage Café	7,127	7,450					7,127	7,450
Summer fair	0	3,083					0	3,083
Christmas fair					2,675	3,500	2,675	3,500
Concerts	0	1,637			5,327	2,191	5,327	3,828
	7,127	12,170	0	0	8,002	5,691	15,129	17,861
2(c) Income from investments								
Dividends	1,180	1,129					1,180	1,129
Interest	4,966	2,196	723	745	8,624	7,747	14,313	10,688
	6,146	3,325	723	745	8,624	7,747	15,493	11,817
2(d) Income from church activities								
Church hall lettings	69,716	69,369					69,716	69,369
Church hire	4,149	1,550					4,149	1,550
Fees	16,388	17,369					16,388	17,369
	90,253	88,288	0	0	0	0	90,253	88,288
2(e) Grants								
For Ukrainian Church					0	6,300	0	6,300
Choral Evensong Trust					250	0	250	0
	0	0	0	0	250	6,300	250	6,300
Total Incoming Resources	247,258	259,896	2,718	2,877	114,058	121,445	364,034	384,218

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2025

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3. RESOURCES EXPENDED								
3(a) Costs of generating voluntary income								
Planned giving & stewardship	181	176					181	176
3(b) Costs of activities for generating funds								
Fairs / Concerts	0	0					0	0
Redevelopment costs	0	0					0	0
	0	0					0	0
3(c) Cost of church activities								
Ministry								
- Parish share (offer)	75,200	72,655					75,200	72,655
- DBF fees	8,219	8,669					8,219	8,669
- Clergy expenses	1,862	1,481					1,862	1,481
- Clergy housing	2,950	3,288					2,950	3,288
Youth work	667	251					667	251
Children's workers	5,297	962					5,297	962
Youth workers	4,240	9,063					4,240	9,063
Worship	3,692	6,999	0	264			3,692	7,263
Director of Music and Organist	16,114	14,924	89		250		16,453	14,924
Education, training and subscriptions	941	1,523			380		1,321	1,523
Publicity	0	0					0	0
Catering			1,544	1,413			1,544	1,413
Ukranian Church	0	0			0	3,150	0	3,150
Governance costs	630	615					630	615
Church running costs								
- insurance	8,962	8,655					8,962	8,655
- utilities	10,496	202					10,496	202
- printing & stationery	1,979	3,561					1,979	3,561
- cleaning	831	1,646					831	1,646
- bank interest & charges	777	674					777	674
- parish office costs	2,898	2,121					2,898	2,121
- parish administration	24,570	22,153					24,570	22,153
- fabric & maintenance	15,626	10,703					15,626	10,703
- organ maintenance	502	936				60,460	502	61,396
Church halls running costs								
- insurance	3,485	3,401					3,485	3,401
- utilities	10,390	13,587					10,390	13,587
- cleaning	6,689	5,943					6,689	5,943
- supplies	2,486	2,455					2,486	2,455
- fabric & maintenance	7,626	3,776					7,626	3,776
	217,129	200,243	1,633	1,677	630	63,610	219,392	265,530

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2025

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(d) Outreach								
Missionary & charitable giving								
Bible Society	1,400			1,500			1,400	1,500
Craft Aid International	1,050			1,450			1,050	1,450
CMS Latin America	1,000			1,000			1,000	1,000
Leprosy Mission	1,400			1,400			1,400	1,400
Josie's Vintage Café	2,530		400	2,000			2,930	2,000
Support for Kidoku Parish	800			800			800	800
Support for Kidoku Church roof	2,500			2,500			2,500	2,500
Support for Rev Chizengo	385			1,025			385	1,025
Spark in the Park	300			300			300	300
CRIBS	150			0			150	0
Poverty & Hope	200			0			200	0
Christian Aid	430			0			430	0
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	30			100			30	100
Visiting preachers' expenses	192			48			192	48
Churches Together in B'heath	25			0			25	0
Mosaic Anglicans	125			0			125	0
	12,517	0	400	12,123	0	0	12,917	12,123
Total Resources Expended	229,827	200,419	2,033	13,800	630	63,610	232,490	277,829

	2025	2024
	£	£
4(a) STAFF COSTS (included in Total Resources Expended)		
Wages and salaries	45,749	52,463
Social security costs	0	0
Pension costs	1,048	1,375
	<u>46,797</u>	<u>53,838</u>

The average number of staff employed was 7 (2024: 7)

(b) PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND CONNECTED PERSONS

Mrs Fay Wyatt became a member of the PCC on 27/04/2025. She is also employed as the Sunbeams Leader, for which she has been paid £1,155 since that date.

5. DEBTORS

Income tax recoverable	25,250	37,551
Church & hall hire	3,364	1,969
Other debtors	2,015	1,291
	<u>30,629</u>	<u>40,811</u>

6. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors for goods and services	2,685	11,148
Rochester DBF fees	1,842	2,141
Income received in advance	4,977	0
Other creditors	1,265	925
Outreach	453	0
	<u>11,222</u>	<u>14,214</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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7. FUNDS

Movement in funds	Balance b/fwd 01-Jan-25 Restated £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains (Losses) £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd 31-Dec-25 £
General Fund	62,788	247,258	-229,827	3,184	-14,958	68,445
Designated Funds						
General Reserve	25,000			559		25,559
Development Reserve	25,000			560		25,560
Outreach	472		-400		-72	0
Choir Fund	91	4	-89			6
Catering	847	1,970	-1,544			1,273
Social	144	21				165
Repair Fund	23,690	723			2,800	27,213
Building Our Future Fund	0				15,000	15,000
Choir Vestry Project	10,000					10,000
	85,244	2,718	-2,033	1,119	17,728	104,776
Restricted Funds						
In memoria donations	980					980
Organ Fund	14,893					14,893
Ukranian Church	3,150		-380		-2,770	0
Choral Evensong Trust	0	250	-250			0
Building Our Future Fund	365,199	113,808		11,284		490,291
	384,222	114,058	-630	11,284	-2,770	506,164
	532,254	364,034	-232,490	15,587	0	679,385

The General Fund has been restated at 01- Jan- 25 to include £18,378 held by Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance as Custodian Trustee for Christ Church, Bexleyheath.

8. Going Concern

The trustees consider that there were no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

9. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year apart from remuneration paid to an employee, who is also a trustee, as described in Note 4(b).

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Bexleyheath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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: *Zachary Ramsden*

Name: Zachary Ramsden FCA

Chartered Accountant

63 Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JT

Date: 22nd April 2026

Accounts

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH**

**REPORT
&
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31st December 2024**

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Bexleyheath (PCC) is a registered charity (number 1127820).

The parish is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. Christ Church is situated in Bexleyheath town centre; its postal address is Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7BT.

The following persons served as members of the PCC during the period from 1st January 2024 until the date on which this report was approved:

Incumbent

The Reverend Trevor Wyatt

Other Clergy

N/A

Wardens

David Groombridge

Laurie Bennett (until APCM 2024)

Rob Hilless (from APCM 2024)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Vicky Darton-Bigg

Lydia Fuller (until APCM 2024)

Roy Humphrey (until APCM 2024)

Alex Newson (from APCM 2024)

Debbie Newson (from APCM 2024)

Elected Representatives of the Laity

Alistair Arthur (from APCM 2024)

Mark Bott

Bernard Clewes (until APCM 2024)

Glenda Cooper

Patricia Croft

Carolyn Elery

Chris Gill (until APCM 2024)

Sheila Hancock

Jane Hilless

Rob Hilless (until APCM 2024)

Margaret Jones (from APCM 2024)

Willem Koopman (until APCM 2024)

Dorothy Leigh (until APCM 2024)

Nikita Leigh (until APCM 2024)

Rachel Miles

Victoria Onuniwu

Nike Jolaoso (from APCM 2024)

Richard Percival (from APCM 2024)

Pat Perks

Elisabeth Petchey

David Soile (from APCM 2024)

Structure, Governance and Management

The function and purpose of the PCC is outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC operates through its Standing, Outreach, Fabric, Publicity, Catering, Stewardship and Halls Management Committees and receives the minutes of the meetings of those committees.

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 to stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Trevor Wyatt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The main activities are the provision of church services (including baptisms, weddings and funerals), further teaching of adults (including house groups and courses), youth and children's work, and supporting missionary and charitable organizations and causes in the UK and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and hall buildings on the site in the Broadway, Bexleyheath.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the preparation of this report, there were 211 persons on the Church Electoral Roll (there were 207 in March 2023). The average weekly attendance at all Sunday services in Church in 2024 was 139 adults (120 in 2023, including services held on Facebook) and 26 children (22 in 2023), though these numbers fluctuate considerably through the year. These averages are based on the Statistics for Mission attendance figures for October 2024.

Review of the Year

2024 started with the church facing a significant budget deficit. However, the response from the Christ Church family to this situation was truly amazing, and we turned a large deficit into a surplus by the end of the year. Huge thanks to everyone who made a contribution, however great or small.

Our work amongst children and young people and families is one of the most important ministries in the life of the church. Our youth leader – Lydia Fuller – sadly left us in the summer to take on another youth leader role at a church in Blackheath. However, we are most grateful to Sherry Snowden, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick and Stephen Taylor-Hunt who stepped up and took on the role of looking after our young people. Sunday Club has continued under Kim's leadership and Messy Church has continued to go well under the leadership of Vicky Cox. Our under 5s pre-school group (Sunbeams) that meets on Thursday morning during term time has also continued to flourish and during the year the leadership moved from Maggie Turner to Fay Wyatt. Our thanks to Maggie for getting Sunbeams

back up and running and her work with our children at family services. The 14th West Kent Boys Brigade and Girls Association has continued to go forwards under the leadership of their Captain Andrew Church.

Our Saturday morning café, Josie's Vintage Café – in memory of Josie who left us for glory – has continued to go from strength to strength. There have been many weeks when Josie's Café has been full up and it has been hard to find a spare seat. Our other community outreach initiatives – knitting group, craft group, the ladies meeting and our monthly church services in the care home have continued to thrive. Our thanks to the leaders of these groups.

We had five weddings and two wedding blessings in 2024. We had forty-one Christenings/Baptisms and although this is down slightly on previous years, it is still a very large number for a church that doesn't have an affiliated church school. While most of us don't meet those Baptised at the 12.15pm services, we do see some of these children and families at messy church, sunbeams and at our Christmas services. Once a child is Baptised they can never be unbaptized and we never know of the seeds of faith that we are planting. Funerals were very busy during 2024 and we took over 60 funerals at the Crematorium and in church.

We should also pause for a moment and remember those saints in our church that left us for glory in 2024 – Bernard Clewes, Julie Knight, Roger Knight and Audrey Noy.

Our lay ministry team have continued to do a wonderful job helping with the preaching and the wider ministry of our church. Our Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) Marilyn Ormes, George Johnson and Yvonne Fowler have continued to preach regularly and lead services. Marilyn has organised a visiting team for those who can't get to church and home communion. Our occasional preachers – Vicky Darton-Bigg, Roy Humphrey, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick, Steve Cave, David Soile, Robert Ramsdale and Sherry Snowden – have continued to give talks for us mainly at services on Wednesday and on Sundays at 8am and 6pm. Victoria Onuniwu completed the Bishops Certificate in 2024. We also have authorized Anna Chaplains who exercise ministries in various ways – Jo Ellard (Care homes), Patricia Croft (Ladies meeting), and Richard Percival (Pastoral team).

Vicky Cox has continued to do a great job as our parish administrator church office, working 'the extra mile' on many occasions to deal with various things that have come up and emergencies. Our Churchwardens – David Groombridge and Rob Hillless – have done excellent work for us. Our thanks also go to Tony Duck for keeping the grounds looking so tidy and to Ros and Francis Tibbles for their work with the flower beds. Our treasurer, Glenda, has continued to do an amazing job as our treasurer (on a voluntary basis) which takes several hours each week dealing with the finances of the church.

The worship pattern of the church is largely unchanged. The book of common prayer is used on Sundays at 8am (Holy Communion) and at 6pm (Evensong) and once a month on Wednesdays at 10.30am (first Wednesday in the month). Common worship (with modern English) is used at our main 10am Holy Communion services each week. Average attendance at our main 10am services is

slightly up on recent years having recovered well from the Covid pandemic. At our 10am main service we are on average between 90 to 110 adults and some 20 to 30 children/young people. Attendance at 8am Holy Communion is between 10 and 15 people most weeks, and Evensong is between 15 and 20. A cause for concern is attendance at Evensong. The Wednesday congregation numbers between 20 and 25 people each week, and for many who attend on a Wednesday, it is like their "Sunday service" and for this reason we don't see them on a Sunday. On the positive side, the church has continued to grow and we have seen new members join us, however in recent years many hugely talented and committed church members have gone to glory, and this has impacted our capacity as a church. There is an urgent need for us to nurture and grow younger talent in the church.

The choral tradition continues to be at the heart of our worshipping life with traditional hymns and the eucharist each Sunday, apart from the family service once a month. Our music director, Luke Green has continued to bring great commitment and energy to this role. Michael King has continued to do a sterling job as our Organist and our Choir continue to enrich our worship. The Music Group continues to support the Family Services. We are blessed to have such a talented musical team.

The life of the church is greatly enhanced by the provision of refreshments and food at many of our services and events. We are very blessed to have Jane Hilless who heads up our very committed catering team who look after many social events including the Parish Lunches that are much loved. Of particular note are the Wednesday lunchtime concerts and pre-concert lunches that are so well organised by Pat Perks. We should also acknowledge our talented team of flower arrangers who make the church look so lovely.

In October 2024 we relaunched the fund-raising initiative for Building our Future (BOF) – for the redevelopment of the Christ Church site. This was kick started with a 'one off' gift day which was very successful raising over £5K and also the proceeds from the autumn fair – over £3.5K. These monies, together with legacies received in 2024 and interest on our investment, brought the total balance for the Building Our Future fund to £365K at the end of the year. It is most appropriate that we pay tribute to past members of our church – now in glory – who have left considerable financial legacies that have gone into this fund. Other legacies are expected in 2025.

The redevelopment project for BOF has stalled somewhat because the Diocese has not had a property director in post to lead this work, however one is to be appointed in 2025. One of the key issues to be addressed is what to do about the Old Vicarage which is a grade 2 listed building. It is a terrible eye sore, pretty much derelict and very dilapidated. English Heritage have turned down a request for the Old Vicarage to be delisted, but we are hopeful that this decision can be overturned if a suitable replacement housing development is put in its place. It is envisaged that work on BOF will ramp up considerably in 2025.

