

**The Parochial Church Council  
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epping  
Registered Charity No 1128001  
Financial Statements  
for the Year ended 31st December 2021**

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**31st December 2021**

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**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

**Administrative Information**

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist is situated at the corner of High Street and St John's Road, Epping. The correspondence address is St John's House, St John's Road, Epping, CM16 5DN. The telephone number is 01992 579935, and the E-mail address is [teamadmin@eppinganglicans.org.uk](mailto:teamadmin@eppinganglicans.org.uk). The church has a web-site at [www.eppinganglicans.org.uk](http://www.eppinganglicans.org.uk) which gives an overview of activities.

The church is part of the Epping District Team Ministry, which also includes All Saints', Epping Upland and St Albans Church Coopersale.

**Structure, governance and management**

Responsibility for the church's activities lies with the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epping.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England under the Parochial Church Council Powers Act. It is formally registered with the Charity Commission as charity number 1128001. Trustees of the Charity (PCC members plus co-opted and *ex officio* members) who served during 2020 are listed below.

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

The PCC operates a child protection policy in line with the recommendations of the Diocese of Chelmsford, and has an officer responsible for organising DBS checks, where appropriate.

**Objectives and Activities**

Epping PCC has the responsibility of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition to the church building, it also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church Hall and St John's House, both in St John's Road, Epping.

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**Charity Trustees**

The Charity Trustees are elected members of the PCC plus co-opted and *ex officio* members. The full PCC met on 7 occasions in 2021. Membership and attendance at meetings is summarised below.

Name	Attendance
Lee Batson Team Rector <i>Ex officio</i> Chair	7
Olivia Maxfield-Coote <i>Ex officio</i>	6
Jessica Bostock <i>Ex officio</i>	2
Jaimee Summers <i>Ex officio</i>	3
Diana Lowry LLM <i>Ex officio</i>	6
Jill Brant PCC secretary	7
Peter Byatt <i>Ex officio</i> Churchwarden	5
Lucy Hau <i>Ex officio</i> Churchwarden	7
Margaret Fowler Treasurer <i>Ex officio</i>	7
Nick Wold <i>Ex officio</i> Safeguarding	7
Richard Mortimer	2
Jonathan Waller	6
Jo Waller <i>Pastoral assistant</i>	6
Marian Winters	4
Janet Whitehouse	7
Simon Winters <i>Ex officio</i> Director of Music	1
Shereen Nimmo	5
Monica Richardson	5
Keith Hibberd	5
David Burles	6
David Siebler	2
Jane Agnew	1

There was a total of 7 meetings of the PCC during 2021 (January-December 2021). During that year, some people moved away, some completed their term of office in April, and others took up a term of office in April. The numbers above show the total attendance for each PCC member during the year.



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**Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll for St John's Epping stands at 158 in December 2021. This is made up of 110 resident in the parish and 48 non-resident. There will be an opportunity for people to add their names to the Electoral Roll in the period before the Annual Meeting in April.

**Attendance at Services and statistics**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total Attendance at all Services	17,006	18,728	18,063	13,644	12,336
Total Communicants	6,076	6,373	6,511	1,398	1,956
Communions from the Reserve Sacrament	540	530	594	30	27
Easter Day Communicants (+ Total attendance)	201 (247)	198 (209)	217 (259)	0	136 (158)
Christmas Midnight + Day Communicants (+ Total attendance)	147 (268)	246 (323)	310 (427)	110 (113)	138 (174)
Carol Service Crib Service	171 323	205 328	310 403	130 0	124 125
Baptisms	33 (5 Adults)	27 (3 Adults)	27 (2 Adults)	12 (1 Adults)	17 (0 Adults)
Weddings Blessings	4 0	4 3	6 0	5 0	8 1
Church Funerals Burial of Ashes	13 1	17 1	8 0	6 0	11 1
Confirmations	0 (0 adults)	2 (2 adults)	6 (0 adults)	0 (0 adults)	8 (0 adults)
Upfront, All-Age services attendance	1,147	1,460	1,512	240	312

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### **Annual Report 2021**

If 2020 was a challenging year because of COVID, 2021 began in a similar vein with regular in person services again on hold until the middle of March along with all the other regular activities that accompanied them. We have continued to try and navigate our way through changing regulations, along with the differing needs of those who wish to get everything “back to normal” as quickly as possible, and those who still need to be cautious about interacting with other people.

