

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS LIGHTWATER

England & Wales · Charity number 1128176

Details

Other names ALL SAINTS PCC, LIGHTWATER

Status Registered

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Activities

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

Activities: Responsible for the smooth running of Church affairs

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£174,907	£167,572	-	-
2023-12-31	£168,286	£160,012	-	-
2022-12-31	£146,666	£159,423	-	-
2021-12-31	£131,654	£135,222	-	-
2020-12-31	£136,431	£125,919	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Chris Williams		2022-04-20
Dan Lee Harrison		2026-04-29
Dr Andrew Hockey		2021-04-21
Eleni Mesaritis Daniel		2024-04-24
Erin Brember		2026-04-29
Jean Tucker		2026-04-29
Josephine Coltman		2022-04-20
NANCY CHARLOTTE GREEN		2024-04-24
Neil Wilson		2025-04-23
Oge Sylvia Nwachukwu		2026-04-29
Penelope Mullens		2024-04-24
Richard Harbord		2024-04-24

Accounts



'The Light of Christ in Lightwater'

To Be, To Love, To Tell

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2024**

provided to

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Wednesday 23rd April 2025, 8.00 pm
All Saints' Lightwater**

Registered Charity No. 1128176

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS – 8.00 pm

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
 2. Election of Church Wardens
- Followed by

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LIGHTWATER
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last APCM meeting – 24th April 2024
4. The Reports
 - a. Electoral Roll
 - b. Churchwardens' Report
 - c. Safeguarding Report
 - d. Parish Reports
 - e. Parish Stewardship Report
 - f. Deanery Synod Report
 - g. Questions of clarification
5. The Accounts
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Presentation of All Saints' PCC Accounts
 - c. Questions of clarification
6. Parochial Church Council elections
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. Questions
9. Vicar's Report
10. Closing prayers

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LIGHTWATER - ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2024

ELECTORAL ROLL

At the end of December 2024 there were 128 members of All Saints' Church Electoral Roll; 96 of these were resident in the Parish and 32 non-resident. This includes 3 new members added and 2 members removed in the period between the APCM in April 2024 and the end of 2024.

This year (2025), as part of the 6 year cycle, we were required to re-create a new Electoral roll from scratch. This was published on 7th April 2025 and has 121 Church members on the new electoral roll (of which 95 are resident in the Parish and 26 non-resident).

Alison Porter

CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN 2024

Our Sunday morning services are offered at 9.30am and 11am, and our on-line broadcast relays the 9.30am service 'live', with the further option to see the service on-line as a recording afterwards.

Attendance in church has continued to increase since the pandemic of 2020/21. Average Sunday attendance in church in 2024 (2023) was 90 (85) adults and 8 (8) children. On-line attendance showed an average of 25 (30) views in the week following each Sunday – some of these may have been people watching only briefly, but others may have had more than one attender, including a regular group watching at Lakeview Care Home.

Mid-month, our Songs of Praise service received an average attendance of 35 (38). 'Fun at 4' is held once a month on Sunday afternoons, with a continued average attendance in 2024 of 3 families out of a pool of 8.

For Christmas, attendance at our 2024 Carol Service in church was 123 (130). Attendance at Christmas Eve crib services 200 (185), Midnight Service in church 49 (75), and Christmas Day 77 (53). There were 2 Holy Week Reflections and 3 Advent Reflections offered by church groups.

In 2024 we held or led 0 (0) Weddings, 6 (4) Baptisms, 15 (8) Funerals.

Services are conducted regularly at Moorlands and Lakeview care homes with a monthly average attendance (including our teams) of 12 (Moorlands) and 18 (Lakeview).

Revd David Sigsworth

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2024

The full Parochial Church Council held 7 meetings during the year, including the APCM, with an average attendance of 67%. The PCC Standing Committee held 6 meetings during the year, in preparation for the PCC meetings.

The APCM in April 2024 was held in All Saints' church, with 2 new members elected to the PCC. Josie Coltman served her first year as a Church Warden.

Eleni Mesaritis Daniel

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2024

Making the church safe for all, and especially for children and vulnerable adults, is a key priority for All Saints' - we place the safety of all people at our heart. Safeguarding concerns the risk of abuse, including harm and neglect, principally of children and/or vulnerable adults. Our safeguarding practice describes the measures we take to prevent this, to recognise it when it does occur, and to respond without delay to ensure that any incident is dealt with appropriately and anyone affected is properly supported.

The Incumbent and PCC are responsible for safeguarding in the church. They have two appointed safeguarding officers, Andrew Hockey and Denise Taylor, who support them in implementing safeguarding policies and practices required or recommended by the House of Bishops and the Diocese of Guildford. They work closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, call on them for advice and liaise with them whenever a safeguarding concern arises. Our Clergy and PCC follow all national and diocesan guidance.

Safeguarding is a standing agenda item for every PCC meeting. During 2024 the PCC's Safeguarding Policy was updated to ensure it continues to meet national and diocesan requirements. Adoption of safeguarding policy and tracking of practice is recorded continually on the Parish Dashboard system, which provides visibility of our actions to the diocesan and national safeguarding teams. This records the hard work undertaken by both the PCC and by all those working with children and vulnerable adults and reflects the

growing safeguarding culture in the church community – an important foundation for all our activities.

The year started with Safeguarding Sunday in January, with both PSOs – Andrew and Denise – outlining the importance of safeguarding and sharing their experiences from the lectern. During 2024 there remained a strong focus on writing or updating the formal role profiles for our paid employee and for all volunteers, giving clarity on each role's responsibilities and the training needed to safeguard both the worker and the people they work with. Uptake of safeguarding training increased steadily throughout the year, and at year end was again close to 100%, as was compilation of risk assessments for all Church activities involving children and/or vulnerable adults.

The PCC wants everyone to enjoy visiting All Saints' and feel safe here, whether as a church member or attending an activity in the hall run by an external organisation. Safeguarding contact information is displayed prominently throughout the church, the hall and our website, and this was all refreshed during the year.

Many thanks to Jackie Gray who stepped into the vacant role of DBS validator, and to Ruth Kidd who tracked safeguarding training uptake and ensured that people stay up to date. In 2025 the PCC will continue to focus on implementing best safeguarding practices to ensure a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment, whilst looking particularly to protect children and vulnerable adults.

If you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable or does not feel right, the Clergy and/or PSOs should be your first point of contact. They will listen to you in confidence, and if necessary will always take further actions to protect people at risk. If you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable or doesn't feel right, please let one of them know.

Andrew Hockey & Denise Taylor - Parish Safeguarding Officers

FINANCE REPORT 2024

I am pleased to report that in 2024, we achieved a surplus of £7,335, sustained by the remarkable generosity of our congregation and careful financial stewardship. We saw growth in Planned Giving while service collections continued to decline, reflecting broader church trends. The recovery of £24,000 in Gift Aid has maximised the value of every gift given. I particularly encourage supporters to use the Parish Giving Scheme, as it delivers full Gift Aid benefits with minimal administrative burden. Unlike 2023,

this surplus was achieved without exceptional one-off donations, demonstrating the strength of our regular giving.

As in previous years, the PCC took the prudent decision to defer all non-urgent maintenance, allowing us to focus resources on our core mission. The energy contract secured in 2023 has provided crucial protection against spiralling utility costs, though our aging infrastructure - including inefficient boilers and inadequate insulation - presents both financial and environmental challenges as we work towards our desire to be carbon neutral.

Our hall lettings continue to recover from pandemic disruptions, with the loss of some regular bookings resulting in a modest £737 deficit for the year. However, improved cost control and the new energy tariff have helped mitigate this impact. Meanwhile, our Roundabout Magazine (expertly edited by Pam Newman) delivered another strong year with a £5,685 surplus, whilst maintaining its vital role in Church communications and outreach.

We increased our mission giving by £5,600 compared to last year, supporting organisations that improve lives and alleviate poverty, alongside contributions to charities including WaterAid, Mothers' Union, and Shooting Star. We also maintained our full commitment to the Diocesan Parish Share, sustaining our ministry and supporting the wider church community.

As I conclude my tenure as Treasurer, I want to express my sincere thanks to David Sigsworth for his inspirational leadership; Chris Williams for his wise counsel; PCC members for their support; and the Church Office team and Andrew and Pam Newman for their exceptional support behind the scenes. I am also very grateful to John Merricks, our independent examiner, for his oversight.

I am delighted to pass the baton to Richard Harbord, whose expertise and dedication will undoubtedly steer our finances with great care in the years ahead. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me during my tenure.

Imran Daniel - Outgoing PCC Treasurer

FABRIC REPORT

The Church building and contents are insured for £3,330,000 and the Hall building for £1,436,486 and contents for £81,311.

Since the last annual fabric report, there have been no major maintenance items carried out.

The last Quinquennial Inspection by our Architect was carried out in 2022 and it continues to be a guide to scheduling our planned maintenance. The CCTV drainage and mapping survey that was recommended has been carried out and remedial measures have been proposed.

Maintaining the structure of the building has been a priority and we have carried out repairs to three opening windows and repaired the west entrance gates. An economic repair of the entrance steps is being reviewed.

Our heating continues to be a focus due to the pair of church boilers being 28 years old and parts becoming obsolete. We have had an energy audit done and are currently in the process of determining next steps regarding the boilers.

Richard Storer

MISSION GIVING

In 2024, All Saints' Church extended financial support of £12,000 to its mission partners: Prison Fellowship, Release International, CYFC, Rainbow Africa, A.Rocha, Scripture Union, and Besom. This contribution reflects the church's commitment to supporting a wide range of impactful causes, from social justice and environmental care to faith-based initiatives and community support.

In addition, All Saints' Church also supported a range of other charities, including WaterAid, Connect Counselling, DEC Middle East Crisis, Mothers' Union and their work with women refugees, Shoeboxes through Team4U, and food donations for Besom.

In late 2024, the mission team convened to select our partners for 2025, aiming to achieve a balanced mix of local and international charities. The selection process focused on aligning with the Church of England's 5 Marks of Mission -

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
To respond to human need by loving service
To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

In Conclusion, the charities for 2025 will remain the same as 2024 namely, Prison Fellowship, Release International, CYFC, Rainbow Africa, A.Rocha, Scripture Union & Besom. However it was decided that no emergency funding available would be set aside, while recognising the need, the Mission team wanted to be intentional about the giving in 2025.

Other charities will additionally receive support through initiatives such as our Lent lunches and Christmas giving campaigns.

Jim Porter

THE COFFEE SHOP

As, I'm sure you are all aware that owing to Derek's operation and recovery we have not been able to run the coffee shop and are very grateful to Pam Newman who has stepped up to run it for us. We also owe a debt of thanks to Anne and Jean who turn up to do kitchen duties each time we meet - they come to make the coffee /tea and do the washing up no mean task. Simone Miles has been a great treasure putting up tables and chairs and helping to clear up at the end.

Although we are open on only two Saturdays a month people have been great at supporting us. This gives us both an occasional free weekend as we have been tied up every weekend for the past 20 plus years. Derek continues to run his hearing aid clinic on the two Saturdays we are open and has now been joined by Pam Newman and Sherayne Sigsworth who have completed their "hear here" training and so we are better able to help with simple repairs and batteries. It's rewarding to see so many who have returned. Not only are we getting many of our old faithful's but we are also seeing several new faces on a regular basis. Lastly thanks to those who make cakes for us on a regular basis for it is through the sale of the cakes that we are able to cover the costs of hiring the 'Maddison Room'.

Carol Browning

SONGS OF PRAISE

We have fully resumed our monthly service and our Songs of Praise Carols in December. Fortunately, many of our helpers have made themselves available once again as have those who generously provide us with our homemade

cakes, although we can always do with more. This service has proved popular but we, as always, could do with more people to come and join in and once again we need to recruit more people to drive and pick up those wishing to attend. My thanks to all who continue to contribute to make this service run smoothly. In my absence I want to offer my thanks to David Sigsworth our Vicar who stepped into the breach leading the service.

I want to particularly thank Zelda Smyly who has faithfully played for us for sometime now and keeps me on my toes. Also, I would like to thank Michael Lewis who comes along to put up tables and the ramp. There are also those who, come rain or shine, help in so many ways, by setting up beforehand and serving the tea afterwards. A special mention, as well for Pam Newman, who not only collects people but operates the AV system at the back. And for 'super-sonic' Sandra who counts numbers and gives out the necessary paperwork and greets people when they arrive. Of course, I mustn't forget Carol who is the organiser behind the whole tea operation.

My health continues to improve but I still enjoy attending the Service without having to take a leadership role, which hopefully, I will be able to pick up again in the not too distant future.

Derek Browning

YOUTH & CHILDREN

OUTREACH

We continue to have very good relationships with Hammond Junior and Lightwater Village schools. In 2024 David took assemblies each half term at both schools. These are always well received and include a Bible story at each assembly.

In March, Year 1 children from Lightwater Village School visited the church as part of their learning. They enjoyed being told about our church building, what we do in baptism, how we pray, and stood out in the garden for the 11 o'clock bells! In May, we invited Hammond school to display children's artwork in the Church building as part of the Lightwater Village Festival. It was lovely to celebrate their achievements in this way. The Church hosted Carol services for Hammond school and the Scouts. We have also developed links with the Brownies, who took up the challenge of growing herbs in our Community Herb Garden. This eco-project has been a fragrant success!

The Remembrance Day service in the Hall saw children, youth and parents of our uniformed organisations packing the hall for this community event. We received lots of positive feedback.