We continue to ensure that we create a safe place and a safe church for all who come to us. We have the necessary Safeguarding information on our church website and this subject is a standard

item on the agenda of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings and also of the Ministry Leadership Team (MiLT). Since the new PCC was elected at the APCM in 2024, Vicky Cox has been our Safeguarding Officer.

Christ Church Bexleyheath continues to be a growing church, and we simply could not manage to do all that we do without the support of so many who volunteer and do so much to help and support the life of the church in its various ministries. A huge thank you to everyone who helps in whatever way – however great or small.

It continues to be huge privilege for me to serve here at Christ Church Bexleyheath as Vicar. I look forward to many blessings as we continue to grow the life of the church and go forward together in faith and love.

In Christ's Service,

Trevor

Financial Review

Our net position in the **General Fund** at the end of the year was a positive movement of **£18,181** (against a forecast deficit of £32,500 as reported to the congregation at the start of 2024).

The main reasons for this extraordinary financial result are as follows:

- A refund of £11,520 from Total Energies for overcharges on our gas usage. This refund covered a period dating back to November 2020 but cannot be backdated in the Church accounts, It has therefore made such a positive impact on the 2024 accounts that the Church utility bills for the whole year have been reduced to £202 instead of the forecast of £18,000. We have changed supplier to British Gas which has reduced the gas and electric bills for both the Church and the Halls.
- An increase in planned giving of £13,000 as a result of the fantastic response from the congregation to the 2024 Gifts and Talents appeal.
- An amount of £11,000 was accrued in the 2024 accounts to cover giving and donations made under gift aid for the period from 01.03.2024 to 31.12.2024. The actual amount claimed for this period was £19,330 resulting in an additional £8,330 in the General Fund this year.
- Hall lettings amounted to over £69,000 for the year, £14,000 more than the forecast figure of £55,000.

In November 2024, the PCC agreed to move £10,000 from the General Fund to the Building Our Future Fund and £10,000 to a new project fund for the refurbishment of the Choir vestry. The resulting end of year balance in the General Fund was £44,410.

The fundraising for the Building Our Future fund was relaunched in October 2024 with great success. The following funds were raised:

- Gift Day - £6,620
- Autumn Fair - £3,500
- Greenwich Concert Band Christmas concert - £2,191

Together with the transfer from the General Fund and the interest and increase made on the capital investment, the Building Our Future fund rose by £77,941 to £365,199.

The resulting 2024 yearend balance for the General Fund and all the Designated, Restricted and Reserve Funds is £513,876 (a net increase of £128,119).

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to have a General Reserve Fund of £25,000 and a Development Fund of £25,000. £6k was transferred from the General Fund to the Reserve Funds to bring them back to the policy figure. This addresses the remaining losses incurred in 2022 on the investment that have yet to be recovered.

At the year end, therefore, the principal reserves comprised the General Reserve Fund at £25,000 the Development Reserve at £25,000, the Diocesan Repair Fund at £23,690 and the restricted Organ Fund at £14,893.

Investments

In 2018, the PCC members voted to invest £200,000 of the Building Our Future fund and £50,000 of the Church reserves in long term investment funds managed by Sarasin & Partners.

During 2020 a further £20,000 was transferred to the Building Our Future investment fund, bringing the total invested amount to £220,000.

As at the end of 2024:

- the portfolio value of the Building Our Future investment stood at £269,249 (an increase of £21,371 since 31.12.23)
- the portfolio value of the reserves' investment stood at £44,004 (an increase of £359 since 31.12.23)

Grants

During 2024, we received two grants on behalf of the Ukrainian Church totalling £6,300. Our friends in the Ukrainian Church donate some of these funds to Christ Church in appreciation of the use of the Church and Halls.

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	2								
Voluntary income	2(a)	156,113	140,614	2,132	5,709	101,707	24,212	259,952	170,535
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	12,170	11,901	0	1,415	5,691	0	17,861	13,316
Investment income	2(c)	3,325	3,071	745	555	7,747	7,057	11,817	10,683
Income from church activities	2(d)	88,288	78,218	0	0	0	0	88,288	78,218
Grants	2(e)	0	0	0	0	6,300	12,700	6,300	12,700
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		259,896	233,804	2,877	7,679	121,445	43,969	384,218	285,452
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	176	97	0	0	0	0	176	97
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of church activities	3(c)	200,243	237,608	1,677	2,543	63,610	18,920	265,530	259,071
Outreach	3(d)	0	0	12,123	10,135	0	0	12,123	10,135
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		200,419	237,705	13,800	12,678	63,610	18,920	277,829	269,303
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		59,477	-3,901	-10,923	-4,999	57,835	25,049	106,389	16,149
Gains / (losses) on investments				359	626	21,371	13,332	21,730	13,958
Transfers between funds	9								
	9(a)	-2,800	422	2,800	-422			0	0
	9(b)		9,000				-9,000	0	0
	9(c)	-12,500	-10,050	12,500	10,050			0	0
	9(d)		5,187		-5,187			0	0
	9(e)	-10,000				10,000		0	0
	9(f)	-10,000		10,000				0	0
	9(g)	-5,996		5,996				0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		18,181	658	20,732	68	89,206	29,381	128,119	30,107
BALANCES brought forward		26,229	25,571	64,512	64,444	295,016	265,635	385,757	355,650
BALANCES carried forward		44,410	26,229	85,244	64,512	384,222	295,016	513,876	385,757

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
BALANCE SHEET
For the year ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	4					
CURRENT ASSETS	5					
Stock						
Debtors & prepayments		24,966	1,273	14,572	40,811	18,287
Investments			44,004	269,249	313,253	291,523
Cash at bank		33,274	39,967	100,785	174,026	90,162
		<u>58,240</u>	<u>85,244</u>	<u>384,606</u>	<u>528,090</u>	<u>399,972</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors	6	-13,830		-384	-14,214	-14,215
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>44,410</u>	<u>85,244</u>	<u>384,222</u>	<u>513,876</u>	<u>385,757</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES						
Loans	7					
NET ASSETS		<u>44,410</u>	<u>85,244</u>	<u>384,222</u>	<u>513,876</u>	<u>385,757</u>
FUNDS	8					
General		44,410			44,410	26,229
General Reserve			25,000		25,000	21,822
Development			25,000		25,000	21,823
Choir			91		91	119
Outreach			472		472	95
Catering			847		847	363
Social			144		144	144
Repair			23,690		23,690	20,146
Choir Vestry Project			10,000		10,000	0
Redevelopment Fund				365,199	365,199	287,258
Organ				14,893	14,893	7,103
In Memoria donations				980	980	655
Grant for Ukrainian Church				3,150	3,150	0
Funds for Youth Worker				0	0	0
		<u>44,410</u>	<u>85,244</u>	<u>384,222</u>	<u>513,876</u>	<u>385,757</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on 30th March 2025 on its behalf by:

David Groombridge
Churchwarden

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC General funds are unrestricted funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and any surplus can be moved to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2024

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2. INCOMING RESOURCES								
2(a) Voluntary income								
Planned giving								
- under gift aid	88,692	75,851					88,692	75,851
- other	10,036	10,383					10,036	10,383
- income tax	31,481	32,863			14,400	2,850	45,881	35,713
Collections	6,187	4,836					6,187	4,836
Donations	19,717	16,681	2,132	5,709	61,736	12,362	83,585	34,752
Legacies					25,571	9,000	25,571	9,000
	<u>156,113</u>	<u>140,614</u>	<u>2,132</u>	<u>5,709</u>	<u>101,707</u>	<u>24,212</u>	<u>259,952</u>	<u>170,535</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds								
Josie's Vintage Café	7,450	2,704					7,450	2,704
Coffee mornings		458		1,415				1,873
Summer fair	3,083						3,083	
Christmas fair		3,533			3,500		3,500	3,533
Concerts	1,637	5,206			2,191		3,828	5,206
	<u>12,170</u>	<u>11,901</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>5,691</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,861</u>	<u>13,316</u>
2(c) Income from investments								
Dividends	1,129	1,061					1,129	1,061
Interest	2,196	2,010	745	555	7,747	7,057	10,688	9,622
	<u>3,325</u>	<u>3,071</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>7,747</u>	<u>7,057</u>	<u>11,817</u>	<u>10,683</u>
2(d) Income from church activities								
Church hall lettings	69,369	58,380					69,369	58,380
Church hire	1,550	1,059					1,550	1,059
Fees	17,369	18,779					17,369	18,779
	<u>88,288</u>	<u>78,218</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>88,288</u>	<u>78,218</u>
2(e) Grants								
For Ukrainian Church					6,300	4,200	6,300	4,200
Youth leader / youth work						8,500		8,500
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>12,700</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>259,896</u>	<u>233,804</u>	<u>2,877</u>	<u>7,679</u>	<u>121,445</u>	<u>43,969</u>	<u>384,218</u>	<u>285,452</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2024

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3. Resources Expended								
3(a) Costs of generating voluntary income								
Planned giving & stewardship	176	97	0	0	0	0	176	97
3(b) Costs of activities for generating funds								
Fairs / Concerts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redevelopment costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3(c) Cost of church activities								
Ministry								
- Parish share (<i>offer</i>)	72,655	70,200					72,655	70,200
- DBF fees	8,669	11,146					8,669	11,146
- Clergy expenses	1,481	1,340					1,481	1,340
- Clergy housing	3,288	3,398					3,288	3,398
Youth work	251	2,476					251	2,476
Children's workers	962	1,000					962	1,000
Youth worker	9,063	13,236				935	9,063	14,171
Worship	6,999	4,680	264	1,150			7,263	5,830
Director of Music	14,924	14,539					14,924	14,539
Education & training	1,523	1,078					1,523	1,078
Publicity	0	0					0	0
Catering			1,413	1,393			1,413	1,393
Ukranian Church					3,150	4,200	3,150	4,200
Governance costs	615	700					615	700
Church running costs								
- insurance	8,655	7,789					8,655	7,789
- utilities	202	22,199					202	22,199
- printing & stationery	3,561	2,132					3,561	2,132
- cleaning	1,646	3,402					1,646	3,402
- bank interest & charges	674	572					674	572
- parish office costs	2,121	2,936					2,121	2,936
- parish administration	22,153	19,999					22,153	19,999
- fabric & maintenance	10,703	21,613					10,703	21,613
- organ maintenance	936	208			60,460	13,785	61,396	13,993
Church halls running costs								
- insurance	3,401	3,159					3,401	3,159
- utilities	13,587	16,655					13,587	16,655
- cleaning	5,943	5,600					5,943	5,600
- supplies	2,455	2,462					2,455	2,462
- fabric & maintenance	3,776	5,089					3,776	5,089
	200,243	237,608	1,677	2,543	63,610	18,920	265,530	259,071

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2024

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(d) Outreach								
Missionary & charitable giving								
Bible Society			1,500	1,800			1,500	1,800
Craft Aid International			1,450	2,400			1,450	2,400
CMS Latin America			1,000	1,000			1,000	1,000
Leprosy Mission			1,400	1,400			1,400	1,400
Josie's Vintage Café			2,000	1,300			2,000	1,300
Support for Kidoku Parish			800	800			800	800
Support for Kidoku Church roof			2,500	0			2,500	0
Support for Rev Chizenga			1,025	300			1,025	300
Travel expenses (Sue Chakley)			48	0			48	0
Spark in the Park			300	400			300	400
CRIBS			0	150			0	150
Poverty & Hope			0	200			0	200
Bexley Deaf Centre			0	200			0	200
Vicar's Discretionary Fund			100	0			100	0
Visiting preachers' expenses			0	60			0	60
Churches Together in B'heath			0	25			0	25
Mosaic Anglicans			0	100			0	100
	0	0	12,123	10,135	0	0	12,123	10,135
Total Resources Expended	200,419	237,705	13,800	12,678	63,610	18,920	277,653	269,303

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2024

4. Fixed Assets

None

5. Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments include an accrual of fees receivable in respect of hall lettings together with other items. Cash at bank comprises money held in current and deposit accounts with Lloyds TSB and other banks, monies held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, monies in the Diocesan repair funds for the church and monies held in investment accounts with Sarasin.

6. Current Liabilities

The liabilities on the General Account include payments made in 2025 for services and expenses incurred in 2024.

7. Long-Term Liabilities

None

8. Fund Details

The designated funds comprise the following:

- (a) • General Reserve Fund - balance £25,000 (2023 - £21,822)
This is the fund set aside to meet the PCC's reserves policy.
- (b) • Development Fund – balance £25,000 (2023 - £21,823)
This is money set aside for future development projects as approved by the Parochial Church Council.
- (c) • Choir Fund - balance £91 (2023 - £119)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the choir.
- (d) • Outreach Fund - balance £472 (2023 - £95)
An annual transfer of money from General Fund provides money for missionary and charitable donations.
- (e) • Catering Fund - balance £847 (2023 - £363)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the Catering Committee.
- (f) • Social Fund - balance £144 (2023 - £144)
This Fund comprises monies allocated to and under the control of the Social Committee.
- (g) • Church Repair Fund - balance £23,690 (2023 - £20,146)
The Diocese operates a repair fund scheme to which regular contributions are made from General Fund. The money is available for maintenance work on the church and clergy house. Membership of the repair funds also carries the right to interest-free loans from the Diocese when further monies are required.

The restricted funds comprise the following:

- (h) • Redevelopment Fund - balance £365,199 (2023 - £287,258)
This fund holds monies raised for the 'Building Our Future' redevelopment fund
- (i) • Organ Fund - balance £14,893 (2023 - £7,103)
This fund consists of monies given specifically to meet the cost of any significant repair to the organ that may be required.
- (j) • In Memoria donations – balance £980 (2023 - £655)
Monies donated in memory of loved ones are held in this fund
- (k) • Grant for Ukrainian Church
Grant monies awarded to the Ukrainian Church are held in this fund on their behalf. Olesya Demyan requests payments for services offered by the Ukrainian Church as required.