It was good to be able to have a new vision day in September 2021, during which we were able to imagine our future three years from now. These dreams have been gathered together under the headings of Worship, Fellowship and Community Engagement, Financial Sustainability, and Justice and Inclusion. On the latter, it has been encouraging to see progress being made towards achieving EcoChurch status, and it was a significant moment of rejoicing to enable Epping St John's to run a day linked to COP26 in our Church for local Primary Schools. Our work on Challenging Bias has been picked up by a number of local schools, and we are heavily involved with Epping St John's School's Diversity Group. It has also been good to see our work with those affected by dementia develop during the last year.

Whilst we still continue to face financial challenges, we are so grateful to everyone who continues to support the church through regular financial giving. This meant that we were able to pay parish share (our contribution towards clergy salaries and other Diocesan expenses) in full without recourse to the money raised from the tree festival. This is an extraordinary result – particularly given that we were not able to make full payment towards share in 2020 for the first time in a number of years.

It was amazing to see the Tree Festival return after a year's break – and a huge debt of thanks is owed to Jacqui Mortimer for organizing this again. This raised a record amount of money, which not only helped the church, but also enabled a donation to be made to Voluntary Action Epping Forest and Safer Places.

Our wider work with the community was able to continue, and it was a joy to host the Epping Art Society Show in November, and to become the host venue for meetings of Safer Epping in the Autumn. We have also continued to host the Archdeaconry Learning Hub, and have developed strong links with Heartedge. This is a movement for renewal started by St Martin in the Fields, which encourages churches to focus on the abundance of God by prioritizing work on congregational renewal, compassion, culture and commerce. We took part in a wider Heartedge workshop to showcase our global partnership – which expanded in 2021 to encompass churches in Atlanta, the Holy Land and Brazil – as well as Napa and New York. We look forward to seeing how both these partnerships develop in 2022.

With the return of Church Mice and Children's Work more generally, it has been good to see the new Children's Are being used. We have also started a monthly youth group, and now have young people in a serving team once a month.

We finally have a new sound system, which is an improvement on the one it replaced, and I am grateful to Steve Carter for overseeing this since it was installed. Approval has also been given for the raising of the level of the path outside the church to improve accessibility into the building, other conversations are ongoing about improvements to the fabric of the church, and we are grateful to the Friends of St John's for the provision of much improved signage outside the church.

In June it was privilege to be able to host the ordination service for Jessica Bostock and Jaimee Summers. We also held a service in September to mark the loss many have felt due to the pandemic, as well as a tea and service to mark Baby Loss week in October. We have restarted our visits to Residential Care Homes in the parish, and were able to lead a bereavement service for one of these which had lost a large number of residents due to the pandemic.

There were further changes to the team in 2021. We said goodbye to Tom and Allula Warmington and their boys in April as they moved to a new parish in Great Dunmow. And in June we said goodbye to Bob Taylor who has retired to Somerset after many, many years of service to the Team as Lay Reader. We are grateful to them all for all that they gave of themselves to the life of our church.

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There is so much more that could be acknowledged in what has been another year of much positivity amidst the many challenges we have all faced. Thank you to our Choir, Prayer and Praise Team Pastoral Care Team, Fabric Committee, Flower Guild and many other groups besides – all of which help to make our Church all that it is. My prayer is that we will continue to build on all of this in 2022 – whilst acknowledging the continuing limiting factor that is our lack of volunteers in many areas of church life which means some things have not yet been able to restart as we would like.

My final note of thanks goes to my colleagues on the Leadership Team, and to our churchwardens, Peter and Lucy, Margaret our Treasurer and Jill our PCC secretary.