At Christmas we welcomed families to 'Christmas is Coming' and to our morning and afternoon Nativity services on Christmas Eve. The puppets helped very young children to engage with the Christmas story. And 18 of our own children and young people led the afternoon service, performing a 'back in time' retelling of the first Christmas – all based on the young people's ideas! The services were very well received by all those who came.

Ruth Kidd

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

Children's Sunday morning group meets in the Challen room during the 11am service. The number of children attending regularly has grown. We often have 8 or more children aged between 7 and 13. We also have some older teenagers who choose to join us. We enjoy games and fun, we pray, offer craft and challenge young minds to explore the Bible. We retell a Bible story in different ways, for instance sometimes using drama or Godly Play. Although we do many activities altogether, the children also separate into two groups to enable them to better explore faith in an age-related way. In the last year we had the privilege of preparing three young people for their baptism. We welcomed Anna, a 'youth volunteer' through the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. She supported the team for 5 months, organising activities for the youngest children. Thanks to the team: Ruth Kidd, Barbara Williams, Penelope Mullens and Sarah Dearling.

Penelope Mullens

Small Saints meet on a Sunday during the 11am service and provides an opportunity for under 6s to meet with God and learn about Jesus, and enables their parents to have some quiet time in church. We follow a similar structure each week to ensure some consistency for the young children starting with a song where they can make as much noise as they want, followed by a more gentle 'Welcome' song. We try and link our Bible story to the readings in church if they are appropriate followed by prayer. We then have a time of play and doing craft and colouring together. There is a dedicated team who take it in turn to help run and support Small Saints, including, Jackie Gray, Tanya Harrison, Norma Newman and Sherayne Sigsworth. We would love more people to join the team so if you have a heart for the very young, please do let us know. Thank you.

Sherayne Sigsworth

FUN AT 4 SERVICE

Fun @ 4 meets once a month, at 4pm on a Sunday and this year we have been welcoming both pre-school and primary aged children and their families. We have a short service in the church with craft, game, puppets, action songs and a Bible story, and then we go over to the hall for more craft and play, and a drink and a chat for the grown-ups.

This year we have done a special Palm Sunday 'Easter is Coming' service, a 'Christmas is Coming' service in early December, and our Christmas Eve Nativity service in church with big puppets and lots of fun. We also enjoyed a picnic at the vicarage before our service in September, thanks to David and Sherayne.

We have been encouraged by all the new families coming along as well as our regulars. Our special services also see lots of new faces.

Thanks to Ali Porter, Ruth Kidd, Barbara Williams, Sherayne Sigsworth and to Jess and Elena for helping us out too.

Barbara Williams

YOUTH WORK

YOUTH OUTREACH

We support our mission giving partner Camberley Youth for Christ (CYFC) who have been able to do mentoring and other activities within schools. The Point is held at St Paul's Church on a Friday night, and young people can join this monthly get together for games, worship and to hear a speaker.

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP

The evening youth group is continuing to develop. We regularly have around 8 children from school years 7 to 13 attending on Sunday evenings in the hall between 6 and 7pm, with 4-5 leaders. We enjoy games and fun, and share the Bible and what faith means to us as young people.

In the summer we try to get outside and play some games on the field, which is always popular. Also in the summer, David and Sherayne hosted a barbeque in their garden for the youth group, with delicious food and lots of games. This was very well attended and the parents joined us for drinks at the end.

David also ran a confirmation preparation course with Ruth alongside the youth group (we combined at the beginning and end for games and snacks), and two young people were confirmed at St Paul's in December.

Last year, we developed our links with youth events in the deanery. We took our young people to The Point (run by CYFC) for an evening of games, worship and Bible discussion. Several of our youth have attended The Point again. We also ran several collaborative ventures with the Youth Hub, which is a weekly group for youth in the deanery run by St Paul's youth worker Joe, CYFC youth worker Katy, and other helpers. We hosted a social in our church hall – with 20 visiting young people attending. It was a lot of fun. Next, we took our young people to the Youth Hub in Heatherside, and they enjoyed food, worship and faith time. We then also hosted a summer social in the hall and on the field behind the church. We are looking forward to further collaborations in April and May this year.

Please do ask any of the leaders if you have a child between years 7-13 who would like to come along and try us out.

Thanks to the team: Jacqui Munson, Jackie Hoare, Ali Porter, Sherayne Sigsworth and Ruth Kidd.

Jacqui Munson

PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL MINISTRY AND PRAYER SUPPORT

Our pastoral ministry and prayer support at All Saints' involves a range of people who care for others, both within the church and the wider community.

We currently have a team of 6 Pastoral Assistants who are licensed via Guildford Diocese. Our team is Wendy Hodgson, Tanya Harrison, Liz Bradshaw, Michael Lewis, David Hawkins and David Pilfold – many thanks to them for their dedication to this lay ministry. We were delighted to welcome Liz into the team in March 2025 and hope she will find her feet as soon as possible.

We also give thanks for John Child who is a Care Home Visitor. John keeps in touch with our local care homes Moorlands Nursing Home and Lakeview Care Home, arranging our monthly Songs of Praise services with them, and visiting some residents. We also give thanks for Laurie Strutt who offers regular support to the chaplain at Frimley Park Hospital.

Pastoral ministry is about being available for people on behalf of the church and providing a listening ear. It also sometimes includes engaging with newcomers such as baptism families.

We also give thanks for the prayer ministry that our Prayer Support Team offers. The Prayer Support Team are a few church members who pray from home individually to support any requests for prayer. This was previously called the 'Prayer Chain' when it used to be arranged by phone - information is now shared on an email group. We give thanks to Tanya Harrison for overseeing our prayer requests.

Should you know of a neighbour or church member who might appreciate a visit for a particular reason, or who would like prayer, please check with them first and then contact a member of the team, or the church Office, so that our help and support can be arranged.

Revd David on behalf of the Pastoral Team

GROUPS

HOME GROUPS

Our home groups are a way of coming together to socialise, pray and to study the Bible. During 2024 our numbers attending home groups was between 35 and 40 people. There has recently been a consolidation of groups and we currently have four groups meeting either in the evening or daytime.

Each group tends to follow its own choice of subjects, often using a booklet on a particular topic. The combination of Bible study, fellowship, and prayer, can be helpful for living out faith in everyday life and for forming strong and supportive friendships.

There were some special points of focus in the year. During Lent 2024, our home groups followed the Diocese of Guildford material on 'Calling', enjoying a video for 15 minutes and then discussing what it means in practice. At last year's village fete the Questions home group provided the ARK marquee in which families were invited to pop in for a refreshing rest, free juice & craft for children based on an environmental theme. During Advent 2024 three Advent Reflections were led by members of our home groups which they put together and led in the church. The groups have also engaged in varying ways with prayer and discussion on Eco matters, as recommended by our Eco Team.

A big thank you to our various home group leaders during 2024 – which included Jackie Gray, Jacqui Munson, John Child, Wendy Hodgson, Peter and Norma Newman, and Philip and Denise Blakeborough. A leaflet is available in the church foyer for anyone interested in joining a group, or please speak to a home group member or the Vicar. We look forward to welcoming new members and setting up new groups as our church family grows and changes.

Revd David Sigsworth

ALL SAINTS' MOTHERS' UNION

Our various speakers this year have included Vicky Owen talking about her work as a counsellor with Connect, Jenny Banks on visiting Sri Lanka and her oversight of Safeguarding for Mothers' Union Guildford Diocese. The Vicar brought us his choice of Desert Island Discs, which was very much enjoyed, and we had a speaker from Your Sanctuary which runs women's refuges in Woking talking about domestic violence. Sue & Windsor Rackham told us about their world trip, we had our usual "wrapping day" for the Besom Christmas hampers. Our social/fund raising meetings included a Soup & Puds lunch, our garden party and Christmas tea. Our total fundraising meant that we donated £600 for MU projects during the year. We continue to collect toiletries for local women's refuges and are always grateful for donations and we continue to support the Baby & Toddler group which meets in the Church Hall by helping to serve refreshments at their meetings.

During the year we were delighted to welcome two new members, we attended the Pilgrimage of Prayer service at the Cathedral led by Camberley MU, several members went to the MU garden party at the Bishop's house, Willow Grange, and two members attended the MU Summer Party at Normandy which is held for guests from local women's refuges and asylum families living in the area.

This year is our 90th birthday so we are planning a special celebration during the year. Do please come to our meetings, which are always open to everyone.

Pam Newman

THE CHOIR

The regular choir of 5 ladies and 3 men have sung monthly to support the congregational singing and to sing during communion at the 09.30 service.

An augmented choir has sung during Communion on Easter Sunday, Harvest Festival, All Saints Day and the Christmas Eve Midnight Service and joined with the Worship Group for the Christmas Carol Service.

Additional members would always be welcome.

Michael Lewis

WORSHIP GROUP

The group usually plays on the second and fourth Sundays each month for the 11:00 services. I would like to thank all the group for their dedication and support, attending rehearsals and in addition, playing at special events and services.

Our current members are Judith (vocals), Jackie (clarinet & vocals), Layla (keyboard), Jacob (clarinet), David (violin) and me (bass guitar).

Our music library has a repertoire of 98 songs sourced from the 'SongSelect' library covering both traditional and contemporary styles, some quite familiar and some we are still learning. We try to bring a few new songs into our services, which hopefully will become new favourites, and we are really pleased to hear that the mix of songs offered is being well received.

Finally, the group is always open to new talent! If you would like to join in, please come and have a chat with me about possibilities. It would be great if we could find new players and singers to join us!

Mark Hoare

WELCOME

The Welcome Team continue to aim to provide a warm welcome to all at All Saints' Church. Our objective is to enable all who visit All Saints' to feel welcome, comfortable and included. The refreshment or coffee team are also a key part of this welcome.

Further help with welcoming is always much appreciated and if anyone feels able to do this please speak to either myself or Valerie Barnard.

Thank you very much to everyone who currently helps with the welcoming. Your help and commitment is very much appreciated.

Jacqui Munson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This year commenced in January with our annual games afternoon in with forty plus people enjoying various games and jigsaws followed by pizza, cakes and numerous cups of tea and coffee.

At the end of March, we had our Maundy Thursday meal where we all sat down to delicious lamb pies and salad followed by fresh fruit, cakes and tea or coffee. It was good to have an event with all age groups and families. This was followed by a short Communion service. At the beginning of April Andrew once again came up with an enormous number of questions for our annual quiz with Espresso Martinis taking the cup. In June a party of twenty-two people enjoyed a meal and performance of Three Men in a Boat at Sonning Mill, much enjoyed by all.

Harvest Supper took place in October with 60 people enjoying cottage pie. The evening ended with some great home-grown entertainment.

Sandra Watson from Food for Thought catered for fifty-seven people with a delicious Christmas meal. A few days later thirty-seven people visited the New Victoria Theatre, Woking to watch Sleeping Beauty.

We had an enjoyable board games afternoon in January with pizza, cake and nibbles available, this will be repeated again next year.

Finally I must express thanks to the Social Committee once again for all their support and ideas.

Valerie Barnard

ECO GROUP

The group continues our 'Eco Church' journey using ideas and resources by 'A. Rocha', who encourages us to assess our environmental credentials across five areas of church life – worship, buildings, use of land, community & global justice, and in our lifestyle.

In 2024, we achieved our second milestone in our Eco Church journey – the Silver Eco Award which is displayed on the wall in the hall lobby area.

Various initiatives were started or continued throughout the year. Here are some of them, listed under the five areas mentioned above.

Worship

We hosted another Environment Sunday, which focused on Fair Trade. We talk about the environment regularly in the All-Age slot in our weekly contemporary service, especially when we have eco events coming up. We pray for issues relating to the climate crisis and for the people across the world who are severely affected by climate change.

Buildings

A Diocesan energy audit has been commissioned, and we await the recommendations from that. We have introduced more accurate heating controls for our church hall users (controlled remotely). We are doing all we can to reduce the carbon footprint of the church and the church hall, employing ongoing measures including

- Using electricity supplied via a “green tariff”.
- Reducing use of water by having dual flush toilets and water-saving sensor taps.
- Promoting green and food waste recycling wherever possible by hall users.
- Using low energy bulbs or LED lights throughout the premises.
- Using recycled paper products wherever we can.
- Encouraging all church and hall users to be conscious of their use of energy and resources.

Use of land

A wonderful achievement of 2024 is the collaboration between members of the church and the Brownies to set up and maintain a community herb garden. Ecology measures installed around the church and hall include

- a bug hotel – aptly named “Buggingham Palace”,
- an insect/bee house
- a hedgehog box
- a water tray and bird feeders.
- water butts and a compost bin to help maintain our garden areas.

Members of our Sunday Youth Group have prepared the soil and replanted the wildflower meadow area to the side of the church, with special thanks to John Kerrigan, for his help and knowledge in this task.

Community & Global Justice

Our community engagement this year included having an Eco Tent at the Village Fete in May and two evening talks from a local Wildlife Rescue Hospital, and Surrey Wildlife Trust as part of our Community Conversations initiative. Members of our congregation have joined in with the village litter

pick events. We have promoted sustainability initiatives like Earth Hour, Plastic Free July and, through our children's groups in Lent, a carbon fast. Our successful and annual 'Shop and Swap' event took place in November for the recycling of children's toys and clothes between families. We have held Eco activities like the Book Sale, the Puzzle Swap and the ongoing collection of recyclable items like ink cartridges and bras. There was also a period in which Pen recycling took place. We became a Fair Trade Church and we support mission partners, both local & further afield, in prayer, as well as in financial and practical terms.