9. Transfer Details

- (a) Payments into Repair Fund totalling £2,800
- (b) 2023 only - transfer of £9,000 for Youth Worker from restricted fund to general fund
- (c) Transfer of £12,500 to Outreach account
- (d) 2023 only - transfer of £5,187 from Energy fund to general fund to pay energy bills
- (e) Transfer of £10,000 from General Fund to Building Our Future Fund
- (f) Transfer of £10,000 from General Fund to a new fund set up for the refurbishment of the Choir Vestry
- (g) Transfer of £5,996 from General Fund to the Reserve Funds

10. Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

11. Related party transactions

There have been no transactions with persons or entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees (2023 - none).

None of the Trustees were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity in the year (2023 - none).

No trustees' expenses were incurred in the year (2023 - none).

12. Movement in funds

Fund	B/F	Income	Expenses	Gains (losses)	Transfer	C/F
General	26,229	259,896	-200,419	0	-41,296	44,410
Designated funds						
General reserve	21,822			180	2,998	25,000
Development	21,823			179	2,998	25,000
Choir	119	236	-264			91
Outreach	95		-12,123		12,500	472
Catering	363	1,897	-1,413			847
Social	144					144
Repair	20,145	745			2,800	23,690
Choir Vestry Project	0				10,000	10,000
	64,511	2,878	-13,800	359	31,296	85,244
Restricted Funds						
Redevelopment	287,258	46,570		21,371	10,000	365,199
Organ	7,103	68,250	-60,460			14,893
In memoria donations	655	325				980
Grant for Ukrainian Church	0	6,300	-3,150			3,150
	295,016	121,445	-63,610	21,371	10,000	384,222
	385,756	384,219	-277,829	21,730	0	513,876

13. Analysis of staff costs

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	52,463	50,773
Social security costs	0	1,515
Pension costs	1,375	1,655
	53,838	53,943

The average number of staff employed was 7 (2023 - 7)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Bexleyheath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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: *Zachary Ramsden*

Name: Zachary Ramsden FCA

Chartered Accountant

63 Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JT

Date: 6th April 2025

Accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH

REPORT
&
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31st December 2023

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Bexleyheath (PCC) is a registered charity (number 1127820).

The parish is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. Christ Church is situated in Bexleyheath town centre; its postal address is Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7BT.

The following persons served as members of the PCC during the period from 1st January 2023 until the date on which this report was approved:

Incumbent

The Reverend Trevor Wyatt

Other Clergy

N/A

Wardens

Laurie Bennett

David Groombridge (from APCM 2023)

Roy Humphrey (until APCM 2023)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Vicky Darton-Bigg (from APCM 2023)

Lydia Fuller

Roy Humphrey

Richard Percival (until APCM 2023)

Elected Representatives of the Laity

Mark Bott (from APCM 2023)

Bernard Clewes (from APCM 2023)

Glenda Cooper

Patricia Croft

Rob Hillless

Willem Koopman

Dorothy Leigh (from APCM 2023)

Nikita Leigh

Carolyn Elery (from APCM 2023)
Chris Gill (PCC Secretary)
Yvonne Fowler (until APCM 2023)
Mark Fuller (until APCM 2023)
Sheila Hancock
Jane Hillless

Rachel Miles
Victoria Onuniwu (from APCM 2023)
Pat Perks
Elisabeth Petchey
Daimon Taylor-Hunt (until APCM 2023)
Stephen Taylor-Hunt (until APCM 2023)

Co-opted members

Bernard Clewes (until APCM 2023)

Structure, Governance and Management

The function and purpose of the PCC is outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC operates through its Standing, Outreach, Fabric, Publicity, Catering, Stewardship and Halls Management Committees and receives the minutes of the meetings of those committees.

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 to stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Trevor Wyatt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The main activities are the provision of church services (including baptisms, weddings and funerals), further teaching of adults (including house groups and courses), youth and children's work, and supporting missionary and charitable organizations and causes in the UK and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and hall buildings on the site in the Broadway, Bexleyheath.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the preparation of this report, there were 207 persons on the Church Electoral Roll (there were 212 in March 2022). The average weekly attendance at all Sunday services in Church in 2023 was 120 adults (105 in 2022, including services held on Facebook) and 22 children (26 in 2022), though these numbers fluctuate considerably through the year. These averages are based on the Statistics for Mission attendance figures for October 2023.

Review of the Year

Whilst many local churches have continued to struggle since the Covid pandemic, Christ Church Bexleyheath has continued to do very well as witnessed by the growing number of people of all ages attending our church. To illustrate this point, we held our Welcome Lunch in June 2023 for people who were new to the church in the previous year or so. I invited 43 adults and 19 children under the age of 18 to this welcome lunch.

Our work amongst children and young people and families is one of the most important ministries in the life of the church. Our youth leader – Lydia Fuller – returned from maternity leave and we have all been blessed to have Tahlia making her presence felt in the church. Sunday club has continued under Kim's leadership and Messy Church has continued to go well under the leadership of Laurie Bennet, and Vicky Cox. Our under 5s pre-school group (Sunbeams) that meets on Thursday morning during term time has really taken off under the leadership of Maggie Turner who has a great team supporting her. The 14th West Kent Boys Brigade and Girls Association still badly affected by the pandemic has also started to recover with new members. Well done to Captain Andrew and his team.

Our two new community projects have done really well in 2023. The Galaxy club (for those with "additional needs" led by Vicky Cox and Stacey Yusuf) won an award for their work at the Bexley Interfaith Awards evening. Our Saturday morning café (called Elderberries) was brought 'in house' early in the year and renamed Josies Café in memory of Josie who left us for glory at the end of March 2023. There have been some weeks when Josies café has been full up and it has been hard to find a spare seat. Our other community outreach initiatives – knitting group, craft group, the ladies meeting and our monthly church services in the care home have continued and go from strength to strength. Our thanks to the leaders of these groups.

Although we had only five weddings in 2023, we did have forty-seven Christenings/Baptisms – which is a very large number for a church that doesn't have an affiliated church school. I realise that most of our church family doesn't meet those concerned with 12.15pm Baptisms, however, we do see some of these children and families at messy church, sunbeams and at Christmas services. Once a child is Baptised they can never be unbaptised and we never know of the seeds of faith that we are planting. Funerals were very busy during 2023 and we took 13 funerals in church and 63 at the Crematorium.

We should also pause for a moment and remember those saints in our church that left us for glory in

2023 – Josie Kempster, Sheila Vickers, Andy Golds, Cheryl Quinlan, Tony Holcroft, and Ann Akhurst.

Our lay ministry team have continued to do a wonderful job in helping with the preaching and the wider ministry of our church. In May it was a joy to see Lydia authorised as a licensed lay minister (LLM) in Rochester Cathedral. Our other LLMs (Marilyn Ormes, George Johnson and Yvonne Fowler) have continued to preach regularly and lead services, and Richard Percival (Pastoral Assistant) continues to head up our pastoral team. Our occasional preachers Vicky Darton-Bigg, Roy Humphrey, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick, Steve Cave, David Soile, Robert Ramsdale and Sherry Snowden have continued to give talks for us. Elizabeth Olu-Garrick has completed the Bishops Certificate and Victoria Onunimu is due to complete this in 2024. We also have authorized Anna Chaplains who exercise ministries in various ways – Jo Ellard (Care homes), Patricia Croft (Ladies meeting), and Richard Percival (Pastoral team).

Vicky Hill has continued to do a great job as our parish administrator church office, working 'the extra mile' on many occasions to deal with various things that have come up and emergencies. Our Churchwardens – David and Laurie – have done excellent work for us. Our thanks also to Tony Duck for keeping the grounds looking so tidy and to Ros and Francis Tibbles for their work with the flower beds. Our treasurer, Glenda, has continued to do an amazing job as our treasurer (on a voluntary basis) which takes several hours each week dealing with the finances of the church.

Our music director, Luke Green continued to bring great commitment and energy to this role. Under his leadership it has been great to see a growing number of children and young people join our junior choir. Michael King has continued to do a sterling job as our Organist – one of the most gifted organists the church has ever had. We are so blessed at Christ Church to have such a talented musical team.

The life of the church is greatly enhanced by the provision of refreshments and food at many of our services and events. We are very blessed to have Jane Hilless who heads up our very committed catering team. Of particular note are the monthly Parish Lunches that are much loved by those who attend. We should also acknowledge our talented team of flower arrangers who make the church look so beautiful.

We continue to ensure that we create a safe place and a safe church for all who come to us. We have the necessary Safeguarding information on our church website and this subject is a standard item on the agenda of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings and also of the Ministry Leadership Team (MiLT). Since the new PCC was elected at the APCM in 2023, Laurie Bennett has been our Safeguarding Officer.

Christ Church Bexleyheath is a growing church in many dimensions, and we simply could not manage to do all that we do without the support of so many who volunteer and do so much to help and support the life of the church in its various ministries. A huge thank you to everyone who helps in whatever way – however great or small.

It continues to be a huge privilege for me to serve here at Christ Church Bexleyheath as Vicar. I look forward to many blessings as we continue to grow the life of the church and go forward together in faith and love.

In Christ's Service,

Trevor

Financial Review

Our net position in the **General Fund** at the end of the year was a positive movement of **£658** (against a forecast of a deficit of £8,651 in the budget set at the start of 2023).

The main reason for the 'better than expected' end of year balance is the result of the decision to account for additional reclaimed income tax on giving and donations made under gift aid. For many years, the income tax for gift aid we can reclaim has not aligned to the Church accounting year. For example, the amount of reclaimed income tax under gift aid shown in the 2022 accounts was for giving and donations made under gift aid for the 12 month period from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2023. In discussions with Zachery Ramsden, our independent examiner of the Church accounts, we have decided to rectify this misalignment and add £11,000 in to the 2023 accounts to cover giving and donations made under gift aid for the period from 01.03.2023 to 31.12.2023. Going forward, the income tax reclaimed for each financial year will align to the giving and donations made under gift aid for the same financial year.

The more significant unexpected expenditure items during 2023 were as follows:

- halls lighting costing £2,300
- installation of ceiling heaters in the New Room costing £2,250
- repairs to the Church roof costing £3,222 (using funds from our Repair Fund)
- refurbishment of the Church toilet costing £7,350

However, on the positive side, higher than expected income came from donations, fees, concerts, the Christmas Fair and Josie's Café.

The resulting end of year balance in the General Fund was £26,229.

The end of year balance in the Building Our Future fund, factoring in the increase made on the investment, is £287,258.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to have a General Reserve Fund of £25,000 and a Development Fund of £25,000. The balances of both funds have increased slightly to £21,823, recovering some of the losses incurred in 2022 on the investment.

At the year end, therefore, the principal reserves comprised the General Reserve Fund at £21,822 the Development Reserve at £21,823, the Organ Fund at £7,103 and the Diocesan Repair Fund at £20,146.

The resulting 2023 yearend balance for the General Fund and all the Designated, Restricted and Reserve Funds is £371,907 (a net increase of £16,257).

Investments

In 2018, the PCC members voted to invest £200,000 of the Building Our Future fund and £50,000 of the Church reserves in long term investment funds managed by Sarasin & Partners.

During 2020 a further £20,000 was transferred to the Building Our Future investment fund, bringing the total invested amount to £220,000.

As at the end of 2022:

- the portfolio value of the Building Our Future investment stood at £247,878 (an increase of £13,332 since 31.12.22)
- the portfolio value of the reserves' investment stood at £43,645 (an increase of £626 since 31.12.22)

Grants

During 2023, we received the following grants:

£8,500 from The Joseph Rank Trust for Youth Worker

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
INCOMING RESOURCES	2	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Voluntary income	2(a)	140,614	127,008	5,709	1,005	24,212	1,012	170,535	129,025
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	11,901	6,817	1,415	341	0	0	13,316	7,158
Investment income	2(c)	3,071	2,871	555	95	7,057	6,898	10,683	9,864
Income from church activities	2(d)	78,218	73,828	0	0	0	0	78,218	73,828
Grants	2(e)	0	0	0	3,389	12,700	8,500	12,700	11,889
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		233,804	210,524	7,679	4,830	43,969	16,410	285,452	231,764
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	97	398	0	0	0	0	97	398
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	0	189	0	0	0	0	0	189
Cost of church activities	3(c)	237,608	214,385	2,543	0	18,920	0	259,071	214,385
Outreach	3(d)	0	0	10,135	10,450	0	570	10,135	11,020
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		237,705	214,972	12,678	10,450	18,920	570	269,303	225,992
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		-3,901	-4,448	-4,999	-5,620	25,049	15,840	16,149	5,772
Gains / (losses) on investments				626	-6,981	13,332	14,546	13,958	7,565
Transfers between funds	9								
	9(a)	422	-2,800	-422	2,800			0	0
	9(b)	9,000	10,000			-9,000	-10,000	0	0
	9(c)	-10,050	-10,000	10,050	10,000			0	0
	9(d)	5,187	4,222	-5,187	-4,222			0	0
	9(e)				-500		500	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		658	-3,026	68	-4,523	29,381	20,886	30,107	13,337
BALANCES brought forward		25,571	28,597	64,444	68,967	265,635	244,749	355,650	342,313
BALANCES carried forward		26,229	25,571	64,512	64,444	295,016	265,635	385,757	355,650

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
BALANCE SHEET
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
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FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4				
CURRENT ASSETS	5				
Stock					
Debtors & prepayments		15,024	413	2,850	18,287
Investments			43,645	247,878	291,523
Cash at bank		25,420	20,454	44,288	90,162
		<u>40,444</u>	<u>64,512</u>	<u>295,016</u>	<u>399,972</u>
					<u>362,858</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	6	-14,215			-14,215
					<u>-7,208</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>26,229</u>	<u>64,512</u>	<u>295,016</u>	<u>385,757</u>
					<u>355,650</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
Loans	7				
NET ASSETS		<u>26,229</u>	<u>64,512</u>	<u>295,016</u>	<u>385,757</u>
					<u>355,650</u>
FUNDS	8				
General		26,229			26,229
General Reserve			21,822		21,822
Development			21,823		21,823
Choir			119		119
Outreach			95		95
Catering			363		363
Social			144		144
Repair			20,146		20,146
Redevelopment Fund				287,258	287,258
Organ				7,103	7,103
Funds for Youth Worker				0	0
In Memoria donations				655	655
		<u>26,229</u>	<u>64,512</u>	<u>295,016</u>	<u>385,757</u>
					<u>355,650</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on 14 April 2024 on its behalf by:

David Groombridge
Churchwarden

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC General funds are unrestricted funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and any surplus can be moved to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2023

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2. INCOMING RESOURCES								
2(a) Voluntary income								
Planned giving								
- under gift aid	75,851	75,909					75,851	75,909
- other	10,383	8,272					10,383	8,272
- income tax	32,863	22,356			2,850		35,713	22,356
Collections	4,836	7,455					4,836	7,455
Donations	16,681	13,016	5,709	1,005	12,362	1,012	34,752	15,033
Legacies					9,000		9,000	
	<u>140,614</u>	<u>127,008</u>	<u>5,709</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>24,212</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>170,535</u>	<u>129,025</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds								
Josie's Vintage Café	2,704						2,704	
Coffee mornings	458	416	1,415	341			1,873	757
Summer fair								
Christmas fair	3,533	2,661					3,533	2,661
Concerts	5,206	3,740					5,206	3,740
	<u>11,901</u>	<u>6,817</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,316</u>	<u>7,158</u>
2(c) Income from investments								
Dividends	1,061	1,036					1,061	1,036
Interest	2,010	1,835	555	95	7,057	6,898	9,622	8,828
	<u>3,071</u>	<u>2,871</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>7,057</u>	<u>6,898</u>	<u>10,683</u>	<u>9,864</u>
2(d) Income from church activities								
Church hall lettings	58,380	58,275					58,380	58,275
Church hire	1,059	1,453					1,059	1,453
Fees	18,779	14,100					18,779	14,100
	<u>78,218</u>	<u>73,828</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>78,218</u>	<u>73,828</u>
2(e) Grants								
For Ukranian Church					4,200		4,200	
Youth leader / youth work					8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Energy				3,389				3,389
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,389</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>11,889</u>

Total Incoming Resources

233,804	210,524	7,679	4,830	43,969	16,410	285,452	231,764
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2022

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3. Resources Expended								
3(a) Costs of generating voluntary income								
Planned giving & stewardship	97	398	0	0	0	0	97	398
3(b) Costs of activities for generating funds								
Fairs / Concerts	0	189	0	0	0	0	0	189
Redevelopment costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	189	0	0	0	0	0	189
3(c) Cost of church activities								
Ministry								
- Parish share (<i>offer</i>)	70,200	68,153					70,200	68,153
- DBF fees	11,146	8,284					11,146	8,284
- Clergy expenses	1,340	2,088					1,340	2,088
- Clergy housing	3,398	3,039					3,398	3,039
Youth work	2,476	2,553					2,476	2,553
Youth worker	13,236	19,058			935	0	14,171	19,058
Children's workers	1,000	500					1,000	500
Worship	4,680	3,340	1,150	0			5,830	3,340
Director of Music	14,539	9,103					14,539	9,103
Education & training	1,078	1,106					1,078	1,106
Publicity	0	294					0	294
Catering			1,393	0			1,393	0
Ukranian Church					4,200	0	4,200	0
Governance costs	700	0					700	0
Church running costs								
- insurance	7,789	7,308					7,789	7,308
- utilities	22,199	12,601					22,199	12,601
- printing & stationery	2,132	2,055					2,132	2,055
- cleaning	3,402	3,254					3,402	3,254
- bank interest & charges	572	553					572	553
- parish office costs	2,936	1,984					2,936	1,984
- parish administration	19,999	20,014					19,999	20,014
- fabric & maintenance	21,613	17,132					21,613	17,132
- organ maintenance	208	948			13,785	0	13,993	948
Church halls running costs								
- insurance	3,159	2,872					3,159	2,872
- utilities	16,655	8,668					16,655	8,668
- cleaning	5,600	4,970					5,600	4,970
- supplies	2,462	2,322					2,462	2,322
- fabric & maintenance	5,089	12,186					5,089	12,186
	237,608	214,385	2,543	0	18,920	0	259,071	214,385

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
 For the year ended 31st December 2023

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(d) Outreach								
Missionary & charitable giving								
Bible Society			1,800	1,800			1,800	1,800
Craft Aid International			2,400	2,400			2,400	2,400
CMS Latin America			1,000	1,000			1,000	1,000
Leprosy Mission			1,400	1,475			1,400	1,475
Josie's Vintage Café			1,300	0			1,300	0
Support for Kidoku Parish			800	800			800	800
Konoda bible college students			0	400			0	400
Support for Rev Chizenga			300	300			300	300
Spark in the Park			400	400			400	400
MIND			0	250			0	250
CRIBS			150	400			150	400
Poverty & Hope			200	200			200	200
Scripture Union			0	250			0	250
Bexley Deaf Centre			200	300			200	300
Vicar's Discretionary Fund			0	100			0	100
Visiting preachers' expenses			60	100			60	100
Churches Together in B'heath			25	25			25	25
Greenwich & Bexley Hospice			0	250			0	250
Mosaic Anglicans			100	0			100	0
Hot Food Project					0	570	0	570
	0	0	10,135	10,450	0	570	10,135	11,020
Total Resources Expended	237,705	214,972	12,678	10,450	18,920	570	269,303	225,992

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2023

4. Fixed Assets

None

5. Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments include an accrual of fees receivable in respect of hall lettings together with other items. Cash at bank comprises money held in current and deposit accounts with Lloyds TSB and other banks, monies held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, monies in the Diocesan repair funds for the church and monies held in investment accounts with Sarasin.

6. Current Liabilities

The liabilities on the General Account include payments made in 2024 for services and expenses incurred in 2023.

7. Long-Term Liabilities

None

8. Fund Details

The designated funds comprise the following:

- (a) • General Reserve Fund - balance £21,822 (2022 - £21,509)
This is the fund set aside to meet the PCC's reserves policy.
- (b) • Development Fund – balance £21,823 (2022 - £21,510)
This is money set aside for future development projects as approved by the Parochial Church Council.
- (c) • Choir Fund - balance £119 (2022 - £763)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the choir.
- (d) • Outreach Fund - balance £95 (2022 - £180)
An annual transfer of money from General Fund provides money for missionary and charitable donations. Any balance is under the control of the Outreach Committee.
- (e) • Catering Fund - balance £363 (2022 - £341)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the Catering Committee.
- (f) • Social Fund - balance £144 (2022 - £128)
This Fund comprises monies allocated to and under the control of the Social Committee.
- (g) • Church Repair Fund - balance £20,146 (2022 - £20,012)
The Diocese operates a repair fund scheme to which regular contributions are made from General Fund. The money is available for maintenance work on the church and clergy house. Membership of the repair funds also carries the right to interest-free loans from the Diocese when further monies are required.

The restricted funds comprise the following:

- (h) • Redevelopment Fund - balance £287,258 (2022 - £257,407)
This fund holds monies raised for the 'Building Our Future' redevelopment fund
- (i) • Organ Fund - balance £7,103 (2022 - £6,638)
This fund consists of monies given specifically to meet the cost of any significant repair to the organ that may be required.
- (j) • Youth Worker Fund - balance £0 (2022 - £935)
Grants given to support the Youth work at the Church are held in this fund
- (k) • In Memoria donations – balance £655
Monies donated in memory of loved ones are held in this fund

9. Transfer Details

- (a) Payments into Repair Fund totalling £2,800 and withdrawal of £3,222 from Repair Fund (net -£422)
- (b) Transfer of £9,000 for Youth Worker from restricted fund to general fund
- (c) Transfer of £10,050 to Outreach account
- (d) Transfer of £5,187 from Energy fund to general fund to pay energy bills
- (e) 2022 only, transfer of £500 from Choir Fund to Organ Fund

10. Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

11. Related party transactions

There have been no transactions with persons or entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees (2022 - none).

None of the Trustees were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity in the year (2022 - none).

No trustees' expenses were incurred in the year (2022 - none).

12. Movement in funds

Fund	B/F	Income	Expenses	Gains (losses)	Transfer	C/F
General	25,571	233,804	-237,705	0	4,559	26,229
Designated funds						
General reserve	21,509			313		21,822
Development	21,510			313		21,823
Choir	763	506	-1,150			119
Outreach	180		-10,135		10,050	95
Catering	341	1,415	-1,393			363
Social	128	16				144
Repair	20,013	555			-422	20,146
Energy	0	5,187			-5,187	0
	64,444	7,679	-12,678	626	4,441	64,512
Restricted Funds						
Redevelopment	257,407	16,519		13,332		287,258
Organ	6,638	14,250	-13,785			7,103
Funds for Youth Worker	936	9,000	-936		-9,000	0
In memoria donations	655					655
	265,636	39,769	-14,721	13,332	-9,000	295,016
	355,651	281,252	-265,104	13,958	0	385,757

13. Analysis of staff costs

	2023	2022	2021
Salaries and wages	50,773	48,019	45,676
Social security costs	1,515	2,133	2,662
Pension costs	1,655	1,917	1,848
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	53,943	52,069	50,186
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The average number of staff employed was 7 (2022 - 8)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Bexleyheath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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: Zachary Ramsden

Name: Zachary Ramsden FCA

Chartered Accountant

63 Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JT

Date: 2nd May 2024

Accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH

REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Bexleyheath (PCC) is a registered charity (number 1127820).

The parish is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. Christ Church is situated in Bexleyheath town centre; its postal address is Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7BT.

The following persons served as members of the PCC during the period from 1st January 2022 until the date on which this report was approved:

Incumbent

The Reverend Trevor Wyatt

Other Clergy

N/A

Wardens

Laurie Bennett

Roy Humphrey

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Lydia Fuller

Roy Humphrey

Richard Percival

Elected Representatives of the Laity

Glenda Cooper (from APCM 2022)

Patricia Croft

Chris Gill (PCC Secretary)

Yvonne Fowler

Mark Fuller

Sheila Hancock

Jane Hillless (from APCM 2022)

Rob Hillless (from APCM 2022)

Mary Holcroft (until APCM 2022)

Willem Koopman

Nikita Leigh

Rachel Miles (from APCM 2022)

Pat Perks

Elisabeth Petchey

Daimon Taylor-Hunt

Stephen Taylor-Hunt

Co-opted members

Bernard Clewes

Structure, Governance and Management

The function and purpose of the PCC is outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC operates through its Standing, Outreach, Fabric, Publicity, Catering, Stewardship and Halls Management Committees and receives the minutes of the meetings of those committees.

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 to stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Trevor Wyatt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The main activities are the provision of church services (including baptisms, weddings and funerals), further teaching of adults (including house groups and courses), youth and children's work, and supporting missionary and charitable organizations and causes in the UK and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and hall buildings on the site in the Broadway, Bexleyheath.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the preparation of this report, there were 212 persons on the Church Electoral Roll (there were 209 in March 2021). The average weekly attendance at all Sunday services in Church in 2022 was 105 adults (120 in 2021, including services held on Facebook) and 26 children (24 in 2021), though these numbers fluctuate considerably through the year. These averages are based on the Statistics for Mission attendance figures for October 2022.

Review of the Year

2022 was the year when the church started to recover and grow following the Covid pandemic that impacted us significantly in 2020 and 2021. Our services pretty much went back to normal in 2022 and by September we even went back to kneeling at holy communion services. The one thing we have kept with, as a result of Covid, is the livestreaming of morning prayer where the attendance is far greater than just using the side chapel in the church. In comparison to many other parish churches around, we have recovered extremely well from the pandemic, both in terms of the attendance (we have a growing church), the financial giving, and the new community initiatives and engagement that has started up. We have so much to thank God for as we reflect on 2022.

In February 2022 we were able to host a welcome lunch for new members that was attended by over 35 adults and children who are all new to Christ Church in the last year or so. Another welcome lunch is planned for June 2023, and we have a similar number of people to invite who are new to Christ Church Bexleyheath.

I believe that our work amongst children and young people and families is one of the most important ministries in the life of the church. Our youth leader – Lydia Fuller – went on maternity leave with the arrival of Tahlia, but we have been very blessed to have her husband Mark Fuller continue to lead our youth work. Sunday club has continued under Kim McLachlan's leadership who was commissioned in the Cathedral by the Diocese in recognition of her work with our children. Messy church has continued to go well and I am delighted to report that our under 5s pre-school group (Sunbeams) restarted in September on Thursday mornings during term time under the leadership of Maggie Turner who has a great team supporting her. The 14th West Kent Boys Brigade and Girls Association was badly affected by the pandemic however, it is to the credit of Captain Andrew Church and his team that things have started to pick up for the company.

I am thrilled that we were able to set up two new community projects in the autumn – the Galaxy club and the Elderberries Café (in partnership with local charity Evergreen). Galaxy club (led by Vicky Cox and Stacey Yusuf) is a "special needs" club on Tuesday afternoon/evenings for children, young people and adults, and this provision is much needed in our borough. The Elderberries café (led by Glenda Cooper) runs on a Saturday morning and provides a vintage café experience with waiter service for tea/coffee and breakfast. Both of these projects have been a great success, and our thanks go to not just the leaders but the wider team of wonderful volunteers who have enabled these great community initiatives to go ahead. Our knitting and craft groups have continued to meet regularly in the church and go from strength to strength.

Although we had few weddings in 2022 (six), we did have 59 Christenings/Baptisms – which is a very large number for a church that doesn't have an affiliated church school. I realise that most of our church family doesn't meet those concerned with 12.15pm Baptisms, however, we do see some of these families at messy church, sunbeams and at Christmas services. Once a child is Baptised they can never be unbaptised and we never know of the seeds of faith that we are planting. We had 26 Baptisms services in 2022, and with around 50 adults or more at each of these services on average, it means that over 1,000 people heard the gospel of Christ and of God's love for them. We also take up a freewill offering at these services and a not insignificant sum is given at these services.

It wasn't quite as busy as 2021 with funerals (due to Covid) but we still took 58 funerals of which 11 were in church. We should also pause for a moment and remember Christine Kelly in our prayers – one of the lovely saints of our church that went before us in 2022.

Our lay ministry team have continued to do a wonderful job in helping with the preaching and wider ministry of our church. Our authorised lay ministers Marilyn Ormes, George Johnson and Yvonne Fowler – all LLMs – have continued to preach regularly, and Richard Percival (Pastoral Assistant) continues to head up our pastoral team. Our occasional preachers Vicky Darton-Bigg, Roy Humphrey, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick, Steve Cave, David Soile, Robert Ramsdale and Sherry Snowden have continued to give talks for us. Lydia Fuller, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick and Victoria Onunimu are all training with the Diocese for lay ministry. Lydia Fuller received the Bishops Certificate during 2022 and is due to be licensed as LLM in May 2023.