*Revd Lee Batson*



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**Financial Review 2021**

The EPCC is responsible for four current accounts with Barclays. Epping Parochial Church Council, which is the general account covering day-to-day business. St. John's Heart of Epping Appeal fund, which is a restricted fund for development of the new church building. Friends of St. John's, a restricted fund for the Friends, EPCC Restricted Funds. All funds (except the HOE fund) are held in this account. The total income for all funds in 2021 was £182,435 with total expenditure of £225,972, thus giving an overall excess of income over expenditure of (£43,724). Full details of our activities for the year are given in the attached financial statements. The Unrestricted funds (General Fund) show a small excess of income over expenditure for the year of £1,443.

This year has shown an increase in pledged giving, enabling us to further enhance our income with the addition of tax claimed from the Inland Revenue through those who pay income tax. Once again, the rent received from The Box was retained in the General Fund, none of which was transferred to the HOE appeal.

The remaining expenditure for the Church running expenses and utility bills have all been met through the generous giving by our parishioners, to whom we are extremely grateful.

Our Parish Share of £110,412 was paid in full without having to resort to any funds raised from the Christmas Tree Festival.

The welcome return of the Christmas Tree Festival was well attended, enjoyed by many and a great success. Our thanks go to Jacqui Mortimer and her team of enthusiastic helpers. A total of £14,509.95 was raised. Donations of 40% were shared between Epping Forest Voluntary Action and Safer Places.

This year saw the completion and installation of the Stained-Glass Window in the Transfiguration Chapel. The window is very beautiful and a wonderful addition to St. John's Church.

2021, as hoped for, was a better year than 2020, but I feel we will have a challenging year ahead, especially with rising utility bills, etc.

I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received, and I know, with God's help and guidance, we will do our best to keep St. John's Church a safe haven for all who wish to enter.



Margaret Fowler - Treasurer

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Statement of financial activities  
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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds (note 2) £	Designated Funds (note 2) £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Pledged giving		81,642	–	--	81,642	97,669
Loose collections and donations	5	26,079	51	--	26,130	8,266
Tax recovered	3	20,557	3,088	--	23,645	20,758
Fundraising and other income	4	2,413	18,845	--	21,258	4,980
Grants and legacies	5	486	–	--	486	–
Investment income	6	184	–	--	184	189
Rent from land and buildings		26,950	–	--	26,950	25,750
General Funds		158,311	21,984	--	180,295	157,612
Friends	12	–	125	--	125	133
Heart Of Epping appeal	13	–	2,015	--	2,015	2,588
<b>Total income</b>		<b>£158,311</b>	<b>24,124</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>182,435</b>	<b>160,333</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Donations to charity	7	51	6,100	--	6,151	919
Diocese (Parish share)		110,412	–	--	110,412	90,103
Church running expenses		18,318	–	--	18,318	28,671
Cost of services		1,098	112	--	1,210	4,335
Honoraria	8	8,572	–	--	8,572	6,392
Team and clergy expenses	9	8,043	–	--	8,043	7,889
Major (non-routine) works	10	144	58,651	--	58,795	5,873
Church maintenance		4,414	–	--	4,414	3,825
Fundraising		514	3,230	--	3,744	786
Other expenses		4,989	656	--	5,645	2,917
Bank charge	7	313	118	--	431	452
General Funds		156,868	68,867	--	225,735	152,162
Friends	12	–	424	--	424	4,297
Heart Of Epping appeal	13	–	–	--	–	555
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>£156,868</b>	<b>69,291</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>226,159</b>	<b>157,014</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>		<b>£ 1,443</b>	<b>(45,167)</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>(43,724)</b>	<b>3,319</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		<b>£ 11,232</b>	<b>(11,232)</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Gains (losses) on revaluation of assets</b>		<b>£ –</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>12,675</b>	<b>(56,399)</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>(43,724)</b>	<b>3,319</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>559,751</b>	<b>139,669</b>	<b>50,612</b>	<b>750,032</b>	<b>746,713</b>
		<b>£572,426</b>	<b>83,270</b>	<b>50,612</b>	<b>706,308</b>	<b>750,032</b>