Personal Lifestyle

We have encouraged eco lifestyle changes through Roundabout Lightwater articles, materials displayed on our Eco Board in the hall and by promoting many of the activities and events mentioned above via social media. This year we created a personal lifestyle audit and issued an invitation for our congregation to take part by completing it. We encouraged all those who received it to look at personal choices and activities and visit the Creation Care website for help and ideas.

With thanks to Philip & Denise Blakeborough, Erin Brember, Ruth Kidd, David & Sherayne Sigsworth, as members of the Eco Group in 2024.

Jackie Hoare

CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP

As we continue to follow the 'Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030' prepared by the Church of England, we try to maintain a full awareness of all the information that is available from many resources, and over the last 12 months we have made some significant progress.

Most importantly, our church boilers are now 28 years old and need to be replaced as a matter of some urgency, as some service parts are now unavailable. There is some comfort in the church being heated by two boilers.

As a way to begin our progress in this work, in December 2024 the group had an energy audit carried out by "Inspired Efficiency", the company recommended by Guildford Diocese. The subsequent audit report was shared with Chris Williams and contained a number of areas within the premises where changes could, and should, be made to improve our carbon footprint. We were informed of an overhead "Halo" heating system that could deliver FAR infra-red heating to the church, allowing us to change from the gas-fired boilers to electric heating. These "Halos" are like suspended ring-shaped light

fittings and some have already been fitted in a number of churches, and we will visit one to see how effective they are at delivering sufficient heat. The “Halos” are currently expensive items, and we would probably need 3 for the main church building, but rival companies are beginning to produce similar equipment which, through competition, should result in lower prices in due course.

We were also directed by the energy auditor to consider insulation options in the church hall, both in the roof, via small, tile-sized insulation packs to fit above each ceiling tile and also to fit cavity insulation. We were also advised to look at replacing the cooker hob with an efficient electric item. There was a list of other less urgent suggestions.

A subsequent meeting with Martin Carr from Guildford Diocese allowed him to share details of some grants and discounts that may be available for us either for “quick wins”, up to around £4-5,000 and more specific grants from a trust that wishes to help fund specific improvement projects in the Guildford diocese

The Carbon Neutral Group are currently working to compile a full list of the recommended improvements, their “urgency” status, their projected costs and hopefully arrive at a recommendation list that will lead to a running order for quick wins, and longer-term projects. We will continue to seek finance approval and assess the availability of funding grants etc., that will all help All Saints’ tackle this work, and become far “greener” as a result.

When new ideas and new solutions become available, we will continue to monitor these, and work to make changes in our ongoing efforts to reduce our carbon emissions.

A big thank you to the team, including Josie Coltman and Chris Williams for their support and hard work in moving us forward.

Philip Blakebrough

LIGHTWATER VILLAGE FETE - 11 MAY 2024

The 2024 Village fete reverted to its ‘traditional’ second Saturday in May and we were blessed with glorious weather. The Fete was opened by the Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Pat Tedder, supported by Cllr Alf Turner, the Chair of Windlesham Parish Council.

The Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums got the afternoon underway with the first of two displays in the arena. Other events in the arena were the Kings

Pond Shantymen, Hammond School singers, the Click Agility Dog Training School and Terri-Jayne Theatre Arts.

Stalls of all kinds around the arena provided plenty of opportunity to purchase an assortment of crafts, plants and produce. The Fuller's Horses and Dray provided a slightly elevated view of the whole event as they progressed around edge of the field. Kia West End Garage, displayed alongside a new car, an older model with a 'blackboard' finish which was available for anyone to practice their graffiti skills (or otherwise). The Surrey Classic Vehicle club brought along a few of their treasured models for those with an automotive bent to drool over.

An inflatable 'Jungle' slide for the younger visitors was provided by the Church, as was the ARK, a 'quiet tent' providing some respite for those who needed it, including craft and colouring activities for children. The bookstall was, as usual, a source of all things literary.

Refreshments were provided in the Hall by the WI, who served a range of sandwiches, sausage rolls and home-made cakes to a backdrop of an impressive display from the Windlesham and Camberley Camera Club. The Scouts provided hot dogs and burgers from the barbeque. Pizza, Indian cuisine, donuts and cakes were also on offer. Prosecco, Gin and other liquid refreshments were provided at the bar and the ice cream vendor in the car park did a roaring trade.

Inside the church the pupils from the village schools displayed an impressive array of artworks.

Radio Frimley Park once again provided the public address system, introducing the various 'acts' in the arena and keeping everybody fully informed as the day progressed.

Thanks go to Windlesham Parish Council for the use of the Recreation Ground and the power supply from the old pavilion and a grant of £250 and to Surrey Heath Borough Council for a grant of £250. Thanks must also go to all the many volunteers both on the 'day' – from early morning until the Recreation Ground is cleared, and those involved in the preparations beforehand, without whom the Fete cannot happen.

Richard Storer

COMMUNITY CINEMA

We started the year with "The Great Escaper" and in Feb showed "The Miracle Club".

In March "The Old Oak", in April "The Good Liar" and in May ended the first half of our year with "One Life".

We had a couple of sessions when the screen would not lower, but found projecting onto the wall worked! John Russell managed to fix the screen by mounting a switch on the wall - to be used instead of the remote.

By the summer we knew we had collected enough money to buy the Defibrillator we had been saving for. As this was for the benefit of the community we chanced asking the council for another grant which they agreed to.

So the Defibrillator, carefully researched by John Goodman, was eventually purchased and installed on the outside of the wall of the hall in the Autumn. A Bleed Kit was also purchased and mounted outside too.

In September we started our Autumn session with "The Last Bus", then "Joyride", "The 100 foot journey" and finally "Mama Mia". They were all well received.

Throughout the year we haven't had an audience of less than 50 people.

The afternoon has become a social gathering as people come early for a cup of tea and a chat with friends. Consequently our collection on the door is rarely less than £100.

Now, we have to decide what our next purchase for the community will be!

Pauline Hemley

ADMINISTRATION

CHURCH HALL

2024 was another great year for the hall. We continue to offer our facilities to the following types of users:

- Church - e.g. Sunday morning coffee and children's groups, youth group, other services, meetings, social events
- Community - e.g. the community cinema, guides, Mothers' Union, WI, Darby and Joan, Country Market, support groups
- Commercial - dance and exercise classes, parties

During the year we replaced the ramp used to move chairs and tidied up the entrance to the chair store. We also made some other cosmetic improvements, e.g. painting the skirting boards.

Financially, we broke even despite continuing pressures on costs, particularly energy. The 2024-2025 energy contracts are lower than the previous year but we do anticipate that the 2025-2026 prices from October will rise again.

We reviewed our prices for 2025 and after looking at other halls in the area decided to keep the prices the same to remain competitive.

We continue to explore ways of increasing our bookings to bring in more revenue, including experimenting with Facebook advertising.

I am very grateful to our extremely dedicated hall committee and in particular to Jackie Gray who does the administration and to John Trigwell who opens and closes the hall.

Chris Williams - Hall Committee Chair

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is an essential part of the ministry of All Saints' Church. It forms a central hub for those contacting the Church or using the Hall. Open most weekday mornings (we are closed to visitors Wednesdays), it is where our weekly services are prepared, and any necessary church administration tasks are attended to.

In addition to preparing our regular Sunday services, the Office also prepares materials for Baptisms and Funerals, Song of Praise, and many ad hoc services and events in the church; more recently the church has become the venue for our Community Conversations.

The office provides support to the clergy, Churchwardens, the church family, and the wider community. The office also provides a safe, confidential, and welcoming environment when pastoral care is required.

Jackie Gray (Tuesdays & Thursdays) oversees our hall bookings. We have a wide range of regular hall users including fitness groups, a Baby & Toddler group, an AA meeting, Parish Council, Derby & Joan & WI meetings, the Lightwater Community Cinema, and the Rainbows, Brownies and Guide groups all making good use of our facilities. Added to this are the adhoc

bookings for parties and occasional events, all of which require a degree of administration.

In the coming year it is hoped that the office can have a complete redecoration, the first since opening nearly 30 years ago, to give it a fresher and brighter look.

I would like to thank my colleague Jackie, the clergy, Churchwardens, and the church family for all the support they have given me.

Mark Hoare - Parish Administrator

ROUNABOUT LIGHTWATER

Roundabout Lightwater continues to be enjoyed by subscribers, and contributions from the church, varied village groups and individuals continue to come in and provide a good variety of content. Feedback and suggestions are always very welcome.

As usual, we would like to increase our coverage of the village so please take a spare copy to drop into any new neighbours.

Our individual advertisers reduce in number each year, some due to retirement, some because they get little response, others now mainly because they now only advertise online. However, occasional full-page adverts boosted income in 2024. Our subscription rate continued at £8 and advertising rates are still very reasonable.

Thanks as usual go to all our contributors and our 34 wonderful distributors who deliver to homes every month. We often have a need for one-off distributors, so please let me know if you can help.

Towards the end of the year we reviewed how Roundabout is produced and distributed. During 2025 we will need to widen and strengthen the team involved in producing the magazine to ensure its long term viability. Do let us know if you are interested in getting involved.

Pam Newman



Accounts 2024

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
Voluntary Receipts:						
<i>Planned Giving</i>	1	97,033.24			97,033.24	86,697.38
<i>Collections at Services</i>	2	3,765.81		194.48	3,960.29	5,327.77
<i>All other voluntary receipts</i>	3	5,148.16		3,326.72	8,474.88	11,662.94
<i>Gift Aid Recovered</i>	4	24,053.04			24,053.04	22,356.08
Activities for generating funds	5	1,444.58	2,603.15		4,047.73	4,150.78
Investment Income	6	2,695.28			2,695.28	1,169.72
Church Activities	7	32,498.09			32,498.09	35,840.51
Other Receipts	8	2,144.86			2,144.86	1,080.15
Total		168,783.06	2,603.15	3,521.20	174,907.41	168,285.33

Payments	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
Church Activities:						
<i>Diocesan Parish Share</i>	9	93,454.37			93,454.37	89,826.00
<i>Clergy & Staffing Costs</i>	10	2,348.42			2,348.42	1,410.36
<i>Mission Giving & Donations</i>	11	12,430.00		3,214.60	15,644.60	10,105.00
<i>Ministry & Services</i>	12	4,090.86			4,090.86	4,368.52
<i>Church Running Costs</i>	13	20,621.01	428.80		21,049.81	19,439.06
<i>Cost of Trading</i>	14	24,579.49			24,579.49	26,357.06
<i>Major Repairs & Upgrades</i>	15	2,778.00			2,778.00	7,020.40
Cost of generating funds	16	436.36	2,889.71		3,326.07	1,185.47
Governance Costs	17	300.00			300.00	300.00
Total		161,038.51	3,318.51	3,214.60	167,571.62	160,011.87

Excess of Payments over Receipts		7,744.55	-715.36	306.60	7,335.79	8,273.46
Transfers between funds		25,097.09	-25,097.09		-	-
Total		32,841.64	-25,812.45	306.60	7,335.79	8,273.46

Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		28,578.93	60,812.45	1,668.00	91,059.38	
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		61,420.57	35,000.00	1,974.60	98,395.17	
Movement in 2024		32,841.64	-25,812.45	306.60	7,335.79	

Statement of Assets	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash Funds					
Bank current account	25,799.65		1,974.60	27,774.25	52,935.52
Deposit Account	35,362.47	35,000.00		70,362.47	37,667.19
Coffee Shop Float	50.00			50.00	50.00
Soldo prepaid card	208.45			208.45	406.67
Total	61,420.57	35,000.00	1,974.60	98,395.17	91,059.38

Designated	1 Jan 2024	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2024
Reserve	39,250.00			39,250.00
Lightwater Community Cinema	2,086.82	2,268.15	2,889.71	1,465.26
Swap and Shop	354.33	335.00	428.80	260.53
Church Extension Project	19,121.30			19,121.30
Total	60,812.45	2,603.15	3,318.51	60,097.09

Restricted	1 Jan 2024	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2024
Appeals	1,668.00	3,521.20	- 3,214.60	1,974.60
Total	1,668.00	3,521.20	- 3,214.60	1,974.60

1 Planned Giving	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Parish Giving Scheme	88,046.24			88,046.24	76,345.38
Tax Efficient Planned Giving- Standing Orders	4,897.00			4,897.00	5,322.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Envelopes	2,040.00			2,040.00	2,195.00
Other Planned Giving - Envelopes	1,550.00			1,550.00	2,475.00
Other Planned Giving - Standing Orders	140.00			140.00	-
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Payroll Giving	360.00			360.00	360.00
Total	97,033.24			97,033.24	86,697.38

2 Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Collections for Church Funds	3,765.81			3,765.81	5,247.07
Royal British Legion collected			194.48	194.48	80.70
Total	3,765.81		194.48	3,960.29	5,327.77

3 All other voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Collected for Water Aid			1,739.50	1,739.50	535.60
Shooting Star			200.00	200.00	-
Connect Counselling			822.47	822.47	-
Alzheimer's Society			97.75	97.75	-
RNIB			35.00	35.00	-
Woking Hospice			260.00	260.00	-
Railway Children			32.50	32.50	-
Royal British Legion collected			32.50	32.50	-
Surrey Wildlife			92.50	92.50	-
Scouts Service			14.50	14.50	-
Mothers Union Guildford			-	-	925.00
Other Donations	5,148.16			5,148.16	10,202.34
Total	5,148.16		3,326.72	8,474.88	11,662.94

4 Gift Aid Recovered	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Tax Recovered via HMRC return	4,389.40			4,389.40	5,811.39
Tax Recovered by Parish Giving Scheme	19,663.64			19,663.64	16,544.69
Total	24,053.04			24,053.04	22,356.08