Vicky Cox has continued to do a superb job as our parish administrator church office, working 'the extra mile' on many occasions to deal with various things that have come up and emergencies. Our

Churchwardens – Roy and Laurie – have done excellent work for us with Roy concentrating on the organisation of worship (rotas and logistics), and Laurie focusing on maintenance of our buildings – the church and the halls. We should also thank Tony Duck, John Ormes and Kathryn Maund for their hard work in keeping the grounds looking so tidy. Our treasurer, Glenda, has continued to do an amazing job as our treasurer (on a voluntary basis) which takes several hours each week dealing with the finances of the church.

In the music department Tony Holcroft had to stand down as music director due to very serious health issues after decades of faithful service. We are all enormously indebted to Tony for his sacrificial and selfless service to our church and the choir. We should also remember and give thanks for the support that Mary has given Tony in this role. We are grateful to Rachel Miles who stepped in to help lead the choir whilst Tony was undergoing hospital treatment.

In the autumn we were greatly blessed to have Luke Green join us as our new Music Director, and I am sure that you will all agree that he has brought great commitment and energy to this role. Under Luke's leadership it has been great to see our junior choir restart which has been in obedience since before the pandemic, and we are starting to see new people join the senior choir. Luke has ambitious plans for our choir going forwards. Michael King has continued to do a sterling job as our Organist – one of the most gifted organists the church has ever had. We are so blessed at Christ Church to have such a talented musical team.

The life of the church is greatly enhanced by the provision of refreshments and food at many of our services and events. We are very blessed to have Jane Hilless who heads up our very committed catering team. Of particular note are the monthly Parish Lunches that we restarted after the pandemic, and I know that these are much loved by those who are invited.

We continue to ensure that we create a safe place and a safe church for all who come to us. We have the necessary Safeguarding information on our church website and this subject is a standard item on the agenda of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings and also of the Ministry Leadership Team (MiLT). Since the new PCC was elected at the APCM in 2022, Yvonne Fowler has been our Safeguarding Officer.

Christ Church Bexleyheath is a growing church in many dimensions, and we simply could not manage to do all that we do without the support of so many who volunteer and do so much to help and support the life of the church in its various ministries. A huge thank you to everyone who helps in whatever way – however great or small.

It continues to be a huge privilege for me to serve here at Christ Church Bexleyheath as Vicar. I look forward to many blessings as we continue to grow the life of the church and go forward together in faith and love.

In Christ's Service,

Trevor

Financial Review

Our net position in the **General Fund** at the end of the year was a negative movement of **£3,026** (against a forecast of £12,960 in the budget set at the start of 2022. This significant difference is due to the following factors:

- Planned giving being £9k less than predicted
- fees being £4k less than predicted
- church halls maintenance being £5k more than forecasted
- church fabric costs of an additional £3k

However, on the positive side, hall bookings were an additional £8k compared to the expected amount, and collections and donations an additional £9.5k.

The remaining balance in the Building Our Future fund, factoring in the increase made on the investment, is £257,407.

The resulting end of year balance in the General Fund was £25,571.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to have a General Reserve Fund of £25,000 and a Development Fund of £25,000. The balances of both funds are down to £21,510 due to the losses incurred in 2022 on the investment.

At the year end, therefore, the principal reserves comprised the General Reserve Fund at £21,510, the Development Reserve at £21,510, the Organ Fund at £6,638 and the Diocesan Repair Fund at £20,012.

The resulting 2022 yearend balance for the General Fund and all the Designated, Restricted and Reserve Funds is £355,650 (a net increase of £13,337).

Investments

In 2018, the PCC members voted to invest £200,000 of the Building Our Future fund and £50,000 of the Church reserves in long term investment funds managed by Sarasin & Partners.

During 2020 a further £20,000 was transferred to the Building Our Future investment fund, bringing the total invested amount to £220,000.

As at the end of 2022:

- the portfolio value of the Building Our Future investment stood at £234,546 (a decrease of £33,285 since 31.12.21)
- the portfolio value of the reserves investment stood at £43,019 (a decrease of £9,609 since 31.12.21)

Grants

During 2022, we received the following grants:

£8,500 from The Joseph Rank Trust for Youth Worker

£3,389 from Rochester Diocese Energy Fund

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	2								
Voluntary income	2(a)	127,008	121,421	1,005	1,382	1,012	48,327	129,025	171,130
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	6,817	5,945	341	0	0	0	7,158	5,945
Investment income	2(c)	2,871	2,459	95	27	6,898	7,125	9,864	9,611
Income from church activities	2(d)	73,828	64,897	0	0	0	0	73,828	64,897
Grants	2(e)	0	0	3,389	0	8,500	34,470	11,889	34,470
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		210,524	194,722	4,830	1,409	16,410	89,922	231,764	286,053
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	398	619	0	0	0	0	398	619
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	189	94	0	0	0	0	189	94
Cost of church activities	3(c)	214,385	191,382	0	0	0	99,168	214,385	290,550
Outreach	3(d)	0	0	10,450	10,625	570	2,156	11,020	12,781
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		214,972	192,095	10,450	10,625	570	101,324	225,992	304,044
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		-4,448	2,627	-5,620	-9,216	15,840	-11,402	5,772	-17,991
Gains / (losses) on investments				-6,981		14,546		7,565	
Transfers between funds	9								
	9(a)	-2,800	-2,800	2,800	2,800				
	9(b)	10,000	11,500			-10,000	-11,500		
	9(c)	-10,000	-10,000	10,000	10,000				
	9(d)	4,222		-4,222					
	9(e)			-500		500			
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-3,026	1,327	-4,523	3,584	20,886	-22,902	13,337	-17,991
BALANCES brought forward		28,597	27,270	68,967	65,383	244,749	267,651	342,313	360,304
BALANCES carried forward		25,571	28,597	64,444	68,967	265,635	244,749	355,650	342,313

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
BALANCE SHEET
For the year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	General	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Fund	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	4					
CURRENT ASSETS	5					
Stock						
Debtors & prepayments		7,643	476		8,119	27,659
Investments			43,019	234,546	277,565	270,000
Cash at bank		25,136	20,949	31,089	77,174	51,215
		32,779	64,444	265,635	362,858	348,874
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors	6	-7,208			-7,208	-6,561
NET CURRENT ASSETS		25,571	64,444	265,635	355,650	342,313
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES						
Loans	7					
NET ASSETS		25,571	64,444	265,635	355,650	342,313
FUNDS	8					
General		25,571			25,571	28,597
General Reserve			21,510		21,510	25,000
Development			21,510		21,510	25,000
Choir			763		763	1,187
Outreach			180		180	555
Catering			341		341	0
Social			128		128	108
Repair			20,012		20,012	17,117
Redevelopment Fund				257,407	257,407	234,985
Organ				6,638	6,638	6,103
Funds for Youth Worker				935	935	2,436
Hot Food Project						570
In Memoria donations				655	655	655
		25,571	64,444	265,635	355,650	342,313

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on 10 May 2023 on its behalf by:

Roy Humphrey
Churchwarden

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under in the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC General funds are unrestricted funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Designated funds remain unrestricted will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2022

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2. INCOMING RESOURCES								
2(a) Voluntary income								
Planned giving								
- under gift aid	75,909	76,400					75,909	76,400
- other	8,272	9,365					8,272	9,365
- income tax	22,356	22,375				756	22,356	23,131
Collections	7,455	4,734					7,455	4,734
Donations	13,016	8,547	1,005	1,382	1,012	6,571	15,033	16,500
Legacies						41,000		41,000
	<u>127,008</u>	<u>121,421</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>1,382</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>48,327</u>	<u>129,025</u>	<u>171,130</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds								
Coffee mornings	416	314	341				757	314
Summer fair								
Christmas fair	2,661	2,590					2,661	2,590
Concerts	3,740	3,041					3,740	3,041
	<u>6,817</u>	<u>5,945</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,158</u>	<u>5,945</u>
2(c) Income from investments								
Dividends	1,036	924					1,036	924
Interest	1,835	1,535	95	27	6,898	7,125	8,828	8,687
	<u>2,871</u>	<u>2,459</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>6,898</u>	<u>7,125</u>	<u>9,864</u>	<u>9,611</u>
2(d) Income from church activities								
Church hall lettings	58,275	45,616					58,275	45,616
Church hire	1,453	215					1,453	215
Fees	14,100	19,066					14,100	19,066
	<u>73,828</u>	<u>64,897</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>73,828</u>	<u>64,897</u>
2(e) Grants								
Fabric projects						19,500		19,500
Youth leader / youth work						8,500	14,970	8,500
Energy			3,389					3,389
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,389</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>34,470</u>	<u>11,889</u>	<u>34,470</u>
Total Incoming Resources	210,524	194,722	4,830	1,409	16,410	89,922	231,764	286,053

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2022

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3. Resources Expended								
3(a) Costs of generating voluntary income								
Planned giving & stewardship	398	619	0	0	0	0	398	619
3(b) Costs of activities for generating funds								
Fayres / Concerts	189	94	0	0	0	0	189	94
Redevelopment costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	189	94	0	0	0	0	189	94
3(c) Cost of church activities								
Ministry								
- Parish share (offer)	68,153	66,168					68,153	66,168
- DBF fees	8,284	12,496					8,284	12,496
- Clergy expenses	2,088	881					2,088	881
- Clergy housing	3,039	2,788					3,039	2,788
Youth work	2,553	1,336			2,092		2,553	3,428
Youth worker	19,058	20,538			2,150		19,058	22,688
Children's workers	500	500					500	500
Worship	3,340	2,241					3,340	2,241
Director of Music	9,103	8,100					9,103	8,100
Education & training	1,106	736					1,106	736
Publicity	294	0					294	0
Church running costs								
- insurance	7,308	6,490					7,308	6,490
- utilities	12,601	7,874					12,601	7,874
- printing & stationery	2,055	1,201					2,055	1,201
- cleaning	3,254	3,450					3,254	3,450
- bank interest & charges	553	434					553	434
- parish office costs	1,984	2,474					1,984	2,474
- parish administration	20,014	19,446					20,014	19,446
- fabric & maintenance	17,132	7,853					17,132	7,853
- kitchen extension	0	0			94,926		0	94,926
- organ maintenance	948	612					948	612
Church halls running costs								
- insurance	2,872	2,550					2,872	2,550
- utilities	8,668	6,637					8,668	6,637
- cleaning	4,970	4,707					4,970	4,707
- supplies	2,322	1,963					2,322	1,963
- fabric & maintenance	12,186	9,907					12,186	9,907
	214,385	191,382	0	0	0	99,168	214,385	290,550

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2022

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(d) Outreach								
Missionary & charitable giving								
Bible Society			1,800	1,800			1,800	1,800
Craft Aid International			2,400	2,400			2,400	2,400
CMS Latin America			1,000	1,000			1,000	1,000
Leprosy Mission			1,475	1,415			1,475	1,415
Support for Kidoku Parish			800	800			800	800
Konoda bible college students			400	0			400	0
Support for Rev Chizenga			300	300			300	300
Spark in the Park			400	0			400	0
MIND			250	200			250	200
CRIBS			400	200			400	200
Poverty & Hope			200	200			200	200
Scripture Union			250	200			250	200
Bexley Deaf Centre			300	0			300	0
Vicar's Discretionary Fund			100	0			100	0
Visiting preachers' expenses			100	70			100	70
Churches Together in B'heath			25	25			25	25
Christian Aid			0	1,115			0	1,115
Greenwich & Bexley Hospice			250	400			250	400
Retained balance								0
Evergreen			0	500			0	500
Hot Food Project					570	2,156	570	2,156
	0	0	10,450	10,625	570	2,156	11,020	12,781
Total Resources Expended	214,972	192,095	10,450	10,625	570	101,324	225,992	304,044

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2022

4. Fixed Assets

None

5. Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments include an accrual of fees receivable in respect of hall lettings together with other items. Cash at bank comprises money held in current and deposit accounts with Lloyds TSB and other banks, monies held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, monies in the Diocesan repair funds for the church and monies held in investment accounts with Sarasin.

6. Current Liabilities

The liabilities on the General Account include payments made in 2023 for services and expenses incurred in 2022.

7. Long-Term Liabilities

None

8. Fund Details

The designated funds comprise the following:

- (a) • General Reserve Fund - balance £21,510 (2021 - £25,000)
This is the fund set aside to meet the PCC's reserves policy.
- (b) • Development Fund – balance £21,510 (2021 - £25,000)
This is money set aside for future development projects as approved by the Parochial Church Council.
- (c) • Choir Fund - balance £763 (2021 - £1,187)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the choir.
- (d) • Outreach Fund - balance £180 (2021 - £555)
An annual transfer of money from General Fund provides money for missionary and charitable donations. Any balance is under the control of the Outreach Committee.
- (e) • Catering Fund - balance £341 (2021 - -£0)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the Catering Committee.
- (f) • Social Fund - balance £128 (2021 - £108)
This Fund comprises monies allocated to and under the control of the Social Committee.
- (g) • Church Repair Fund - balance £20,012 (2021 - £17,117)
The Diocese operates a repair fund scheme to which regular contributions are made from General Fund. The money is available for maintenance work on the church and clergy house. Membership of the repair funds also carries the right to interest-free loans from the Diocese when further monies are required.

The restricted funds comprise the following:

- (h) • Redevelopment Fund - balance £257,407 (2021 - £234,985)
This fund holds monies raised for the 'Building Our Future' redevelopment fund
- (i) • Organ Fund - balance £6,638 (2021 - £6,103)
This fund consists of monies given specifically to meet the cost of any significant repair to the organ that may be required.
- (j) • Youth Worker Fund - balance £935 (2021 - £2,436)
Grants given to support the Youth work at the Church are held in this fund
- (k) • Hot Food Project – balance £0
The £570 balance held at the end of 2021 was donated to the Bexley Food Bank.
- (l) • In Memoria donations – balance £655
Monies donated in memory of loved ones are held in this fund

9. Transfer Details

- (a) Payments into Repair Fund - £2,800
- (b) Transfer of part costs for Youth Worker from restricted fund to general fund
- (c) Transfer of £10,000 to Outreach account
- (d) Transfer of £4,222 from Energy fund to general fund to pay energy bills
- (e) Transfer of £500 from Choir Fund to Organ Fund

10. Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

11. Related party transactions

There have been no transactions with persons or entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees (2021 - none).
None of the Trustees were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity in the year (2021 - none).
No trustees' expenses were incurred in the year (2021 - none).