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**Balance Sheet  
For the year ended 31st December 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Tangible	1.4	541,648	--	--	541,648	541,648
Investment	1.4	4,597	--	--	4,597	4,597
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		546,245	--	--	546,245	546,245
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<b>Current Assets</b>						
Stock	1.5	--	--	--	--	--
Debtors	1.2	--	--	--	--	--
Bank balances	14	26,181	83,270	50,612	160,063	205,617
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		26,181	83,270	50,612	160,063	205,617
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<b>Liabilities</b>						
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	1.3	--	--	--	--	1,830
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Current assets less liabilities		26,181	83,270	50,612	160,063	203,787
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<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<hr/> <hr/> £572,426	<hr/> <hr/> 83,270	<hr/> <hr/> 50,612	<hr/> <hr/> 706,308	<hr/> <hr/> 750,032

Approved by Epping Parochial Church Council on 5TH APRIL 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....Peter Byatt (Churchwarden)

.....Lucy Hau (Churchwarden)

.....Margaret Fowler (Treasurer)

.....Rev'd Lee Batson (Chair)

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31st December 2021**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2015 together with applicable accounting standards and Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible in law.

**1.1. Funds**

**Endowment funds.** The Parochial Church Council has no endowment funds.

**Restricted funds** represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the Parochial Church Council for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on the fund. The Parochial Church Council does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

**Unrestricted funds** are general funds which can be used for ordinary Parochial Church Council purposes.

**Designated funds** are allocated to specific projects by the Parochial Church Council, which has the right to reassign these funds to other designated funds or to unrestricted funds.

**1.2 Incoming Resources**

Planned giving, collections and 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 Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to the amounts due. Amounts received specifically for mission (e.g. retiring collections) are dealt with as restricted funds. Dividends are accounted for when received. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

**1.3 Resources expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation for the Parochial Church Council. The Diocesan parish share is accounted when due. Expenditure for which a liability arises but payment has not been made at the end of the year is accrued. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross. Utilities are recognised when the invoice is received.



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**1.4 Fixed assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 2 S.10 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. (For the record, the insurance valuation of the church building and contents is £9.7 million).

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). Capital purchases of less than £10,000 are written off in the year of purchase and such items are not valued in the financial statements.

The title of St John's House and the Church Hall (also known as the Church Rooms) are held by a Diocesan authority on behalf of the Parochial Church Council. As these buildings are used by the Parochial Church Council in its continuing work they are not investment properties but are functional properties used by the Parochial Church Council in undertaking its activities. As such, under the accounting regulations, they should be included in the balance sheet as fixed assets. The freehold land on which St John's House stands is covered by restrictions which limit its use to certain activities associated with the Church of England. Thus it is likely to have little value in a potential sale to a Third Party. However for accounting purposes it is given a notional value of £50,000 in the balance sheet. If the Hall were to be sold, any money arising would be held by the Diocese on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for use on an agreed project. Although the building is over 100 years old and fully depreciated, the freehold land on which it stands was valued on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at £491,648 and the Hall is now included in the balance sheet at this notional value.

There is only one investment, in City of Manchester Consolidated Irredeemable Stock, which is valued at its fixed amount of £4,597.

**1.5 Reserves policy**

Under the 2008 Regulations we are required to have a policy for reserves in our general fund. In order that the church may carry out its mission, the Parochial Church Council takes the view that the reserves should be as small as possible compatible with ensuring we meet our cash flow needs and *likely* contingencies. Whilst a full risk analysis has not been carried out, it is prudent to have reserves to cover likely equipment breakdowns (e.g. church boiler) or loss of income (e.g. a major donor with gift aid leaving the Parish). The reserve for the general fund is set at £1,000. However the Parochial Church Council considers that paying the Parish Share in full is more important than maintaining a particular level of reserves.

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**2. Restricted and Designated Funds**

Restricted and Designated funds are held in the Heart of Epping Appeal, Friends, and Restricted bank accounts. For simplification the totals are summarised here.