5 Activities for Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Fete & Book Sales	983.86			983.86	1,401.50
Fundraising Schemes	61.42			61.42	81.69
Office Income	259.43			259.43	170.50
Quiz	139.87			139.87	85.00
Lightwater Community Cinema		2,268.15		2,268.15	1,780.80
Swap & Shop		335.00		335.00	631.29
Total	1,444.58	2,603.15		4,047.73	4,150.78

6 Investment Income	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Deposit Account Interest	2,695.28			2,695.28	1,169.72
Total	2,695.28			2,695.28	1,169.72

7 Church Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Magazine Sales	4,116.57			4,116.57	4,200.36
Magazine Advertising	6,093.33			6,093.33	6,938.80
Hall Lettings	17,952.50			17,952.50	21,134.10
Coffee Shop	1,260.60			1,260.60	633.91
Church Book Shop	911.09			911.09	839.14
Fees	2,164.00			2,164.00	2,094.20
Total	32,498.09			32,498.09	35,840.51

8 Other Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Overpayment to supplier refunded	44.00			44.00	-
Grants				-	1,000.00
Diocese Fees to be paid in 2025	1,377.00			1,377.00	-
Bank Loyalty Payments	61.86			61.86	80.15
Insurance Claim	662.00			662.00	-
Total	2,144.86			2,144.86	1,080.15

9 Diocesan Parish Share	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Parish Share	93,454.37			93,454.37	89,826.00
Total	93,454.37			93,454.37	89,826.00

10 Clergy & Staffing Expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Clergy Expenses	2,348.42			2,348.42	1,410.36
Total	2,348.42			2,348.42	1,410.36

11 Mission Giving & Donations	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
DEC Middle East	1,300.00			1,300.00	-
Scriptures Union	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
Connect Counselling	500.00			500.00	-
A Rocha	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
Camberley Youth for Christ	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,500.00
Mothers Union			925.00	925.00	-
WaterAid			2,089.60	2,089.60	-
Shooting Star			200.00	200.00	-
Woking Hospice	260.00			260.00	-
Wildlife Rescue	170.00			170.00	-
Release International	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,500.00
Prison Fellowship	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,500.00
Tear Fund				-	500.00
Christian Aid				-	1,105.00
Camberley Besom	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
Rainbow Africa	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,000.00
Total	12,430.00		3,214.60	15,644.60	10,105.00

12 Ministry & Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Services	3,095.80			3,095.80	3,546.89
Ministry	700.91			700.91	483.07
Children's Work	294.15			294.15	338.56
Total	4,090.86			4,090.86	4,368.52

13 Church Running Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Church Routine Repairs & Maintenance	2,431.23			2,431.23	1,592.37
Church Utility Bills and Insurance	6,349.09			6,349.09	6,712.85
Swap and Shop		428.80		428.80	50.00
Parish Office	11,411.54			11,411.54	10,540.37
Bank Charges	429.15			429.15	543.47
Total	20,621.01	428.80		21,049.81	19,439.06

14 Cost of Trading	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cost of trading - Magazine	4,525.15			4,525.15	5,429.13
Cost of trading - Coffee Shop	551.42			551.42	433.17
Cost of trading - Hall	18,359.32			18,359.32	20,050.21
Cost of trading - Hall Refunds	330.00			330.00	74.00
Cost of trading - Church Book Shop	813.60			813.60	370.55
Total	24,579.49			24,579.49	26,357.06

	2024	2023
Hall net surplus	-736.82	1,009.89
Magazine net surplus	5,684.75	5,710.03
Book Shop net surplus	97.49	468.59
Coffee Shop net surplus	709.18	200.74

15 Major Repairs & Upgrades	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Vandalism Related Repairs				-	7,020.40
CCTV Survey	1,500.00			1,500.00	-
Hall joinery repairs and new access ramp	1,038.00			1,038.00	-
Gate repairs	240.00			240.00	-
Total	2,778.00			2,778.00	7,020.40

16 Cost of Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Fete Expenses	436.36			436.36	897.49
Cinema		2,889.71		2,889.71	287.98
Total	436.36	2,889.71		3,326.07	1,185.47

17 Governance Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Independent Examiner	300.00			300.00	300.00
Total	300.00			300.00	300.00

THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS LIGHTWATER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS LIGHTWATER

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out in the annual report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity members of the PCC, 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 PCC'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.

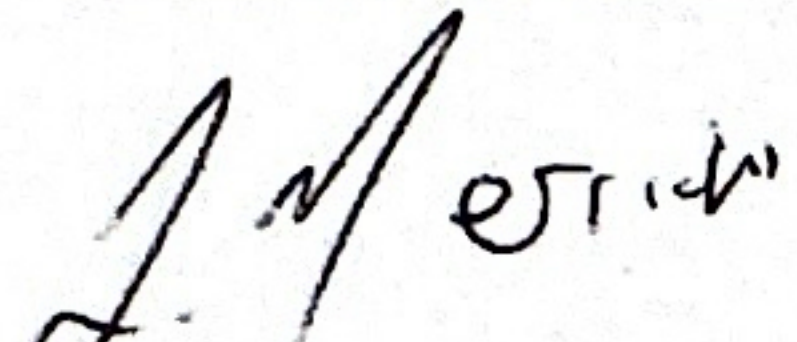
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

John Merricks


43 Birchwood Drive
Lightwater
Surrey GU18 5RX

Dated 15/4/25

Accounts

All Saints' Church Lightwater

'The Light of Christ in Lightwater'

To Be, To Love, To Tell

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2023

provided to

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Wednesday 24th April 2024, 8.00 pm
All Saints' Lightwater

Registered Charity No. 1128176

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS - 8.00 pm

Wednesday 24th April 2024

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Election of Church Wardens

Followed by

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LIGHTWATER ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last APCM meeting - 26th April 2023
4. The Reports
 - a. Electoral Roll
 - b. Churchwardens' Report
 - c. Safeguarding Report
 - d. Parish Reports
 - e. Parish Stewardship Report
 - f. Deanery Synod Report
 - g. Questions of clarification
5. The Accounts
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Presentation of All Saints' PCC Accounts
 - c. Questions of clarification
6. Elections
 - a. Parochial Church Council
 - b. Deanery Synod
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. Questions
9. Vicar's Report
10. Closing prayers

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ELECTORAL ROLL

In the period between the APCM in April 2023 and the end of 2023, there was 1 member removed from the roll and 5 new members were added. So, at the end of December 2023 there were 128 members of All Saints' Church Electoral Roll.

In the first 3 months of 2024 we have added 1 member and removed 2 members (1 died, 1 left the parish), so we now have 127 Church members on the electoral roll (of which 95 are resident in the Parish and 32 non-resident)

Alison Porter

CHURCH ATTENDANCE 2023

Our Sunday morning services are offered at 9.30am and 11am, and our on-line broadcast relays the 9.30am service 'live', with the further option to see the service on-line as a recording afterwards.

Attendance in church has been recovering steadily following the pandemic of 2020/21. Regular Sunday attendance in church in 2023 (2022) was 85 (69) adults and 8 (6) children. Additionally, on-line attendance continued to show an average of 30 (30) views in the week following each Sunday - some of these may have been people watching only briefly, but others may have had more than one attender, including a regular group watching at Lakeview Care Home.

Mid-month, our Songs of Praise service received an average attendance of 38, with a small number staying on for communion. 'Fun at 4' is held once a month on Sunday afternoons, with an average attendance in 2023 of 3 families out of a pool of 8.

For Christmas, attendance at our 2023 Carol Service in church was a very busy 130. Attendance at Christmas Eve crib services 185, Midnight

Service in church 75, and Christmas Day 53. There was 1 Holy Week Reflection and 3 Advent Reflections offered by church groups.

In 2023 we held 0 (0) Weddings, 4 (2) Baptisms, 8 (18) Funerals.

Services are conducted regularly at Moorlands and Lakeview care homes with a monthly average attendance (including our teams) of 13 (Moorlands) and 25 (Lakeview).

Revd David Sigsworth

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2023

The full Parochial Church Council held 7 meetings during the year, including the APCM, with an average attendance of 90%. The PCC Standing Committee held 6 meetings during the year, in preparation for the PCC meetings.

The APCM in April 2023 was held in All Saints' church, with 1 new member being elected to the PCC.

Rebecca Finlay

SAFEGUARDING

Making the church safe for all, and especially for children and vulnerable adults, is a key priority for All Saints' - we place the safety of all people at our heart.

The Incumbent and PCC are responsible for safeguarding in the church. They have two appointed safeguarding officers, Andrew Hockey and Denise Taylor, who support them in implementing safeguarding policies and practices required or recommended by the House of Bishops and the Diocese of Guildford. They work closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, call on them for advice and liaise with them whenever a safeguarding concern arises. Our Clergy and PCC follow all national and

diocesan guidance and would only deviate from this if there was a cogent and legitimate reason to adopt a different position.

Safeguarding is a standing agenda item for every PCC meeting. During 2023 the PCC's Safeguarding Policy was updated to ensure it continues to meet national and diocesan requirements. Adoption of safeguarding policy and tracking of practice is recorded continually on the Parish Dashboard system, which provides visibility of our actions to the diocesan and national safeguarding teams. This records the hard work undertaken by both the PCC and by all those working with children and vulnerable adults and reflects the growing safeguarding culture in the church community - an important foundation for all our activities.

During 2023 there was a strong focus on writing or updating the formal role profiles for our paid employee and for all volunteers, giving clarity on each role's responsibilities and the training needed to safeguard both the worker and the people they work with. Uptake of safeguarding training increased steadily throughout the year, and at year end was close to 100%, as was compilation of risk assessments for all Church activities involving children and/or vulnerable adults.

Our own safeguarding standards are also applied to all those who use our premises, as we have to ensure that everyone using the church's buildings benefit from the same level of protection. This has been a requirement in our Church Hall hire agreement since 2022, ensuring that the Church's buildings are only let to organisations that apply the same level of safeguarding to their activities as we do to our own.

The PCC wants everyone to enjoy visiting All Saints' and feel safe here, whether as a church member or attending an activity in the hall run by an external organisation. Safeguarding contact information is displayed prominently throughout the church, the hall and our website. In the past year the Guildford Diocesan safeguarding team were formally notified or consulted about three separate episodes. None were assessed to be a safeguarding incident, and their advice and guidance was followed in full on each occasion to ensure that the concerns that had been raised were addressed in the most appropriate manner.

Many thanks to Christine Hughes who stood down from her role as DBS Validator in 2023 after many years of generous service, and to Ruth Kidd who tracks safeguarding training uptake and ensures that people stay up to date. In 2024 the PCC will continue to focus on implementing best safeguarding practices to ensure a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment, whilst looking particularly to protect children and vulnerable adults.

If you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable or does not feel right, the Clergy and/or PSOs should be your first point of contact. They will listen to you in complete confidence, and if necessary, will always take further actions to protect people at risk. If you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable or doesn't feel right, please let one of them know.

Andrew Hockey & Denise Taylor - Parish Safeguarding Officers

Finance

In 2023 we were able to retain a small surplus at the end of the year thanks to generous giving and careful cost control. Planned Giving increased by £4700, collections were down by around £900. We recovered more than £22,000 from HMRC under Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. 2023 saw an unusually high number of large one off donations totalling over £7000. Without these we would have reported a small deficit.

With high levels of inflation, cost pressures were acute and the PCC decided to defer all non urgent maintenance in 2023. Around £7000 of urgent repairs were carried out during the year based on recommendations from the Quinquennial survey carried out in 2022.

We were tied to an expensive energy contract up until October which increased heating costs across the church and hall by several thousand pounds. The new contract which came into force in October will help to

reduce this in the coming year. A grant towards energy costs of £1000 was received from the Diocese of Guildford. Heating our two buildings which are large and have minimal insulation is costly, both financially and from a carbon footprint perspective. This is something we will need to address in the next few years.

Despite the high levels of heating costs the hall returned a small surplus of just over £1000 in 2023 with good levels of bookings. The parish magazine, Roundabout, generated more than £5000 of net income. It is important that we ensure that production of the magazine is viable in the long term if we wish to continue to benefit from this.

We also gave over £10,000 to mission partners outside of the parish.

We were able to fully meet our Parish Share obligations. Our Parish Share in Lightwater was around the average for the Diocese of Guildford at just under £90,000. Parish Share pays for our vicar as well as support, training and facilities provided centrally by the Diocese. It also helps other, less affluent parishes.

Thank you to all who give generously to support All Saints'. 87% of our planned giving comes through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. This scheme costs nothing to us as a parish and we would encourage everybody to use it. Other methods of planned giving can incur bank charges and require a lot more administration.

Managing a church with nearly £170,000 turnover is a team effort and we would particularly like to thank the treasurer, planned giving co-ordinator, stewardship team, parish office and those who bank cash regularly. We are also grateful to John Merricks who acts as our independent examiner.

Imran Daniel / Chris Williams

FABRIC

The Church building and contents are insured for £3,330,000 and the Hall building for £1,436,486 and contents £81,311.

The last Quinquennial Inspection by our Architect was carried out in 2022 and it continues to be a guide to scheduling our planned maintenance.

Maintaining the structure of the building has been a priority and we have carried out repairs to the church roof including replacing a number of roof and ridge tiles and removing moss. We also obtained a structural engineer's report of the entrance porch and lower vestry subsidence and carried out lime mortar pointing of the brickwork cracks. Some lime mortar repointing was carried out on the south side church buttresses to protect from the ingress of water.