12. Movement in funds

Fund	B/F	Income	Expenses	Gains (losses)	Transfer	C/F
General	28,597	210,524	-214,972	0	1,422	25,571
Designated funds						
General reserve	25,000			-3,490		21,510
Development	25,000			-3,490		21,510
Choir	1,187	76			-500	763
Outreach	555	75	-10,450		10,000	180
Catering	0	341				341
Social	108	20				128
Repair	17,117	95			2,800	20,012
Energy	0	4,222			-4,222	0
	68,967	4,829	-10,450	-6,980	8,078	64,444
Restricted Funds						
Redevelopment	234,985	7,875		14,546		257,406
Organ	6,103	35			500	6,638
Funds for Youth Worker	2,436	8,500			-10,000	936
Hot food project	570		-570			0
In memoria donations	655					655
	244,749	16,410	-570	14,546	-9,500	265,635
	342,313	231,763	-225,992	7,566	0	355,650

13. Analysis of staff costs

	2022	2021
Salaries and wages	48,019	45,676
Social security costs	2,133	2,662
Pension costs	1,917	1,848
	52,069	50,186

The average number of staff employed was 8 (2021 - 6)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Bexleyheath**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I 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: *Zachary Ramsden*

Name: Zachary Ramsden FCA

Chartered Accountant

63 Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JT

Date: 10th May 2023

Accounts

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH**

**REPORT
&
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31st December 2021**

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Bexleyheath (PCC) is a registered charity (number 1127820).

The parish is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. Christ Church is situated in Bexleyheath town centre; its postal address is Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7BT.

The following persons served as members of the PCC during the period from 1st January 2021 until the date on which this report was approved:

Incumbent

The Reverend Trevor Wyatt

Other Clergy

The Reverend Neil Bunker

Wardens

Laurie Bennett

Roy Humphrey

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Lydia Fuller

Roy Humphrey

Richard Percival

Elected Representatives of the Laity

Bernard Clewes

Patricia Croft (from APCM 2021)

Chris Gill (PCC Secretary)

Yvonne Fowler

Mark Fuller

Sheila Hancock

Rob Hillless (from APCM 2021)

Mary Holcroft (until APCM 2021)

Daimon Hunt

Willem Koopman (from APCM 2021)

Nikita Leigh (from APCM 2021)

Kim McLachlan (until APCM 2021)

Rachel Miles (until APCM 2021)

Pat Perks

Elisabeth Petchey (from APCM 2021)

Stephen Taylor

Francis Tibbles (until APCM 2021)

Co-opted members

Glenda Cooper (from APCM 2021 to APCM 2022)

Jane Hilliss (from APCM 2021 to APCM 2022)

Structure, Governance and Management

The function and purpose of the PCC is outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC operates through its Standing, Outreach, Fabric, Publicity, Catering, Stewardship and Halls Management Committees and receives the minutes of the meetings of those committees.

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 to stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Trevor Wyatt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The main activities are the provision of church services (including baptisms, weddings and funerals), further teaching of adults (including house groups and courses), youth and children's work, and supporting missionary and charitable organizations and causes in the UK and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and hall buildings on the site in the Broadway, Bexleyheath.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the preparation of this report, there were 209 persons on the Church Electoral Roll (there were 208 in March 2020). Church services in 2021 continued to be disrupted and were held on Facebook when the Church had to be closed due to the pandemic. The average weekly attendance at all Sunday services in Church in 2021 was 105 adults (109 in 2020, including services held on Facebook) and 24 children (16 in 2020), though these numbers fluctuate considerably through the year. These averages are based on the Statistics for Mission attendance figures for October 2021.

Review of the Year

2021 was a year when we were still beset by the Covid pandemic but were able to keep the church open for church services albeit with additional health and safety precautions. For those who were unable to attend church in person for whatever reason, we continued with our online services via Facebook on Sundays. Morning prayer has also continued each day to be broadcast using Facebook and more people attend this than ever did when it was just held in the church.

As we have started to emerge from the pandemic at the end of 2021 and into 2022 it is most heartening to see that Christ Church is doing extremely well with encouraging signs of growth. For example, in February 2022 we were able to host a welcome lunch for new members that was attended by over 35 adults and children who are all new to Christ Church in the last year or so. Another highlight for me was the restarting of Messy Church in September 2021. Children are very close to the heart of Jesus. We have been able to put together a new team to run Messy Church and have seen good numbers of children attending. At one recent Messy Church we had 43 children. In the latter part of 2021, we were also able to restart some of the things that did as a church family pre-pandemic including lunchtime concerts, knitting group, ladies' group, homegroups and the Christmas fair. We have much to thank God for as we emerge from this pandemic – people coming back to church after the pandemic, a growing congregation and the finances of the church in good order (huge thanks to Glenda our treasurer for her work on this).

Because of the Covid pandemic, many of the weddings and baptisms that were planned in 2021 had to be postponed or cancelled. However, it was extremely busy with funerals, with over 80 funerals taken of which 17 took place in church. Perhaps the most challenging of all was to take the funerals of many dearly loved members of our church who had been stalwarts over many years and are so missed by us all: Francies Moore, Gwen Silvester, Gladys Nunn, Doreen Richardson, Christine Deall and Ruth Wyatt.

Lydia has continued during this time as our youth leader, returning to full time work after being on furlough. As well as providing support and teaching for our young people at Christ Church, Lydia additionally provides a support role for the students at Bexleyheath Academy. We are extremely grateful to Kim McLachlan who has continued to lead our work with children and Sunday club. The 14th West Kent Boys Brigade and Girls Association has been affected by the pandemic however, it is to the credit of Captain Andrew and his team that they restarted face to face meetings and things are starting to pick up.

Another very important highlight of 2021 was the start and completion of the kitchen extension which provides us with a larger "new room" and gives our catering team the facilities to cater on a much larger scale for offering refreshments at the social events that we want to increasingly have in the church.

Rev Neil Bunker continued to work for us as Honorary Assistant Priest throughout 2021. However, during the year Neil moved home to the Medway towns and could only take Evensong for us in the

latter part of the year. Neil has been appointed to take on a new role working in Rochester Cathedral and his work in both St Johns Erith and with us ended January 2022. We are all most grateful to Neil for all of his support to us. Starting in January 2022 Father Clive Jones (St Augustine Belvedere) has started to lead Evensong for us once a month

Our lay ministry team has continued to do a wonderful job – consisting of our authorised lay ministers and our occasional preachers. Congratulations to George Johnson who was licensed as Lay Minister by the Bishop/Diocese in May 2021. Vicky Darton-Bigg retired as an Evangelist with the Diocese but will continue her ministry much as it has been in the last few years. Marilyn Ormes and Yvonne Fowler (LLMs) have continued to preach regularly and Richard Percival as Pastoral Assistant continues to head up our pastoral team. Our occasional preachers Roy Humphrey, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick, Steve Cave, David Soile, Robert Ramsdale and Sherry Snowden have continued to give talks for us at services. Lydia Fuller and Elizabeth Olu-Garrick are both training with the Diocese for lay ministry.

Our parish administrator Vicky Hill has transformed the church office, and she has on many occasions 'worked the extra mile' to deal with unexpected events and emergencies. Our Churchwardens – Roy and Laurie – have done excellent work for us with Roy concentrating on the organisation of worship (rotas and logistics), and Laurie focusing on maintenance of our buildings – the church and the halls. We are also grateful to Tony Duck and Kathryn Maund for their hard work in keeping the grounds looking so tidy.

In the music department Michael King has continued as our Organist and Tony Holcroft has continued as Choir Director despite his health problems. We are most grateful to Rachel Miles for stepping up to lead the choir at a time when Tony was undergoing hospital treatment. We are very blessed at Christ Church to have such a talented musical team. The Junior choir has stalled for the time being due to Covid, and one of the challenges for us in 2022 is how to get our junior choir up and going again. We have been able to restart our music group since September, and I am most grateful to all singers and musicians who have played for us.

We continue to ensure that we create a safe place and a safe church for all who come to us. We have the necessary Safeguarding information on our church website and this subject is a standard item on the agenda of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings and of the Ministry Leadership Team (MiLT). Since the new PCC was elected at the APCM in 2021, Yvonne Fowler has been our Safeguarding Officer.

It continues to be a huge privilege for me to serve here at Christ Church Bexleyheath as Vicar. I look forward to many blessings as we continue to grow the life of the church and go forward together in faith and love.

In Christ's Service,

Trevor

Financial Review

Our net position in the **General Fund** at the end of the year was a positive movement of **£1,327**, in line with the £635 in the budget set at the start of 2021. Additional costs for repairs in the halls early in the year resulted in the forecast being revised to a deficit of £5,865, but the award of a grant from the Joseph Rank Trust to support our youth worker offset this deficit.

Halls income returned to a pre-pandemic level, reaching £45k against the forecast £38k.

The extension of the kitchen was started and completed in the first half of 2021. The total cost (net of the reclaimed VAT) was £97,643. This was funded from grants and legacies of £64,000 and the balance of £33,643 coming from the Building Our Future fund. The remaining balance in the Building Our Future fund is £234,985.

The resulting end of year balance in the General Fund was £28,597.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to have a General Reserve Fund of £25,000 and a Development Fund of £25,000. The balances of both funds are £25,000 in line with the policy.

At the year end, therefore, the principal reserves comprised the General Reserve Fund at £25,000, the Development Reserve at £25,000, the Organ Fund at £6,103 and the Diocesan Repair Fund at £17,117.

The resulting 2021 yearend balance for the General Fund and all the Designated, Restricted and Reserve Funds is £342,313.

Investments

In 2018, the PCC members voted to invest £200,000 of the Building Our Future fund and £50,000 of the Church reserves in long term investment funds managed by Sarasin & Partners.

During 2020 a further £20,000 was transferred to the Building Our Future investment fund, bringing the total invested amount to £220,000.

As at the end of 2021:

- the portfolio value of the Building Our Future investment stood at £267,831 (an increase of £17,860 since 31.12.20)
- the portfolio value of the reserves investment stood at £52,628 (a decrease of £830 since 31.12.20)

Grants

During 2021, we received the following grants:

£10,000 from Garfield Weston for the kitchen extension project

£5,000 from the Friends of Kent Churches for the kitchen extension project

£2,500 from the Beatrice Laing Trust for the kitchen extension project

£8,500 from The Joseph Rank Trust for Youth Worker

£3,000 from The Fellowship of St John for Youth Worker

£1,470 from Rochester Diocese CYP Fund for equipment for the After School Hub

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st December 2021

	Notes	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	2								
Voluntary income	2(a)	121,421	116,665	1,382	354	48,327	7,783	171,130	124,802
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	5,945	478	0	0	0	1,660	5,945	2,138
Investment income	2(c)	2,459	2,553	27	39	7,125	7,464	9,611	10,056
Income from church activities	2(d)	64,897	48,382	0	0	0	0	64,897	48,382
Grants	2(e)	0	10,000	0	0	34,470	9,500	34,470	19,500
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		194,722	178,078	1,409	393	89,922	26,407	286,053	204,878
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	619	205	0	0	0	0	619	205
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0
Cost of church activities	3(c)	191,382	175,738	0	0	99,168	13,308	290,550	189,046
Outreach	3(d)	0	7,550	10,625	1,076	2,156	0	12,781	8,626
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		192,095	183,493	10,625	1,076	101,324	13,308	304,044	197,877
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		2,627	-5,415	-9,216	-683	-11,402	5,296	-17,991	7,001
Transfers between funds	9								
	9(a)	-2,800	-2,800	2,800	2,800				
	9(b)	11,500				-11,500			
	9(c)	-10,000		10,000					
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,327	-8,215	3,584	2,117	-22,902	13,099	-17,991	7,001
BALANCES brought forward		27,270	35,485	65,383	63,266	267,651	254,552	360,304	353,303
BALANCES carried forward		28,597	27,270	68,967	65,383	244,749	267,651	342,313	360,304

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ended 31st December 2021

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4				
CURRENT ASSETS	5				
Stock					
Debtors & prepayments		26,393	510	756	27,659
Cash at bank		8,765	68,457	243,993	321,215
		<u>35,158</u>	<u>68,967</u>	<u>244,749</u>	<u>348,874</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	6	-6,561			-6,561
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>28,597</u>	<u>68,967</u>	<u>244,749</u>	<u>342,313</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
Loans	7				
NET ASSETS		<u>28,597</u>	<u>68,967</u>	<u>244,749</u>	<u>342,313</u>
FUNDS	8				
General		28,597			28,597
General Reserve			25,000		25,000
Development			25,000		25,000
Choir			1,187		1,187
Outreach			555		555
Catering			0		0
Social			108		108
Repair			17,117		17,117
Redevelopment Fund				234,985	234,985
Organ				6,103	6,103
Funds for Youth Worker / Youth Work				2,436	2,436
Hot Food project				570	570
In Memoria donations				655	655
		<u>28,597</u>	<u>68,967</u>	<u>244,749</u>	<u>342,313</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Roy Humphrey
Churchwarden

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under in the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC General funds are unrestricted funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Designated funds remain unrestricted will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2021