	Brought forward from 2020 £	Received 2021 £	Spent 2021 £	Transfer 2021 £	Balance 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 £
Organ	1,078	--	391	--	687
Piano	1,420	--	--	--	1,420
Tuesday Fellowship	(10)	--	--	--	(10)
Lent lunch	232	--	--	--	232
Children's group collections	14	51	--	--	65
Flower Guild	(198)	237	--	198	237
Little Lambs	3	--	--	--	3
Choir	550	220	112	--	658
Church Mice	302	--	--	--	302
Bell Fund	1,796	34	--	--	1,830
Legacy Fund	89,628	--	58,651	--	30,977
Heart Of Epping Appeal	80,708	2,015	--	--	82,723
Friends of St John's	52,125	125	424	(50,000)	1,826
Tree festival	521	20,760	9,330	(11,951)	--
Diane Bartrums Legacy	7,781	--	--	--	7,781
Projector Fund	417	--	--	--	417
Prayer & Praise Fund	892	105	--	--	997
Sunday coffee Fund	43	--	--	--	43
Bank rewards	27	10	128	--	(91)
Music Ministry Fund	1,040	--	--	--	1,040
First Aid Fund	151	--	--	--	151
Hardship Fund	--	312	--	--	312
5 Talents	--	265	265	--	--

The Heart of Epping account is discussed in note 13 and the Friends of St John's is within note 12

**3. Tax Recovered**

Gift Aid for the Friends and Heart of Epping accounts is shown separately, see notes 12 and 13.

**4. Fundraising and Other Income**

Other income has been generated by Easy Fundraising and Just Text Giving.

**5. Grants and Legacies**

We received unrestricted donations to PCC general funds from many donors. These figures are included "Loose collections and other donations".

**6. Investment Income**

Investment income for the Friends and Heart of Epping accounts are shown separately. See note 1.4, note 12 and note 13.

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**7. Donations to Charity**

Donations to charity arising from specific retiring collections and donations from the Tree festival are shown as restricted donations.

**8. Honoraria**

The only members of the Parochial Church Council to have received any payment is the Director of Music, who was paid in accordance with the RSCM guidelines with appropriate inflation and the Organ assistants.

**9. Team and Team Clergy Expenses**

This amount was paid to Epping District Team Ministry for clergy expenses, office costs and our contribution towards the honorarium of the Team Administrator.

**10. Major (Non-Routine) Works**

Major (non-routine) works includes items which are essentially "one-off" and may be funded from Restricted or Non-restricted Funds. In 2021 expenditure included a new sound system and the installation of the stained glass in the transfiguration chapel. £50,000 was returned from the Friends to the Legacy fund.

**11. Christmas Tree Festival**

The Tree Festival took place again after a year's absence and raised a record amount of £14,510 of which 60% was retained by the church for its own purposes and the remaining 40% shared between Epping Forest Voluntary Action and Safer Places

**12. Friends of St Johns**

	£
<b>Bank Balance as at 1 January 2021</b>	52,125
<b>Movement in income funds</b>	
Donations	125
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	52,250
<b>Movement in expenditure funds</b>	
Children's Area	424
Transfer	50,000
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<b>Bank Balance as at 31 December 2021</b>	£1,826
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<b>Excess of expenditure over income</b>	<b><u>£299</u></b>

During the year £50,000 which had been placed in the Friends Account to reduce bank charges was transferred back to the Restricted Account to enable capital projects mentioned in note 10 to be undertaken.

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**13. Heart Of Epping Appeal  
(Previously Development fund)**

	£
<b>Bank Balance as at 1 January 2021</b>	80,708
<b>Movement in income funds</b>	
Fundraising	1,735
Donations	20
100 Club	260
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	82,723
<b>Movement in expenditure funds</b>	
No expenditure incurred in 2021	--
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<b>Bank Balance as at 31 December 2021</b>	£82,723
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<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>	<b><u>£2,015</u></b>

**14. Bank Balances**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2020 £</b>
General Account	13,780		--	13,780	14,366
Heart of Epping	--	82,723	--	82,723	80,708
Friends and deposits	1,826	--	--	1,826	52,125
Restricted Account	10,575	547	50,612	61,734	58,418
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	£ 26,181	83,270	50,612	160,063	205,617
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the  
Parochial Church Council  
Accounts for the year to  
31st December 2021**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

The charity'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;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.**

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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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 s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records 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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