Our heating continues to be a focus in view of the energy cost and the 27 years old pair of church boilers. Faults have developed and some parts are no longer available. We have extended the use of the remote and scheduled control of our church heating to the hall as well. We have also made a substantial saving in our energy cost through changing to a new provider and we still have green electric.

We have help from our Carbon Neutral group and the Diocese Advisory Committee in following the Church of England "Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030." The Carbon Neutral group are monitoring the options available for us to achieve this. If we had a complete boiler failure now the option would most likely be a new more efficient gas boiler.

We are blessed with volunteers who help look after the church grounds. The remembrance garden, wildflower beds, grass and all that our Eco group add. We also had a welcome visit from the LIVS team of volunteers.

Some maintenance was put on hold during the pandemic that we are now carrying out.

Peter Newman

Mission Giving

The mission team met during 2023 and decided on the following partners to support during 2023.

Prison fellowship, Release International, CYFC, Besom, A Rocha, Scripture Union and Rainbow Africa. In addition, it was agreed to retain £1500 to be able to support emergency appeals during the year. £1000 was provided to Christian Aid to support the Turkey & Syria earthquake appeal and £500 was provided to Tearfund in response to their Middle East appeal.

The Christmas collection in 2023 was given to the Mothers' Union, in support for two projects: Women's Refuges and Away from It All.

In November 2023, the mission giving committee met to review and agree our partners for 2024. It is enlightening to hear the passion as members of the committee discuss and recommend charities that are very much on their heart. It was agreed that our partners for 2024 would remain the same as those chosen in 2023 and we would retain some giving to support emergency appeals during the year.

During 2023, many of our mission giving partners have been given the opportunity to talk during our services, thank you David for arranging these. It is always very encouraging to hear how our donations are being used to transform lives around the world.

Finally, I would like to thank you on behalf of the mission giving committee for your amazing giving to All Saints' Church and the PCC for allocating funds for mission giving.

Jim Porter

THE COFFEE SHOP

As I'm sure you are all aware we are open on two Saturdays a month. This gives us both an occasional free weekend as we have been tied up every weekend for the past 20 plus years. Derek continues to run his hearing aid clinic on the two Saturdays we are open, although the attendance is down as people had to find other routes during Covid. When we first reopened the start was slow but numbers have now built up to above pre-pandemic levels and it is good to see so many who have returned. Not only are we getting many of our old faithfuls but we are also seeing several new faces on a regular basis. We haven't yet resumed our association with the Macmillan coffee event in the Autumn, but we do continue to have an annual birthday party. What we are short of is people to make cakes from time to time, and people to pick up others and bring them to the coffee shop and library. If either of these is something you can assist with, and are prepared to do, please let me know.

Carol Browning

SONGS OF PRAISE

We have fully resumed our monthly service and of course our Songs of Praise Carols in December. Fortunately, many of our helpers have made themselves available once again as have those who generously provide us with our homemade cakes, although we can always do with more. This service has proved popular but we, as always could do with more people to come and join in and once again we need to recruit more people to drive and pick up those wishing to attend. My thanks to all who continue to contribute to make this service run smoothly. I want to particularly thank Zelda Smyly who has faithfully played for us for sometime now and keeps me on my toes. Also, I would like to thank Michael Lewis who comes along to put up tables and the ramp, and Paul Hoddinott who has stepped in when Michael is not available. There are also those who come rain or shine to help in so many ways, by setting up beforehand and serving the tea afterwards. A special mention, as well for Pam Newman, who not only collects people but operates the AV system at the back. And for 'super-sonic' Sandra who counts numbers and gives out the necessary paperwork and greets people when they arrive. Of course, I mustn't forget Carol who is the organiser behind the whole tea operation.

Derek Browning

YOUTH & CHILDREN

OUTREACH

We continue to have very good relationships with Hammond Junior and Lightwater Village schools. In 2023 David has continued to take assemblies in person at both. These are always well received and include a Bible story at each assembly.

In May, David worked with the Hammond upper school choir to sing at the Coronation Music Festival as part of the village celebrations and hopes to build on these links at future community events. Years 1 and 2 from Lightwater Village School visited the church as part of their learning. They enjoyed being told about our church building, what we do in baptism, how we pray, and stood out in the garden for the 11 o'clock bells! The Church hosted Carol services for Hammond school and the Scouts. The Remembrance Day service in the Hall saw children, youth and parents of our uniformed organisations packing the hall for this community event. We received lots of positive feedback.

At Christmas we welcomed families to 'Christmas is Coming' and to our morning and afternoon Nativity services on Christmas Eve. The puppets helped very young children to engage with the Christmas story. And 15 of our own children and young people led the afternoon service, performing 'Bethlehem News' written by one of our young people! The services were well received by those who came.

Ruth Kidd

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

Children's Sunday group meets in the Challen room during the 11am service. The number of children attending has remained steady and we now have a group of up to 10 children aged between 5 and 13 who attend regularly. We enjoy games and fun, we pray, offer craft and other activities. We retell a Bible story in different ways, for instance sometimes using drama or Godly Play. Although we do many activities altogether the children also separate into two groups to enable them to better explore ideas in an age-related way. Thanks to the team: Penelope Mullens, Barbara Williams and Ruth Kidd.

Small Saints meet on a Sunday during the 11am service and provides an opportunity for under 5s to meet with God and learn about Jesus, and enables their parents to have some quiet time in church. We follow a similar structure each week to ensure some consistency for the young children, starting with a song where they can make as much noise as they want, followed by a more gentle 'Welcome' song, a bible story and prayer followed by a time of play and doing craft together. There is a dedicated team who take it in turn to help run and support Small Saints, including, Jackie Gray, Tanya Harrison, Norma Newman and Sherayne Sigsworth. Thank you to Valerie Barnard for all she has given to Small Saints and is now stepping down. We would love more people to join the team so if you have a heart for the very young, please do let us know.
Thank you.

Sherayne Sigsworth

FUN AT 4 SERVICE

'Fun at 4' is a special service for young children and their families. We meet once a month on a Sunday afternoon, to play a game with Sam Bear, sing praise songs to God, join in a Bible story and have lots of FUN! We then go to the hall to spend time together playing with toys, making a craft, and chatting over refreshments. In July, we enjoyed a picnic and games in the vicarage garden.

We have several special services in the year: 'Easter is Coming', 'Christmas is Coming' and our morning Nativity service on Christmas Eve. These are very popular and we get a good number of families attending. Thanks to the team: Ali Porter, Barbara Williams, Ruth Kidd and Sheryane Sigsworth.

Ruth Kidd

YOUTH WORK

YOUTH OUTREACH

We support our mission giving partner Camberley Youth for Christ (CYFC) who have been able to do mentoring and other activities within schools. The Point is held at St Paul's Church on a Friday night, and young people can join this monthly get together for games, worship and to hear a speaker.

Ruth Kidd

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUPS

The evening youth group is continuing to develop. We regularly have between 6 - 8 children from school years 7 to 13 attending on Sunday evenings in the hall between 6 and 7pm, with 4-5 leaders. We enjoy games and fun, and share the Bible and what faith means to us as young people.

In the summer we try to get outside and play some games on the field, which is always popular. Also in the summer, David and Sherayne hosted a barbeque in their garden for the youth group, with delicious food and lots of games. This was very well attended and the parents joined us for drinks at the end.

David also ran a couple of music sessions which have been very popular and have led to some younger people becoming part of the music group leading services.

Oli Deeks from CYFC came along a couple of times sharing his testimony on one occasion.

More recently, the group have attended The Point together with a couple of leaders and we are also joining together with the Youth Hub, which is run by St Pauls youth worker together with other churches in the area, for a couple of social/ fellowship events in the next few months.

Please do ask any of the leaders if you have a child between years 7-13 who would like to come along and try us out.

Thanks to the team: Jacqui Munson, Jackie Hoare, Ali Porter, Sherayne Sigsworth and Ruth Kidd.

Ruth Kidd

GROUPS

HOME GROUPS

Our home groups are a way of coming together to socialise, pray and study the Bible. During the year our numbers attending home groups remained at around 40 with six groups meeting either in the evening or daytime.

Each group tends to follow its own subjects, often following a booklet on a particular topic of the Bible. The combination of Bible study, fellowship, and prayer can be a helpful way of helping to live out our faith in everyday life and to form strong and supportive friendships.

There were some special points of focus in the year. During Lent 2023, several home groups met to follow the challenging Church of England material on the subject of 'Failure', using videos and questions provided. At last year's fete the Questions home group provided the ARK marquee in which families were invited to pop in for a refreshing rest, free juice & craft for children based on an environmental theme. During Advent 2023 three of our home groups put together and led Advent Reflections in the church.

A big thank you to our home group leaders and all the preparation they put into making the groups happen. A leaflet is available in the church foyer for anyone interested in joining a group, or please speak to a home group member or the vicar. We look forward to welcoming new members and setting up new groups as our church family grows and changes.

Revd David

ALL SAINTS' MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union had a variety of talks, including Sue Rackham telling us about her work as a Trustee of The Besom foodbank in Camberley, and in March we paid a visit to the foodbank. During the year we had visits from Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance and Citizens Advice Surrey Heath,

and a talk about bees (which included honey tasting!). Some members attended the MU Pilgrimage of Prayer at the Cathedral.

We provided a flower display for the Flower Festival, and also donated money to All Saints' for the Mothering Sunday posies. We held two successful 'soup & puds' lunches to raise funds for Mothers' Union projects. Guildford MU held a summer party in Normandy for families from local women's refuges, asylum seekers and refugees in the area which was very much appreciated. Our garden party in August was blessed with lovely weather and we again welcomed members from other MU branches in the Deanery.

November was our annual 'wrapping' day for The Besom Christmas hampers, and a record number of boxes were completed. December was our Christmas tea when we again welcomed members from other MU branches in the Deanery.

We are very grateful to All Saints' for the donation of the Christmas collections in church, which will be going to Mothers' Union projects 'Away From It All', providing breaks for families under stress, and support for local women's refuges.

Pam Newman

THE CHOIR

The choir has sung during Communion on Easter Sunday, Harvest Festival, All Saints Day and the Christmas Eve Midnight Service and joined with The Music Group for the Christmas Carol Service.

We have now increased our singers to five ladies and three men and propose from now on to now provide a choir on one Sunday each month to support the congregational singing and to sing during communion at the 0930 service. Any additional members would be most welcome.

Michael Lewis

WORSHIP GROUP

The group usually plays on the second and fourth Sundays each month for the 11:00 services. I would like to thank all the group for their dedication and support, attending rehearsals and in addition, playing at special events and services.

Our current members are Judith (vocals), Jackie (clarinet & vocals), Layla (keyboard), Jacob (clarinet), David (violin) and myself (bass guitar). Layla and Jacob joined the group this year and, as excellent young musicians, deserve a special mention for all that they bring to the worship at All Saints' and the way that they have contributed.

Our music library has had something of a revamp as we are now using 'SongSelect' to source our music. This provides us with online sheet music that is fully transposable to any key, as opposed to photocopies from books which would need manual transposition.

We continue to play known favourites, but also, we try to bring some new songs into our services, which hopefully will become new favourites. Over the year we have already seen this happening, so we are really pleased that the mix of songs offered are being well received.

Finally, the group is always open to new talent! If you would like to join in, please come and have a chat with me about possibilities. It would be great if we could find new players and singers to join us!

Mark Hoare

WELCOME

The Welcome Team continue to aim to provide a warm welcome to all at All Saints' Church. Our objective is to enable all who visit All Saints' to feel welcome, comfortable and included. The refreshments or coffee team are also a key part of this welcome.

Further help with welcoming is always much appreciated and if anyone feels able to do this please speak to either myself or Valerie Barnard.

Thank you very much to everyone who currently helps with the welcoming, your commitment and dedication is much appreciated.

Jacqui Munson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

One cool damp morning in March a group of approximately 30 people boarded a coach for a visit to Leonardslee Park and Water Gardens near Horsham where we spent an enjoyable day despite the less than perfect weather.

In April we had our annual fellowship meal which is generally a popular event. This was followed in May by our 37th annual Quiz; once again Andrew Newman acted as Quiz Master, the questions being set by him. The cup was finally awarded to Espresso Martinis, a team from Camberley. In June thirty people enjoyed the musical Gypsy following an excellent meal at Sonning Mill.

Harvest Supper took place in October with 60 people enjoying cottage pie. The evening ended with some great home-grown entertainment.

Sandra Watson from Food for Thought catered for forty-five people with a delicious Christmas meal. Also in December thirty-nine people visited the New Victoria Theatre, Woking to watch Peter Pan. Tickets for Sleeping Beauty will be available shortly.

We had an enjoyable board games afternoon in January with pizza, cake and nibbles available; this will be repeated next year.

Finally I must express thanks to the Social Committee once again for all their support and ideas.

Valerie Barnard

ECO GROUP

During 2023 our All Saints' Eco Group continued to take action to help us get closer to matters of the environment and the impact of climate change. One of the Church of England's 5 Marks of Mission is 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth', so it is a subject close to our hearts.

Our 'Eco Church' journey continued using ideas and resources by 'A. Rocha', who encourage us to assess our environmental credentials across five areas of church life - worship, buildings, use of land, community & global justice, and in our lifestyle.

Various initiatives grew in 2023. We continued our 'Switch One!' campaign to challenge us in our lifestyle, such as recommending switching our

appliances to one level lower, and examining the types of cleaning, gardening and toiletry products we use. The team held two 'Shop and Swap' community events for the re-cycling of children's toys, which attracted many families and from which we could send our proceeds to ecological and wildlife projects. A new Bra Bank was introduced by Jackie Hoare located in the Ladies toilet in the Church Hall which reached 1,000 bras in 2023 for recycling to women in the developing world through 'Against Breast Cancer'.