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2. INCOMING RESOURCES								
2(a) Voluntary income								
Planned giving								
- under gift aid	76,400	72,484					76,400	72,484
- other	9,365	14,443					9,365	14,443
- income tax	22,375	19,289			756	1,761	23,131	21,050
Collections	4,734	2,459					4,734	2,459
Donations	8,547	5,990	1,382	354	6,571	6,022	16,500	12,366
Legacies		2,000			41,000		41,000	2,000
	<u>121,421</u>	<u>116,665</u>	<u>1,382</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>48,327</u>	<u>7,783</u>	<u>171,130</u>	<u>124,802</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds								
Saturday coffee mornings	314	478					314	478
Summer fair								
Christmas fair	2,590						2,590	
Concerts	3,041					1,660	3,041	1,660
	<u>5,945</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>5,945</u>	<u>2,138</u>
2(c) Income from investments								
Dividends	924	836					924	836
Interest	1,535	1,717	27	39	7,125	7,464	8,687	9,220
	<u>2,459</u>	<u>2,553</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>7,125</u>	<u>7,464</u>	<u>9,611</u>	<u>10,056</u>
2(d) Income from church activities								
Church hall lettings	45,616	29,773					45,616	29,773
Church hire	215	-70					215	-70
Fees	19,066	18,679					19,066	18,679
	<u>64,897</u>	<u>48,382</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,897</u>	<u>48,382</u>
2(e) Grants								
Fabric projects					19,500	4,500	19,500	4,500
Youth leader / youth work					14,970	5,000	14,970	5,000
General		10,000						10,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,470</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>34,470</u>	<u>19,500</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>194,722</u>	<u>178,078</u>	<u>1,409</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>89,922</u>	<u>26,407</u>	<u>286,053</u>	<u>204,878</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2021

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3. Resources Expended								
3(a) Costs of generating voluntary income								
Planned giving & stewardship	619	205	0	0	0	0	619	205
3(b) Costs of activities for generating funds								
Summer / Christmas Fair	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0
Redevelopment costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0
3(c) Cost of church activities								
Ministry								
- Parish share (<i>offer</i>)	66,168	66,064					66,168	66,064
- DBF fees	12,496	9,817					12,496	9,817
- Clergy expenses	881	591					881	591
- Clergy housing	2,788	2,703					2,788	2,703
Youth work	1,336	1,103			2,092		3,428	1,103
Youth worker	20,538	11,363			2,150	3,269	22,688	14,632
Children's workers	500	2,765					500	2,765
Worship	2,241	2,298					2,241	2,298
Director of Music	8,100	6,900					8,100	6,900
Education & training	736	188					736	188
Magazine	0	654					0	654
Bookstall	0	100					0	100
Church running costs								
- insurance	6,490	6,830					6,490	6,830
- utilities	7,874	6,389					7,874	6,389
- printing & stationery	1,201	1,092					1,201	1,092
- cleaning	3,450	3,490					3,450	3,490
- bank interest & charges	434	574					434	574
- parish office costs	2,474	0					2,474	0
- parish administration	19,446	21,658					19,446	21,658
- fabric & maintenance	7,853	10,654					7,853	10,654
- kitchen extension	0	0			94,926	2,718	94,926	2,718
- organ maintenance	612	0			0	2,880	612	2,880
- side aisle screens	0	0			0	4,441	0	4,441
Church halls running costs								
- insurance	2,550	2,685					2,550	2,685
- utilities	6,637	5,226					6,637	5,226
- cleaning	4,707	4,860					4,707	4,860
- supplies	1,963	901					1,963	901
- fabric & maintenance	9,907	6,833					9,907	6,833
	191,382	175,738	0	0	99,168	13,308	290,550	189,046

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2021

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(d) Outreach								
Missionary & charitable giving								
Bible Society		1,500	1,800				1,800	1,500
Craft Aid International		1,950	2,400	130			2,400	2,080
CMS Latin America		900	1,000				1,000	900
Leprosy Mission		1,150	1,415	66			1,415	1,216
Support for Kidoku Parish		650	800	55			800	705
Kondoa bible college students		300	0				0	300
Support for Rev Chizenga		150	300				300	150
Spark in the Park		0	0				0	0
MIND		0	200	200			200	200
CRIBS		0	200	200			200	200
Poverty & Hope		0	200	200			200	200
Scripture Union		0	200	200			200	200
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		0	0				0	0
Visiting preachers' expenses		0	70				70	0
Churches Together in B'heath		0	25	25			25	25
Night shelter		500	0				0	500
Christian Aid			1,115				1,115	0
Greenwich & Bexley Hospice		400	400				400	400
Retained balance		50					0	50
Evergreen		0	500				500	0
Hot Food Project					2,156		2,156	0
	0	7,550	10,625	1,076	2,156	0	12,781	8,626
Total Resources Expended	192,095	183,493	10,625	1,076	101,324	13,308	304,044	197,877

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2021

4. Fixed Assets

None

5. Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments include an accrual of fees receivable in respect of hall lettings together with other items. Cash at bank comprises money held in current and deposit accounts with Lloyds TSB and other banks, monies held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, monies in the Diocesan repair funds for the church and monies held in investment accounts with Sarasin.

6. Current Liabilities

The liabilities on the General Account include payments made in 2022 for services and expenses incurred in 2021.

7. Long-Term Liabilities

None

8. Fund Details

The designated funds comprise the following:

- (a)** • General Reserve Fund - balance £25,000 (2020 - £25,000)
This is the fund set aside to meet the PCC's reserves policy.
- (b)** • Development Fund – balance £25,000 (2020 - £25,000)
This is money set aside for future development projects as approved by the Parochial Church Council.
- (c)** • Choir Fund - balance £1,187 (2020 - £953)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the choir.
- (d)** • Outreach Fund - balance £555 (2020 - £50)
An annual transfer of money from General Fund provides money for missionary and charitable donations. Any balance is under the control of the Outreach Committee.
- (e)** • Catering Fund - balance £0 (2020 - -£0)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the Catering Committee.
- (f)** • Social Fund - balance £108 (2020 - £90)
This Fund comprises monies allocated to and under the control of the Social Committee.
- (g)** • Church Repair Fund - balance £17,117 (2020 - £14,290)
The Diocese operates a repair fund scheme to which regular contributions are made from General Fund. The money is available for maintenance work on the church and clergy house. Membership of the repair funds also carries the right to interest-free loans from the Diocese when further monies are required.

The restricted funds comprise the following:

- (h)** • Redevelopment Fund - balance £234,985 (2020 - £258,507)
This fund holds monies raised for the 'Building Our Future' redevelopment fund
- (i)** • Organ Fund - balance £6,103 (2020 - £4,153)
This fund consists of monies given specifically to meet the cost of any significant repair to the organ that may be required.
- (j)** • Youth Worker Fund - balance £2,436 (2020 - £3,208)
Grants given to support the Youth work at the Church are held in this fund
- (k)** • Hot Food Project – balance £570
Monies donated in response to the Hot Food Project for families in need during the covid pandemic are held in this fund. During 2021, a donation of £500 was also made to Bexley Women's Aid from this fund.
- (l)** • In Memoria donations – balance £655
Monies donated in memory of loved ones are held in this fund

9. Transfer Details

- (a)** Payments into Repair Fund - £2,800
- (b)** Transfer of grants for Youth Worker from restricted fund to general fund
- (c)** Transfer of £10,000 to Outreach account

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provision of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ron Handy

82 Bedonwell Road
Bexleyheath
Kent

Accounts

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH**

**REPORT
&
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31st December 2020**

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Bexleyheath (PCC) is a registered charity (number 1127820).

The parish is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. Christ Church is situated in Bexleyheath town centre; its postal address is Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7BT.

The following persons served as members of the PCC during the period from 1st January 2020 until the date on which this report was approved:

Incumbent

The Reverend Trevor Wyatt

Other Clergy

The Reverend Neil Bunker

Wardens

Laurie Bennett (from APCM 2020)

Bernard Clewes (until APCM 2020)

Roy Humphrey

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Mike Cann (until APCM 2020)

Bernard Clewes (until APCM 2020)

Lydia Fuller (from APCM 2020)

Roy Humphrey (from APCM 2020)

Richard Percival

Elected Representatives of the Laity

Laurie Bennett (until APCM 2020)

Bernard Clewes (from APCM 2020)

Glenda Cooper

Chris Gill PCC Secretary

Yvonne Fowler (from APCM 2020)

Mark Fuller (from APCM 2020)

Sheila Hancock (from APCM 2020)

Jane Hillless

Mary Holcroft

Daimon Hunt (from APCM 2020)

Nike Jolaoso (until APCM 2020)

Kim McLachlan

Rachel Miles

Pat Perks

Stephen Taylor (from APCM 2020)

Francis Tibbles

Co-opted members

Rob Hillless (from APCM 2020 to APCM 2021)

Structure, Governance and Management

The function and purpose of the PCC is outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC operates through its Standing, Outreach, Fabric, Publicity, Catering, Stewardship and Halls Management Committees and receives the minutes of the meetings of those committees.

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 to stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Trevor Wyatt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The main activities are the provision of church services (including baptisms, weddings and funerals), further teaching of adults (including house groups and courses), youth and children's work, and supporting missionary and charitable organizations and causes in the UK and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and hall buildings on the site in the Broadway, Bexleyheath.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the preparation of this report, there were 208 persons on the Church Electoral Roll (there were 203 in March 2019). Church services in 2020 were unsurprisingly disrupted and held on Facebook when the Church had to be closed due to the pandemic. The average weekly attendance at all Sunday services (Facebook and in Church) in 2020 was 109 adults (210 in 2019) and 16 children (32 in 2019), though these numbers fluctuate considerably through the year. These averages are based on the Statistics for Mission attendance figures for October 2020.

Review of the Year

I think that 2020 will go down in history as the most challenging year for us all since the Second World War. At the start of 2020 nobody could have imagined how life would be literally turned upside down by the Covid Pandemic that was to strike across the world. We started off 2020 well enough in January with a very successful welcome lunch where we welcomed over 30 adults and children to our church who had joined us over the last year during 2019. On 23rd March, the Prime Minister made his statement announcing the lockdown and this meant that all churches across the United Kingdom were to be closed for the foreseeable future. Christ Church Bexleyheath would be closed completely from 29th March until 5th July.

During the lockdown we were unable to meet together in church and we were all confined to our

homes. During this period we implemented measures that sought to ensure the continuity of our church and its life as best as we could, and to provide ministry and pastoral care to everyone in our church family. A booklet called "Changing Times" was produced and delivered to the homes of everyone in our church family. This booklet contained an order of service for Morning and Evening Prayer and provided a way for everyone to pray and worship in their homes. Services moved online (on the internet) and we used live stream Facebook for our Sunday services as well as morning and evening prayer. It has been lovely to see how the number of people who have signed up to our Christ Church Bexleyheath Facebook group has grown to nearly 500.

At the start of the lockdown we were especially keen to ensure that we could do what we could to 'care' for members of our church family and especially those who lived on their own. It was wonderful to find around thirty people volunteer to be "care group leaders" who were each given a list of about eight or so people to look after and keep in contact with during the lockdown. From feedback, many people in our church family appreciated this.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing for us about the lockdown has been the way that Christ Church people have responded to the financial situation. We are enormously grateful for the way that people have maintained their giving to the church despite the lockdown, and this has kept the financial deficit in 2020 much lower than we could have ever imagined. People have helped by changing their way of giving to standing order or posting their cheques, or collecting envelopes during the pandemic until they could bring them to church. A massive thank you to everyone for your financial support.

From 5th July we were able to restart public worship in church and open the church for private prayer. However, although we were able to restart worship in church we had to learn to live with the restrictions that were understandably imposed upon us by the government and the church e.g. hand sanitising, social distancing and wearing of face coverings. The most difficult aspect of this for many of us was that initially there was no singing at all. Restrictions in this respect did ease and by October the choir were allowed to sing, however not the congregation. In order to limit the numbers of people at the main 10am service, we decided to adjust the times of services to be 9.15am, 11am, and 6pm to try and smooth out the attendance. We also encouraged people who did not have children or young people to attend at 9.15am or 6pm. This plan worked well, and ensured that we weren't overfull at the 11am service and not able to maintain social distancing. Thanks to the technical skills and commitment of Daimon Hunt and Stephen Taylor we were able to live stream many of our church services on Facebook so that people who were isolating at home could still watch the services in church from their homes.

In the summer and early autumn it looked like things might start to get back to normal, however there was a second wave of the Covid Pandemic, and in the autumn a new strain of the virus developed that was very contagious and spread like wildfire around the country. The spread of the virus among our own church family meant that we could not have our Advent Carol Service, and the prevalence of the virus in Bexleyheath meant that once again the church was closed to public

worship from Sunday 20th December. Although closed, we implemented two important online initiatives that were much appreciated. The first was 'storytime' each day where a member of the church read an Advent/Christmas story, and the second was the recording of a 'nine lessons and carols' type Christmas Service that featured the choir.

Shortly after Christmas the Prime Minister announced another lockdown but this time he did allow churches to remain open if they wanted to. Due to the prevalence of the virus in Bexleyheath, we, along with most other churches in the area decided that it was not safe for us to open the church for public worship and we were closed until 7th March 2021 when the virus was seen to have abated.

As a consequence of the Covid pandemic many of the wedding and baptisms that were planned had to be postponed or cancelled. However, it was extremely busy with funerals, with 74 funerals in total for 2020. At the height of the pandemic in one very busy week I took six funerals many of which were due to the Covid virus. There was also tragedy from other directions. I also took two funerals over the summer of people who had committed suicide. However, perhaps the most challenging of all was to take the funerals of many dearly loved members of our church who had been stalwarts over many years and are so missed by us all: John Passmore, Patrick Wood, Bill Price MBE, Edna Clewes, Jean Davis, Muriel Burman, Gina Holmes and Francies Moore.

As a result of the pandemic, most of the things that we would do as the church family have had to be abandoned including social events, lunchtime concerts, knitting group, home groups, messy church, summer and Christmas fairs, ladies group, fund raising events etc etc. We do hope that we will be able to restart most of this in 2021.

In August 2020 Deborah Davey resigned as our children's leader and we are most indebted to Kim McLachlan who came forward as a volunteer to lead our work among children. Lydia Fuller has continued during this time as our youth leader albeit she has been furloughed part time for much of the pandemic under the government scheme. Both Kim and Lydia have done an amazing job doing online services and other kinds of activities and bible study with the children and young people. The 14th West Kent Boys Brigade and Girls Association has been similarly affected by the pandemic and much of their engagement with the children and young people has had to go 'online'. However, it is to the credit of Captain Andrew and his team that they have kept the 14th West Kent going so that they can emerge with a viable company in 2021.

One piece of bright news was that we finalised our plans for the kitchen extension in 2020 so that work could start in early 2021. The plans were approved by the Chancellor of the Diocese granting us a Faculty, and we completed a Tender process and awarded the contract for the building of the kitchen extension to the builder B W May & Son Ltd. The building work started in January 2021.

Rev Neil Bunker has continued to work for us as Honorary Assistant Priest and has been taking 8am and 6pm services. With my knee injury in May and following surgery in August I have been especially grateful to Neil and the wider ministry team for helping out to ensure that all services have been covered. Marilyn Ormes and Yvonne Fowler have continued to preach regularly as Licensed Lay

Ministers (LLMs) together with Vicky Darton-Bigg our evangelist. Richard Percival as Pastoral Assistant continues to head up our pastoral team. Our occasional preachers Roy Humphrey, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick, Steve Cave, David Soile, Robert Ramsdale, George Johnson and Sherry Snowden have continued to do talks for us at services. George Johnson has continued with his Diocesan training to be Licensed Lay Minister and will be licensed by the Bishop in May 2021.

At the start of 2020, Philip McGarvey retired and Vicky Hill took up the reigns as Parish Administrator. Vicky has transformed the church office. It has been cleared and redecorated and for anyone who has been inside the new church office you will see that it looks amazing. Vicky has worked the extra mile particularly during the lockdown and helped to ensure that many of the Covid initiatives that we needed were put in place as well as launching our new website and social media accounts.

In the music department Michael King has continued as our Organist and Tony Holcroft has continued as Choir Director. We are very blessed at Christ Church to have such a talented team. The work of the choir and singing has been much affected by the Pandemic but there have been some choir practices. However, it has been the junior choir that has been most affected by the Pandemic with very few practices allowed during the year. The junior choir is an important area to focus on when things start getting back to normal in 2021. Our music group has also been a casualty of the Pandemic and has not been able to rehearse or play at services since the start of the lockdown in March 2020.

We continue to have the necessary Safeguarding information on our church website and this subject continues to be a standard item on the agenda of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings and also of the Ministry Leadership Team (MiLT). At the October APCM (for 2019) Laurie Bennett was elected to be churchwarden and handed over her role as Safeguarding Officer to Yvonne Fowler.

It continues to be a huge privilege for me to serve here at Christ Church Bexleyheath as Vicar. I look forward to many blessings as we emerge from this terrible Pandemic and go forward together in faith and love.

In Christ's Service,

Trevor

Financial Review

Our net position in the **General Fund** at the end of the year was a **deficit of £8,215**. This was a far more favourable position at the end of the year than the £26,552 deficit that was forecast in April after the start of the pandemic. The expectation was that halls income and voluntary income would be significantly impacted. Whilst that was true for halls income (50% less than 2019), our faithful congregation ensured that the voluntary income was actually higher than the year before.

Two grants of £5,000 each were awarded to Christ Church from Bexley Council to support charities whose income had been impacted by the pandemic. This generous contribution also helped to reduce our expected deficit. The resulting end of year balance in the General Fund was £27,270.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to have a General Reserve Fund of £25,000 and a Development Fund of £25,000. The balances of both funds are £25,000 in line with the policy.

At the year end, therefore, the principal reserves comprised the General Reserve Fund at £25,000, the Development Reserve at £25,000, the Organ Fund at £4,153 and the Diocesan Repair Fund at £14,290. The Building Our Future redevelopment fund had an end of year balance of £258,507.

The resulting balance for the General Fund and all the Designated and Reserve Funds is £360,304.

Investments

In 2018, the PCC members voted to invest £200,000 of the Building Our Future fund and £50,000 of the Church reserves in long term investment funds managed by Sarasin & Partners.

During 2019 a further £20,000 was transferred to the Building Our Future investment fund, bringing the total invested amount to £220,000.

As at the end of 2020, the portfolio value of the Building Our Future investment stood at £249,971 and the portfolio value of the reserves investment stood at £53,458.

Grants

During 2020, we received the following grants:

£10,000 from Bexley Council to help with lost income during the Covid pandemic

£2,000 from the Archdeacon for Youth Worker

£3,000 from The Fellowship of St John for Youth Worker

£2,000 from the Archdeacon for the kitchen extension project

£2,250 from the All Churches Trust for the kitchen extension project

£250 from the Archdeacon for a security camera outside the office

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	2								
Voluntary income	2(a)	116,665	113,692	354	4,163	7,783	14,219	124,802	132,074
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	478	1,931	0	0	1,660	11,193	2,138	13,124
Investment income	2(c)	2,553	3,213	39	30	7,464	7,208	10,056	10,451
Income from church activities	2(d)	48,382	76,865	0	0	0	0	48,382	76,865
Grants	2(e)	10,000	0	0	0	9,500	10,050	19,500	10,050
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		178,078	195,701	393	4,193	26,407	42,670	204,878	242,564
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	205	273					205	273
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	0	0	0	0	0	852	0	852
Cost of church activities	3(c)	175,738	187,579	0	1,590	13,308	36,522	189,046	225,691
Outreach	3(d)	7,550	10,952	1,076	2,226	0	0	8,626	13,178
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		183,493	198,804	1,076	3,816	13,308	37,374	197,877	239,994
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		-5,415	-3,103	-683	377	13,099	5,296	7,001	2,570
Transfers between funds	9(a)	-2,800	-2,800	2,800	2,800				
Transfers between funds (net 0)	9(b)				-13,933		13,933		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-8,215	-5,903	2,117	-10,756	13,099	19,229	7,001	2,570
BALANCES brought forward		35,485	41,388	63,266	74,022	254,552	235,323	353,303	350,733
BALANCES carried forward		27,270	35,485	65,383	63,266	267,651	254,552	360,304	353,303

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
BALANCE SHEET
For the year ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4				
CURRENT ASSETS	5				
Stock					
Debtors & prepayments			5		5
Cash at bank		33,674	65,378	266,501	365,553
		<u>33,674</u>	<u>65,383</u>	<u>266,501</u>	<u>365,558</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	6	-6,404		1,150	-5,254
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>27,270</u>	<u>65,383</u>	<u>267,651</u>	<u>360,304</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
Loans	7				
NET ASSETS		<u>27,270</u>	<u>65,383</u>	<u>267,651</u>	<u>360,304</u>
FUNDS	8				
General		27,270			27,270
General Reserve			25,000		25,000
Development			25,000		25,000
Fabric			0		0
Choir			953		953
Outreach			50		50
Catering			0		0
Social			90		90
Repair			14,290		14,290
Redevelopment Fund				258,507	258,507
Organ				4,153	4,153
Fund for Youth Worker				3,208	3,208
Fund for kitchen extension				1,783	1,783
		<u>27,270</u>	<u>65,383</u>	<u>267,651</u>	<u>360,304</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Roy Humphrey
Churchwarden

Glenda Cooper
Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under in the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC General funds are unrestricted funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Designated funds remain unrestricted will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2020

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2. INCOMING RESOURCES								
2(a) Voluntary income								
Planned giving								
- under gift aid	72,484	67,981					72,484	67,981
- other	14,443	15,013					14,443	15,013
- income tax	19,289	18,439			1,761	864	21,050	19,303
Collections	2,459	8,728				2,401	2,459	11,129
Donations	5,990	3,531	354	4,163	6,022	10,292	12,366	17,986
Legacies	2,000					662	2,000	662
	<u>116,665</u>	<u>113,692</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>4,163</u>	<u>7,783</u>	<u>14,219</u>	<u>124,802</u>	<u>132,074</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds								
Saturday coffee mornings	478	1,931					478	1,931
Summer fair						2,160		2,160
Christmas fair						3,100		3,100
Redevelopment fundraising					1,660	5,933	1,660	5,933
	<u>478</u>	<u>1,931</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>11,193</u>	<u>2,138</u>	<u>13,124</u>
2(c) Income from investments								
Dividends	836	1,036					836	1,036
Interest	1,717	2,177	39	30	7,464	7,208	9,220	9,415
	<u>2,553</u>	<u>3,213</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>7,464</u>	<u>7,208</u>	<u>10,056</u>	<u>10,451</u>
2(d) Income from church activities								
Church hall lettings	29,773	58,097					29,773	58,097
Church hire	-70	665					-70	665
Fees	18,679	18,103					18,679	18,103
	<u>48,382</u>	<u>76,865</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>48,382</u>	<u>76,865</u>
2(e) Grants								
Fabric projects					4,500	2,050	4,500	2,050
Youth leader					5,000	8,000	5,000	8,000
General	10,000						10,000	
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>10,050</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>10,050</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>178,078</u>	<u>195,701</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>4,193</u>	<u>26,407</u>	<u>42,670</u>	<u>204,878</u>	<u>242,564</u>

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For the year ended 31st December 2020

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3. Resources Expended								
3(a) Costs of generating voluntary income								
Planned giving & stewardship	205	273	0	0	0	0	205	273
3(b) Costs of activities for generating funds								
Summer / Christmas Fair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redevelopment costs	0	0	0	0	0	852	0	852
	0	0	0	0	0	852	0	852
3(c) Cost of church activities								
Ministry								
- Parish share (<i>offer</i>)	66,064	72,429					66,064	72,429
- DBF fees	9,817	0					9,817	0
- Clergy expenses	591	989					591	989
- Clergy housing	2,703	2,760					2,703	2,760
Youth work	1,103	1,400					1,103	1,400
Youth worker	11,363	4,108			3,269	14,472	14,632	18,580
Children's workers	2,765	9,392					2,765	9,392
Worship	2,298	2,434		1,590			2,298	4,024
Director of Music	6,900	8,700					6,900	8,700
Education & training	188	249					188	249
Magazine	654	1,847					654	1,847
Bookstall	100	0					100	0
Church running costs								
- insurance	6,830	6,725					6,830	6,725
- utilities	6,389	8,071					6,389	8,071
- printing & stationery	1,092	4,211					1,092	4,211
- cleaning	3,490	950					3,490	950
- bank interest & charges	574	780					574	780
- administration	21,658	13,938					21,658	13,938
- fabric & maintenance	10,654	9,973					10,654	9,973
- kitchen extension		4,718			2,718	2,050	2,718	6,768
- organ maintenance					2,880	20,000	2,880	20,000
- side aisle screens					4,441		4,441	
Church halls running costs								
- insurance	2,685	2,580					2,685	2,580
- utilities	5,226	6,776					5,226	6,776
- cleaning	4,860	4,850					4,860	4,850
- supplies	901	1,002					901	1,002
- fabric & maintenance	6,833	18,697					6,833	18,697
	175,738	187,579	0	1,590	13,308	36,522	189,046	225,691

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For the year ended 31st December 2020

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(d) Outreach								
Missionary & charitable giving								
Bible Society	1,500	1,800					1,500	1,800
Craft Aid International	1,950	1,800	130	242			2,080	2,042
CMS Latin America	900	1,000					900	1,000
Leprosy Mission	1,150	1,400	66				1,216	1,400
Support for Kidoku Parish	650	1,000	55	825			705	1,825
Postage for items to Kidoku	0	200					0	200
Kondoa bible college students	300	600					300	600
Support for Rev Chizenga	150	0					150	0
Spark in the Park	0	450					0	450
MIND	0	250	200				200	250
CRIBS	0	200	200				200	200
Poverty & Hope	0	250	200				200	250
Scripture Union	0	200	200				200	200
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	0	100					0	100
Breakfast Club	0	50					0	50
Bexley Deaf Group	0	100					0	100
Visiting preachers' expenses	0	67					0	67
Churches Together in B'heath	0	20	25				25	20
Night shelter	500	0					500	0
Pilgrim /Kingdom Come books	0	230					0	230
Christian Aid			0	1,494			0	1,494
Street Pastors	0	400					0	400
School Pastors	0	400					0	400
Greenwich & Bexley Hospice	400	0					400	0
Retained balance	50	335					50	335
Evergreen	0	100					0	100
	<u>7,550</u>	<u>10,952</u>	<u>1,076</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,626</u>	<u>13,178</u>
Total Resources Expended	183,493	198,804	1,076	3,816	13,308	37,374	197,877	239,994

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4. Fixed Assets

None

5. Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments include an accrual of fees receivable in respect of hall lettings together with other items. Cash at bank comprises money held in current and deposit accounts with Lloyds TSB and other banks, monies held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England and monies in the Diocesan repair funds for the church and the two clergy houses.

6. Current Liabilities

The liabilities on the General Account are showing a negative figure due to an accrual of £2,685 for a VAT reclaim that had to be written off

7. Long-Term Liabilities

None

8. Fund Details

The designated funds comprise the following:

- (a) • General Reserve Fund - balance £25,000 (2019 - £25,000)
This is the fund set aside to meet the PCC's reserves policy.
- (b) • Fabric Fund - balance £0 (2019 - £0)
- (c) • Development Fund – balance £25,000 (2019 - £25,000)
This is money set aside for future development projects as approved by the Parochial Church Council.
- (d) • Choir Fund - balance £953 (2019 - £850)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the choir.
- (e) • Outreach Fund - balance £50 (2019 - £875)
An annual transfer of money from General Fund provides money for missionary and charitable donations. Any balance is under the control of the Outreach Committee.
- (f) • Catering Fund - balance £0 (2019 - £0)
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the Catering Committee.
- (g) • Social Fund - balance £90 (2019 - £90)
This Fund comprises monies allocated to and under the control of the Social Committee.
- (h) • Church Repair Fund - balance £14,290 (2019 - £11,451)
The Diocese operates a repair fund scheme to which regular contributions are made from General Fund. The money is available for maintenance work on the church and clergy house. Membership of the repair funds also carries the right to interest-free loans from the Diocese when further monies are required.

The restricted funds comprise the following:

- (i) • Organ Fund - balance £4,153 (2019 - £4,086)
This fund consists of monies given specifically to meet the cost of any significant repair to the organ that may be required.
- (j) • Redevelopment Fund - balance £258,507 (2019 - £246,559)
This fund holds monies raised for the 'Building Our Future' redevelopment fund
- (k) • Youth Worker Fund - balance £3,208 (2019 - £1,477)
Grants given to support the Youth work at the Church are held in this fund
- (l) • Side Aisle Screen Fund – balance £0 (2019 - £2,430)
Monies donated in response to the Side Aisle Screen appeal held in this fund.
Balance after expenses paid was £747 and was transferred to Organ Fund
- (m) • Kitchen Extension Project Fund – balance £1,783 (new in 2020)
Grants / monies donated to fund kitchen extension are held in this fund

9. Transfer Details

- (a) Payments into Repair Fund - £2,800
- (b) Final Side Aisle Screen Fund transferred to Organ Fund - £747

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provision of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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