In our church grounds we have installed a bird feeder, water butt, composting, and are developing with the Brownies a herb garden. In November we held an Environment Sunday service in church looking at the bigger picture and also reflecting on all of our initiatives.

The Carbon Neutral Group continues to meet separately to the Eco Group, looking at the carbon footprint of our buildings in particular (see separate report).

A big thank you to Philip and Denise Blakeborough, Erin Brember, Sarah Dearling, Jackie Hoare, Ruth Kidd, Sherayne Sigsworth, as members of the Eco Group in 2023.

Revd David

CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP

In an effort to move towards the Church of England's ambitious target to reach net zero carbon by 2030, this group has been working to achieve the target with our own premises. This is a response to God's call to care for creation and our human life.

We continue to follow the 'Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030' prepared by the Church of England. A lot of information is becoming available from many resources, and we are monitoring and evaluating it all.

Our church boilers are now 27 years old and will need to be replaced imminently as some replacement parts are now unavailable. So, if failures

do occur, we will have significant problems. There is some comfort in the church being heated by two boilers.

Over the last months the group has looked at a number of alternatives, and spoken to a number of expert companies. The Church Heating Specialists company recommend that when we need to replace our boilers, because of our premises and restrictions in terms of space and finance, the only viable option is to fit new gas boilers that are the most efficient ones available. Another company, specialising in church heat-pumps conducted a survey for us. Their quote for an air-source heat-pump system came in at between £75,000 and £115,000, i.e. totally unaffordable! Solar panels won't provide enough energy for the buildings at the right time, and we therefore have very little choice when we come to replace our boilers.

We continue to measure our carbon footprint each year. Our carbon emissions are within the same Net CO₂ Percentile as 70 to 80% of churches. We are at the bottom of the scale for Emissions per square metre. We have installed better heating controls, energy efficient lights wherever possible and continue to seek ways to reduce our energy usage.

Our use of energy remains our main focus. Our electricity supply is "green" and currently comes from a wind farm. Electric boilers have been considered, but are expensive and less efficient than gas, even though the electricity is from a wind-farm. We continue to seek out the best alternatives for every part of our premises to make them as energy efficient as possible.

We have confirmed that it is difficult to insulate our church further and that there is insufficient space for ground-source heat-pumps. The church roof has the original clay roof tiles and the hall roof is a lightweight construction with lightweight metal tiles, effectively making both structures unsuitable for better insulation.

When new solutions become available, we will continue to make changes in our efforts to reduce our carbon emissions.

A big thank you to the team of Andy Hockey, Chris Williams and Peter Newman for their support and hard work in moving us forward.

Philip Blakebrough

LIGHTWATER VILLAGE FETE - 14 MAY 2022

The Village fete this year was held on Saturday 20 May - slightly later in the month than the usual early May date, to allow for the Village Coronation celebration. Once again the weather was kind with blue skies and a warm sun. The Fete was opened by Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans and the pipes and drums from Gordon's School got the afternoon underway with the first of two splendid displays in the arena.

The 'Lightwater Legends' motorcycles then took a couple of turns around the arena before parking up in the car park where the riders were only too happy to chat about their proud possessions.

We then welcomed back Chobham Morris who made the first of their two forays into the arena.

This was followed by the first of two excellent displays from the dancers from Terri Jayne Theatre Arts who entertained the crowds with their usual enthusiasm and professionalism.

The Hammond Junior School choir then took to the centre of the area to reprise their excellent performance from the Coronation celebration earlier in the month.

The Gordon's School pipe band was next up for their second performance, followed by Chobham Morris, who succeeded in involving many of the spectators in some traditional folk dances.

The Agility Dog display team provided great entertainment - most of the dogs behaving and seeming to enjoy themselves.

The Terri Jayne Theatre Arts then performed a spectacular finale.

Residents who had brought along their own dogs were then invited to try the 'agility' course.

Stalls of all kinds around the arena provided plenty of opportunity to purchase an assortment of crafts, plants and produce. Once again Donkey rides were very popular with the youngsters, and a 'tea-cup' ride

provided a more gentle diversion. Chicken Rescue UK was happy to show off rescued birds and advise on the best way keeping chickens.

All Saints' provided an inflatable 'Jungle' slide for the younger visitors and for those of a more active disposition - a 'Total Wipeout' jousting inflatable. Once again the tombola, also run by stalwarts from the church, did a roaring trade as did the bookstall. The church also provided the ARK, a 'quiet tent' providing some respite for those who needed it, including craft and colouring activities for children.

The church was once again the setting for a Flower Festival with the theme of 'Royal Tributes' It is always surprising how much imagination, time, effort and skill is expended in producing the wonderful arrangements on show and thanks go to Pauline Hemley for the organisation.

Refreshments were provided in the Hall by the WI, who served a range of sandwiches, sausage rolls and home-made cakes. The Scouts provided hot dogs and burgers from the barbeque. Pizza, Indian cuisine, donuts and cakes were also on offer. Prosecco, Gin and other liquid refreshments were provided at the bar and the ice cream vendor in the car park did a roaring trade.

Radio Frimley Park once again provided the public address system, introducing the various 'acts' in the arena and keeping everybody fully informed as the day progressed.

Thanks go to Windlesham Parish Council for the use of the Recreation Ground and the power supply from the old pavilion and to Surrey Heath Borough Council for a grant of £500.

The organising committee responsible for the Village Fete continues to include representatives from All Saints' Church and from Lightwater Connected. Thanks must also go to the many volunteers both on the 'day'

- from early morning until the Recreation Ground is cleared, and those involved in the preparations beforehand, without whom the Fete cannot happen.

Richard Storer

COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Community Cinema had a great start to 2023. "Mrs Harris goes to Paris" enticed over one hundred people. With some having to be turned away! In February our film was "The Love Punch" and then in March when we showed "Where the Crawdads Sing" we again had over one hundred people attending. We were more prepared for a big audience this time, having bought our own "clicker" to count people in and to know when to close the doors, which was fortunately not necessary!

In April the film was "Living" and in May, "Ticket to Paradise".

After the summer break, on the hottest day of the year, we showed "Finding Your Feet" to a good sized audience. The October film was "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" followed by "Phantom of the Open" in November. The year ended with "The National Lampoons Christmas".

We now have a lot of regulars who enjoy meeting up with friends for a cup of tea and a natter before the film starts. We have introduced some "Pathe News Reels" which are proving very popular.

During the year John Russell installed two new speakers midway down the hall so the sound quality is now good for all attendees.

Everyone is very generous with their donations and we are now anticipating the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed outside the church hall. There is the possibility of a grant from the council towards the cost and we are awaiting the outcome of our applications from the council meeting in April.

The money held for us in the church funds has been changed from a restricted account to a designated account for us to be able to spend our donations for the good of the community.

Pauline Hemley

ADMINISTRATION

CHURCH HALL

All Saints' Church Hall continued to provide excellent facilities to the church and the wider community in 2023. The level of bookings and income is now back to a sustainable level with new regular bookings replacing some which ended. We still have capacity at some times of the week so do let us know of any activities that could benefit from using either the hall or Challen Room. One-off bookings also contribute to the overall use but have fallen recently, particularly for children's parties.

At All Saints' we see the hall not just as a building but as a way of extending hospitality and welcome to the wider community. We are the venue for the hugely successful Lightwater Community Cinema and also welcomed the community at events such as the fete, the coronation celebrations and the Scouts' fireworks display. Not-for-profit community organisations enjoy discounted rates for using the hall.

2023 was a challenging year for the hall financially. The cost of heating the building during the cold weather in January and February was substantial as we were tied to an expensive energy contract. In October we were able to move to a better deal which will help us to keep these costs down. We also invested in a new "smart" heating control system that allows us to only heat the building when it is in use. Getting the temperature right for all users in different outside weather conditions without wasting energy is challenging. The hall is not well insulated and heating it with gas is expensive from both a financial and carbon footprint perspective. This is something we must address over the next few years.

In January 2023 we increased our charges and the good news is that we made a small surplus in 2023. This means that we have not had to increase our charges for 2024.

I am extremely grateful to the members of the hall committee and especially to Jackie Gray and John Trigwell who manage the day to day operations of the hall. Do let us know if you have any suggestions or comments about the hall.

Chris Williams - Hall Committee Chair

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office continues to be a vital part of the ministry of All Saints Church; a central Hub for those contacting the Church or using the Hall. It is open weekday mornings (closed to visitors Wednesdays) during which time our weekly services are prepared, and any necessary church administration attended to. Jackie Gray (Tuesdays & Thursdays) oversees our hall bookings.

The hall diary is maintained by the Parish Office for hall users whether they be regular users or ad hoc. We have a wide range of users with fitness groups, a Baby & Toddler group, an AA meeting, WPC, MU & WI meetings, the Lightwater Community Cinema, and the Rainbows, Brownies and Guide groups all making good use of our facilities.

The office provides support to the clergy, Churchwardens, the church family, and the wider community, who make good use of the photocopier and laminator for very reasonable fees. The office also provides a safe, confidential, and welcoming environment where pastoral care is required.

This year we changed our cleaning Contractor as our previous contractor moved into retirement.

We have run the Puzzle Swap in Andrew's Room for a fifth year throughout the winter months, and started a Bra Bank in the ladies' toilets, collecting over 1500 bras for charity. Both these facilities have seen the wider community visiting the church.

I would like to thank my colleague Jackie, the clergy, Churchwardens, and the church family for all the support they have given me.

Mark Hoare - Parish Administrator

ROUNDAABOUT LIGHTWATER

Roundabout Lightwater continues to be enjoyed by subscribers, and contributions from the church, varied groups and individuals continue to come in and provide a good variety of content. Feedback and suggestions are always very welcome. As usual, we would very much like to increase our coverage of the village but need a canvassing volunteer. Copies for this purpose are usually available.

Our individual advertisers reduce slightly in number each year, some due to retirement, some because they get little response, others because they now only advertise online. However, occasional full-page adverts have boosted income. We increased our subscription rate to £8 and advertising rates are still very reasonable.

Thanks as usual go to all our contributors and our 33 amazing distributors who deliver every month. We often have a need for one-off distributors, so please let me know if you can help.

Pam Newman



Accounts 2023

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Voluntary Receipts:						
<i>Planned Giving</i>	1	86,697.38			86,697.38	79,498.62
<i>Collections at Services</i>	2	5,247.07	-	80.70	5,327.77	6,248.51
<i>All other voluntary receipts</i>	3	10,201.87	-	1,461.07	11,662.94	3,274.56
<i>Gift Aid Recovered</i>	4	22,356.08			22,356.08	19,137.73
Activities for generating funds	5	1,738.69	2,412.09	-	4,150.78	2,810.95
Investment Income	6	1,169.72			1,169.72	479.10
Church Activities	7	35,840.51			35,840.51	31,283.20
Other Receipts	8	80.15	-	1,000.00	1,080.15	3,933.18
Total		163,331.47	2,412.09	2,541.77	168,285.33	146,665.85

Payments	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Church Activities:						
<i>Diocesan Parish Share</i>	9	89,826.00			89,826.00	88,404.00
<i>Clergy & Staffing Costs</i>	10	1,410.36			1,410.36	1,824.91
<i>Mission Giving & Donations</i>	11	10,000.00	105.00		10,105.00	11,681.56
<i>Ministry & Services</i>	12	4,368.52			4,368.52	4,102.89
<i>Church Running Costs</i>	13	18,317.10	121.96	1,000.00	19,439.06	14,358.39
<i>Cost of Trading</i>	14	26,307.06	50.00		26,357.06	21,238.72
<i>Major Repairs & Upgrades</i>	15	7,020.40			7,020.40	17,282.19
Cost of generating funds	16	897.49	287.98		1,185.47	280.68
Governance Costs	17	300.00			300.00	250.00
Total		158,446.93	564.94	1,000.00	160,011.87	159,423.34

Excess of Receipts over Payments		4,884.54	1,847.15	1,541.77	8,273.46	-12,757.49
Transfers between funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		4,884.54	1,847.15	1,541.77	8,273.46	-12,757.49

Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		22,751.92	58,965.30	1,068.70	82,785.92	
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		27,636.46	60,812.45	2,610.47	91,059.38	
Movement in 2023		4,884.54	1,847.15	1,541.77	8,273.46	

Statement of Assets	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash Funds					
Bank current account	27,179.79	23,145.26	2,610.47	52,935.52	46,000.73
Deposit Account		37,667.19		37,667.19	36,497.47
Coffee Shop Float	50.00			50.00	50.00
Soldo prepaid card	406.67			406.67	237.72
Total	27,636.46	60,812.45	2,610.47	91,059.38	82,785.92

Designated	1 Jan 2023	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2023
Reserve	39,250.00			39,250.00
Lightwater Community Cinema	594.00	1,780.80	287.98	2,086.82
Shop & Swap		631.29	276.96	354.33
Church Extension Project	19,121.30			19,121.30
Total	58,965.30	2,412.09	564.94	60,812.45

Restricted	1 Jan 2023	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2023
Other Voluntary Receipts	1,068.70	1,541.77	-	2,610.47
Other Receipts		1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Total	1,068.70	2,541.77	1,000.00	2,610.47

1 Planned Giving	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Parish Giving Scheme	76,345.38			76,345.38	68,961.62
Tax Efficient Planned Giving- Standing Orders	5,322.00			5,322.00	5,492.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Envelopes	2,195.00			2,195.00	1,415.00
Other Planned Giving - Envelopes	2,475.00			2,475.00	3,170.00
Other Planned Giving - Standing Orders	0.00			0.00	100.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Payroll Giving	360.00			360.00	360.00
Total	86,697.38	0.00	0.00	86,697.38	79,498.62

2 Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Collections for Church Funds	5,247.07			5,247.07	5,900.51
Royal British Legion collected			80.70	80.70	348.00
Total	5,247.07	-	80.70	5,327.77	6,248.51

3 All other voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Collected for Water Aid			535.60	535.60	347.50
Mothers' Union Guildford	-		925.47	925.47	-
Collected for Connect Counselling				-	738.06
Collected for Tearfund				-	335.00
Other Donations**	10,201.87			10,201.87	1,854.00
Total	10,201.87	-	1,461.07	11,662.94	3,274.56

** Other donations includes a total of £7,050 from one-off donations, while the remaining amount was made by numerous smaller donations.

4 Gift Aid Recovered	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Tax Recovered via HMRC return	5,811.39			5,811.39	4,157.55
Tax Recovered by Parish Giving Scheme	16,544.69			16,544.69	14,980.18
Total	22,356.08	-	-	22,356.08	19,137.73

5 Activities for Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Fete & Book Sales	1,401.50			1,401.50	1,806.32
Fundraising Schemes	81.69			81.69	81.63
Office Income	170.50			170.50	153.20
Quiz	85.00			85.00	100.00
Lightwater Community Cinema		1,780.80		1,780.80	669.80
Shop & Swap	-	631.29		631.29	-
Total	1,738.69	2,412.09	-	4,150.78	2,810.95

6 Investment Income	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Deposit Account Interest	1,169.72			1,169.72	479.10
Total	1,169.72			1,169.72	479.10

7 Church Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Magazine Sales	4,200.36			4,200.36	3,991.13
Magazine Advertising	6,938.80			6,938.80	7,182.75
Hall Lettings	21,134.10			21,134.10	17,019.26
Coffee Shop	633.91			633.91	403.75
Church Book Shop	839.14			839.14	275.58
Fees	2,094.20			2,094.20	2,410.73
Total	35,840.51	0.00	0.00	35,840.51	31,283.20

8 Other Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Grants***			1,000.00	1,000.00	3,843.75
Bank Loyalty Payments	80.15			80.15	89.43
Total	80.15	0.00	1,000.00	1,080.15	3,933.18

***The amount represents an Energy Grant from the Guildford Diocese towards heating expenses.

9 Diocesan Parish Share	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Parish Share	89,826.00			89,826.00	88,404.00
Total	89,826.00	0.00	0.00	89,826.00	88,404.00

10 Clergy & Staffing Expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Clergy and Staff Expenses	1,410.36			1,410.36	1,824.91
Total	1,410.36	0.00	0.00	1,410.36	1,824.91

11 Mission Giving & Donations	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Camberley Youth for Christ	1,500.00			1,500.00	2,000.00
Release International	1,500.00			1,500.00	2,000.00
Prison Fellowship	1,500.00			1,500.00	2,000.00
United Society Partners in the Gospel	0.00			0.00	2,000.00
Camberley Besom	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
A Rocha	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
WaterAid	0.00			0.00	260.50
Connect Counselling	0.00			0.00	738.06
Royal British Legion	0.00			0.00	348.00
Tearfund	500.00			500.00	335.00
Scripture Union	1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00
Rainbow Africa	1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00
Christian Aid	1,000.00	105.00		1,105.00	0.00
Total	10,000.00	105.00	0.00	10,105.00	11,681.56

12 Ministry & Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Services	3,546.89			3,546.89	2,548.68
Ministry	483.07			483.07	1,149.03
Children's Work	338.56			338.56	405.18
Total	4,368.52	0.00	0.00	4,368.52	4,102.89

13 Church Running Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Church Routine Repairs & Maintenance	1,470.41	121.96		1,592.37	715.98
Church Utility Bills and Insurance	5,712.85		1,000.00	6,712.85	3,485.21
Parish Office	10,540.37			10,540.37	9,599.24
Bank Charges	543.47			543.47	557.96
Total	18,317.10	121.96	1,000.00	19,439.06	14,358.39

** £1k paid from the Energy Grant - see 8 above.

14 Cost of Trading	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cost of trading - Magazine	5,379.13	50.00		5,429.13	5,314.16
Cost of trading - Coffee Shop	433.17			433.17	175.58
Cost of trading - Hall	20,050.21			20,050.21	14,830.59
Cost of trading - Hall Refunds	74.00			74.00	105.00
Cost of trading - Church Book Shop	370.55			370.55	813.39
Total	26,307.06	50.00	0.00	26,357.06	21,238.72

	2023	2022
Hall net surplus	1,009.89	2,083.67
Magazine net surplus	5,760.03	5,859.72
Book shop net surplus	468.59	-537.81
Coffee Shop net surplus	200.74	228.17

15 Major Repairs & Upgrades	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
CCTV equipment	0.00			0.00	8,599.30
Church projector	0.00			0.00	5,160.00
Improvements	0.00			0.00	1,313.28
Repairs resulting from quinquennial inspection	7,020.40			7,020.40	0.00
Quinquennial Inspection	0.00			0.00	2,209.61
Total	7,020.40	0.00	0.00	7,020.40	17,282.19

16 Cost of Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Fete Expenses	897.49			897.49	280.68
Cinema	0.00	287.98	0.00	287.98	0.00
Total	897.49	287.98	0.00	1,185.47	280.68

17 Governance Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Independent Examiner	300.00			300.00	250.00
Total	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	250.00

THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS LIGHTWATER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS LIGHTWATER

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out in the annual report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's members of the PCC, 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 PCC'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.

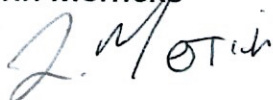
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

John Merricks



13 Birchwood Drive
Lightwater
Surrey GU18 5RX

Dated 2/4/2024

Accounts

Signed for APCM
on 26/4/23

Rev. J. G. Smith

All Saints' Church Lightwater

'The Light of Christ in Lightwater'

To Be, To Love, To Tell

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2022**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Wednesday 26th April 2023, 8.00 pm
All Saints' Lightwater**

Registered Charity No. 1128176

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS - 8.00 pm

Wednesday 26th April 2023

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Election of Church Wardens

Followed by

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LIGHTWATER ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. The Reports
 - a. Electoral Roll
 - b. Churchwardens' Report
 - c. Safeguarding Report
 - d. Parish Reports
 - e. Parish Stewardship Co-ordinator's Report
 - f. Deanery Synod Report
 - g. Questions of clarification
5. The Accounts
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Presentation of All Saints' PCC Accounts
 - c. Questions of clarification
6. Elections
 - a. Parochial Church Council
 - b. Deanery Synod
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. Questions
9. Vicar's Report
10. Closing prayers

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LIGHTWATER - ANNUAL REPORTS 2022

ELECTORAL ROLL

In the period between the APCM in April 2022 and the end of the 2022, there were 3 members removed from the roll (1 died and 2 left the parish) and no new members were added. So, at the end of December 2022 there were 115 members of All Saints' Church Electoral Roll.

In the first 3 months of 2023 we have added 9 members, so we now have 124 Church members on the electoral roll (of which 97 are resident in the Parish and 27 non-resident)

Alison Porter

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Our Sunday morning services are offered at 9.30am and 11am, and our on-line broadcast relays the 9.30am service 'live', with the further option to see the service on-line as a recording afterwards.

Attendance in church has been recovering slowly but steadily following the pandemic of 2020/21. Average Sunday attendance in church in 2022 was 69 adults and 6 children. Additionally, on-line attendance showed an average of 30 views in the week following each Sunday - it's worth remembering some of this may have been people watching only briefly, but some may have had more than one attender, and there was a regular group watching at Lakeview Care Home.

Mid-month, our Songs of Praise service received an average attendance of 41, with a small number staying on for communion. 'Fun at 4' re-started once a month on Sunday afternoons, with a typical attendance of 5 families out of a pool of 10.

By the end of 2022 seasonal services began to look more familiar. Attendance at our 2022 Christmas Carol Service in church was 93 (2021 was 64 plus high numbers of on-line views). Attendance at Christmas

Midnight Service in church was 66 (45), and Christmas Day also 66 (38). There were 3 Holy Week Reflections and 3 Advent Reflections offered by church groups.

In 2022 we held 0 (0) Weddings, 2 (2) Baptisms, 15 (17) Funerals.

Services are conducted regularly at Moorlands and Lakeview care homes with a monthly average attendance (including our teams) of 12 (Moorlands) and 20 (Lakeview).

Revd David Sigsworth

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2022

The full Parochial Church Council held 7 meetings during the year, including the APCM, with an average attendance of 90%. The PCC Standing Committee held 6 meetings during the year, in preparation for the PCC meetings. We were able to resume face to face meetings in 2022 after all Covid restrictions were lifted.

The APCM in April 2022 was held in All Saints' church, with 3 new members being elected to the PCC.

Rebecca Finlay

SAFEGUARDING

Making the church safe for all, and especially children and vulnerable adults, is a key priority for All Saints' - we place the safety of all people at our heart.

Our two safeguarding officers, Andrew Hockey and Denise Taylor, support the Clergy and the PCC in implementing safeguarding policies and practices required or recommended by national Church or the Diocese of Guildford. They work closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, call on them for advice and liaise with them whenever a safeguarding concern arises. In the past year a single safeguarding episode was reported, which was promptly addressed and the learnings acted upon.

The Clergy and PCC pay due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults - that is to say that they follow all their guidance and would only deviate from this if there was a cogent and legitimate reason to adopt a different position. (This has not been the case to date).

Safeguarding is a standing agenda item for every PCC meeting. During 2022 the PCC's Safeguarding Policy was updated to ensure it meets current requirements. Adoption of policies and tracking of safeguarding practices is recorded continually on the Parish Dashboard system, which provides visibility of our actions to the diocesan and national level. We seek to continually improve our practice and were pleased in 2022 to have progressed from level 1 (Safer Foundations), through level 2 (Safer Activities) to level 3 (Safer Practices), the top tier. This reflects the hard work undertaken by both the PCC and by all those working with children and vulnerable adults. There has been a real shift in culture during the year, with safeguarding being seen more and more as an essential, enabling foundation for all our activities.

During 2022 there was a strong focus on developing formal role profiles for our paid employee and all volunteers, giving clarity on each role's responsibilities alongside the training needed to safeguard both the worker and the people they work with.

This is essential to allowing All Saints' to become and remain a safe, inclusive and inviting environment. Uptake of safeguarding training increased steadily throughout the year, although it's not yet at 100% so there is still room for improvement. Risk assessments for all Church activities have been drafted, both for events on our premises and for groups going offsite on organised church activities.

Our own safeguarding standards are applied to all those who use our premises - as we have to ensure that everyone using the church's

buildings benefit from the same level of protection. In 2022 we added this as a requirement in our Church Hall hire agreement, and now only hire the buildings to organisations that apply the same level of safeguarding to their activities as we do to our own. We have had to decline hire requests by organisations which cannot do so, and whenever this has been the case they have appreciated our position and have benefitted from the opportunity to develop their own understanding of safeguarding.

In 2022 we welcomed Jane Huttly, the Diocesan Safeguarding Manager (and currently acting Head of Safeguarding), to speak at a service to mark Safeguarding Sunday. If you were present I am sure that you would have found her talk informative, and we look forward to welcoming further guest speakers in 2023.

Many thanks to Ruth Kidd who tracks safeguarding training uptake and ensures that people stay up to date, and to Christine Hughes who continues to support through her role as DBS Validator.

In 2023 we will continue to focus on implementing best safeguarding practices to ensure a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment, whilst particularly looking to protect children and vulnerable adults.

We want everyone to enjoy visiting All Saints' - whether as a church member or using the hall facilities hired by an external organisation. Everyone deserves the right to feel safe here. If anyone has any safeguarding concerns the Clergy and/or the PSOs should be your first point of contact. Contact information is displayed prominently throughout the church and the hall. They will listen to you in complete confidence, but if necessary will always take further actions to protect people at risk. If you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable or doesn't feel right, please let one of us know.

Andrew Hockey & Denise Taylor - Parish Safeguarding Officers

Finance

As we cautiously emerged out of the lockdown in the dawn of 2022 and observed normality being gradually reinstated, we embraced togetherness and cherished life in different ways.

All Saints' Church Lightwater (ASL) has thrived through another challenging year with everyone's generous support and contribution and invested in various upgrades netting a deficit for the year of circa £13k. The total income for 2022 was £147k (2021: £132k) an increase of 11% compared to 2021. Plate collections have seen an increase of 84% following the increase of face-to-face services, whilst the planned giving has dropped a further 6% YoY and overall 14% compared to the 2019 pre-covid levels. By the end of the year hall bookings had resumed to a great extent and generated £10k more income compared to 2021; they were still only 80% of pre-covid levels.

Total expenditure has increased to £159k (2021: £136k) with Hall running costs and significant fabric upgrades driving the main increase. Safety and quality were at the heart of the upgrades; the former involved £8.6k for a new CCTV system and the latter £5k to replace the Church's dated projector. During Q4, our quinquennial review highlighted a number of repairs that vary in urgency; the Parochial Church Council (PCC) with the help of Church Wardens took immediate action to address the urgent repairs and has also considered the expected expenditure in the 2023 budget.

Recognising that the spiking energy prices have a big negative impact on the Church's running costs, the Diocese has kindly offered a grant of £1,800. Furthermore, a successful application for £2,000 towards the new CCTV installation which will also benefit the wider community by enhancing safety around the Church grounds was welcomed by Windlesham Parish council.

The PCC maintained its generous commitment towards mission giving recognising its positive impact and consequently £11.6k was offered across multiple charities.

2022 was yet another year with a careful eye on finances with the ever-rising cost of living which impacted both the Church running costs and everyone's disposable income; given the deficit for the last 2 years and the even bigger deficit projected for 2023, the PCC has considered the long-term viability of our existing funds and will be looking how to optimise the outflow of resources whilst exploring ways to generate more income to compensate the increasing costs.

All the above could not be possible without the invaluable support from the resourceful office team, Andrew Newman, Pam Newman, Andy Hockey, and Chris Williams alongside the members of the PCC and the clergy who are always very encouraging.

Imran Daniel

FABRIC

The Church building and contents are insured for £2,960,000 and the Hall building and contents for £1,395,042.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the Church and Hall was carried out in April 2022. In addition to the regular planned maintenance, work has commenced on the maintenance identified for early attention in the Quinquennial Inspection. The items for early attention are mainly essential repairs to brickwork pointing and roof tiles and mortar in both the hall and church.

The CCTV for the church and the hall has been replaced with a new system due to obsolescence and to increase the coverage of the hall and church. There has been no repetition of the vandalism of windows that we had in 2021. The intruder and fire alarm systems in the hall still require updating.

A leak in the hall roof has required the erection of scaffolding and a new covering and refurbishment of the ventilation dormer.

We have not yet established a practical method of heating the church and hall that would meet the Church of England target to be carbon 'net zero' by 2030. We also need a contingency plan for replacing the two church gas boilers installed in 1997 as the availability of parts is limited.

Many thanks to the small team of volunteers who take care of the Remembrance Garden and the grass and wildflower beds.

Peter Newman March 2023

Mission Giving

The mission team met during 2022 and decided that we would no longer be supporting USPG or Sachibondu in 2023. This provided an opportunity for the congregation at All Saints' to suggest some new potential charities.

The mission team met again in March 2023 and had a very fruitful discussion around potential new partners. We agreed on the following new partners - A Rocha, Scripture Union and Rainbow Africa. In the coming months we will be hearing more about the work of these amazing charities.

This year our Christmas giving will go to the Mothers' Union and specifically to support two appeals, Women's Refuges and Away From It All.

Our full list of current partners for 2023 are Prison Fellowship, Release International, Camberley Youth For Christ, Besom, A Rocha, Scripture Union, Rainbow Africa and Mothers Union. In addition, we hold some money aside for emergency appeals and responded earlier this year by supporting Christian Aid as they helped those devastated by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Jim Porter

THE COFFEE SHOP

We seem to be past covid or at least have learnt to live with it and so the Coffee shop is back but with a difference. We have decided to just open on two Saturdays a month to give us an occasional free weekend as we have been tied up every weekend for the past 20 years. Derek is once again running his hearing aid clinic on the two Saturdays we are open. Having reopened with a slow start, numbers have now built up to pre-

pandemic levels and it is good to see so many returning. We haven't yet resumed our association with the Macmillan coffee event in the Autumn, but we do continue to have an annual birthday party.

Carol Browning

SONGS OF PRAISE

As of October 2021, we have fully resumed our monthly service, and of course, our Songs of Praise Carols in December. Fortunately, many of our helpers have made themselves available once again as have those who generously provide us with our homemade cakes. This service has proved popular but we, as always, could do with more people to come and join in and once again we need to recruit more people to drive and pick up those wishing to attend.

My thanks to all who continue to contribute to make this service run smoothly. I want to particularly thank Zelda Smyly who has faithfully played for quite some time now and keeps me on my toes. Also I would like to thank Michael Lewis who comes along to put up tables and the ramp and also Paul Hoddinott who has stepped in when Michael is not available. There are also those who come, rain or shine, to help in so many ways, by setting up beforehand and serving afterwards.

A special mention, as well for Pam Newman, who not only collects people but mans (am I allowed to say that) the AV system at the back. And for 'super-sonic' Sandra who counts numbers and gives out the necessary paperwork and greets people when they arrive.

I mustn't forget Carol who is the brains behind the whole operation.

Derek Browning

YOUTH & CHILDREN

OUTREACH

We continue to have very good relationships with Hammond Junior and Lightwater Village schools. This year, with a new head teacher in each

village school, David has continued to take assemblies in person at both. These are always well received and include a Bible story at each assembly. In the summer, David asked the Hammond school choir to sing with the 'Jubilee Choir' as part of the village celebrations. It was a lovely joint occasion that left everyone smiling, and this year we hope to form a similar partnership for the Coronation. Years 1 and 2 from Lightwater Village School visited the church as part of their learning. They enjoyed being told about our church building, what we do in baptism, how we pray, and stood out in the garden for the 11 o'clock bells!

The Church hosted Carol services for Hammond school and the Scouts.

After 3 years of absence due to covid restrictions, we held the Remembrance Day service in the Hall. It was wonderful to have children, youth and parents of our uniformed organisations packing the hall for this community event, and we received lots of positive feedback.

At Christmas we welcomed families to 'Christmas is Coming' and to our morning and afternoon Nativity services on Christmas Eve. The puppets helped very young children to engage with the Christmas story. And 15 of our own children and young people led the afternoon service, performing 'The Amazing Story' of the first Christmas. The services were well received by those who came.

Ruth Kidd

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

Children's Sunday morning group meets in the Challen room during the 11am service. The number of children attending has grown steadily, and we now have a group of up to 10 children aged between 5 and 13 who attend regularly. We enjoy games and fun together, retell a Bible story (often using drama), pray and offer craft and other activities. We sometimes use Godly Play as a special way of telling Bible stories.

Thanks to the team: Penelope Mullens, Barbara Williams, Sarah Dearling and Ruth Kidd.

Small Saints on a Sunday meets during the 11am service and provides an opportunity for under 5s to meet with God and learn about Jesus and

enables their parents to have some quiet time in church. We follow a similar structure each week to ensure some consistency for the young children, starting with a song where they can make as much noise as they want, a gentle 'Welcome' song, a bible story and prayer followed by time playing and doing craft together. There is a dedicated team who take it in turn to help run and support Small Saints, including Valerie Barnard, Jackie Gray, Norma Newman and Sherayne Sigsworth. We would love more people to join the team so if you have a heart for the very young, please do let us know. Thank you.

Sherayne Sigsworth

FUN AT 4 SERVICE

Fun at 4' is a special service for young children and their families. We meet once a month on a Sunday afternoon, to play a game with Sam Bear, sing praise songs to God, join in a Bible story and have lots of FUN! We then go to the hall to spend time together playing with toys, making a craft, and chatting over refreshments. In July, we enjoyed a picnic and games in the vicarage garden.

We have several special services in the year: 'Easter is Coming', 'Christmas is Coming' and our morning Nativity service on Christmas Eve. It has been good to welcome a few new families to Fun at 4 after they enjoyed attending the special services.

Thanks to the team: Ali Porter, Barbara Williams, Ruth Kidd and Sheryane Sigsworth.

Ruth Kidd

YOUTH WORK

YOUTH OUTREACH

We support our mission giving partner Camberley Youth for Christ (CYFC) who have been able to do mentoring and other activities within schools. The Point is held at St Paul's Church on a Friday night, and young people can join this monthly get together for games, worship and to hear a

speaker. The PCC continue to support our vision to have a youth worker as part of our ministry to young people.

Ruth Kidd

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUPS

The evening youth group is continuing to develop. We regularly have between 6 - 10 children from years 7 to year 12 attending on Sunday evenings in the hall between 6 and 7pm, with 4-5 leaders.

In the summer we went out onto the field and played games, which is always popular. We also undertook an eco project as a youth group, building the bug hotel which stands behind the church. Many thanks to John Kerrigan for his help with this. Also in the summer, David and Sherayne hosted a barbeque in their garden for the youth group, with delicious food and lots of games. This was very well attended and the parents joined us for drinks at the end.

More recently, in October and November a group of 5 of the young people, together with a youth leader and David Sigsworth joined up on Sunday evenings with 3 other local youth groups all attending a Youth Alpha course.

There are plenty of future opportunities like this where we join together with other groups e.g. a week at Satellites in the summer (similar to Soul Survivor), a weekend away in May run by CYFC at Runways End and the Point, weekly at St Pauls Church on a Friday evening.

Please do ask any of the leaders if you have a child between years 7-13 who would like to come along and try us out.

Thanks to the team: Jacqui Munson, Jackie Hoare, Ali Porter, Sherayne Sigsworth and Ruth Kidd.

Ruth Kidd

GROUPS

HOME GROUPS

During the year the numbers attending home groups have remained at around 40 and all groups have returned to meeting in homes in the evening and daytime. Towards the end of the year we welcomed a new Woman's Bible Study group starting in the hall, meeting in Andrew's Room and the Hub on Friday lunch time.

All groups have continued with the combination of Bible study, fellowship, and prayer, as they seek to explore and grow in faith together. We look forward to welcoming new members as we see the new growth in our church family.

A large variety of study material has been used by groups this year. This has included Lent studies, the popular York courses using a booklet and CD and DVD based material. Groups have also used the Christianity Explored course and material by Rob Parsons of Care for the Family. Subjects studied have included The Twelve Disciples, the Lord's Prayer and God has no Favourites.

Home groups put together both Lent and Advent Reflections in the church. Groups are encouraged to support a mission through giving with money or time.

Peter Newman

ALL SAINTS' MOTHERS' UNION

We began 2022 with a games afternoon - a good way to get back together. In February we attended the Pilgrimage of Prayer at the Cathedral and had a very interesting talk about CAP (Christians Against Poverty). Some members attended the World Day of Prayer service at Christ the King in Bagshot. Easter music and readings were our theme in April. Our Soup & Puds lunch in May was another very successful event. Revd Helen Kempster, the new MU Chaplain, came to speak to us in July

about her amazing life. August was our garden party, accompanied as usual by wonderful weather. Jenny Banks talked about travelling in Africa with her son, and also about her involvement with MU as a Trustee. There was another successful soup & puds lunch in October, and November saw us preparing more than 50 boxes ready for The Besom Christmas hampers. In December we welcomed Camberley Ukuleles to entertain us before our Christmas tea.

Our fund-raising activities were very successful and we donated £960 to MU during the year (£200 of which was raised in 2021), an amazing amount which was divided between support for local women's refuges and Away From It All which provides breaks for families under stress. We also collected many toiletries for the refuges and took a car-load of food goods and toiletries for the refuges from All Saints' harvest appeal which was also supported by our local schools. Some members have been supporting the Friday Baby & Toddler group in helping with refreshments. We welcomed 3 new members during the year and ended with 36 members.

As a mission society supporting families and Christian family life, the Mothers' Union is one of the largest Christian women's organisations in the world with over 4 million members in 84 countries, although we have many male members too, including our own Bishop Andrew. We always welcome new members to our branch.

Pam Newman

THE CHOIR

Unfortunately the choir has not yet returned to regular service this year, but has nevertheless contributed during Communion on occasions such as Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival, All Saints Day and the Christmas Eve Midnight Service. We also joined with others in The Lightwater Jubilee Choir and at the Christmas Carol Service.

It is intended that we should provide at least this level of activity in future and that we should seek to recruit additional singers with a view to reinstating a regular choir at the 0930 service.

Michael Lewis

WORSHIP GROUP

The group usually plays on the second and fourth Sundays each month for the 11:00 services.

Our line-up has changed over the year and now consists of Judith (vocals), Jackie (clarinet & vocals), John (keyboard), David (violin) and me (bass guitar). I would like to thank all the group for their dedication and support, attending practices and in addition, playing at special events and services.

I would also like to thank Ian (guitar), Laurence (keyboard), who have both stepped back from the group for a while. Most notably, Laurence who has played keys with the group for the best part of 25 years! It is true that you only really appreciate someone's contribution when they are not there, and they are both greatly missed.

Along with many old favourites, we try to bring our versions of some new songs into our services to hopefully become future new favourites. We are really pleased to hear that the mix of songs is being well received.

Finally, the group is always open to new talent! If you would like to join in, please come and have a chat with me; you will be made most welcome. It would be great if we could find a new players and singers to join us!

Mark Hoare

WELCOME

I would like to thank all the welcome team for their support during this year.

We had a meeting early in 2022 to establish the latest role of welcomer after the pandemic and during this year the welcomer's role continues to play a vital part in welcoming newcomers and regulars to the church.

This last year we have lost a couple of people from the welcome rota due to church moves etc and would welcome more volunteers. Please do contact me or Valerie Barnard if you are at all interested. Thank you.

Jacqui Munson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Despite some of our activities being limited in the early part of 2022, on the 14th April we were able to prepare and serve a Fellowship meal consisting of lamb pies and salad followed by fresh fruit, small cakes and coffee. This was well attended and it was nice for everyone to be able to meet together again.

The 36th annual Quiz took place in May with seventeen teams competing. The Church team, Wardens Behaving Badly, reached the semi-finals with Family Affair taking the trophy.

In June we resumed our annual visit to Sonning Mill - this was originally booked in 2020 but was postponed until 2022 as the theatre was closed during Covid. We were grateful for the cost reduction of 50% because of the inconvenience caused.

Harvest Supper took place in October with sixty people attending. This year we offered a vegetarian dish in line with the Eco group's suggestion although a meat option was available. The evening ended with some excellent home-grown entertainment.

Forty-one people attended the Christmas meal, we were very fortunate to find a caterer at quite short notice when we were let down by our previous one. People seemed to enjoy the meal and we hope to repeat the event.

We managed to purchase tickets to see Cinderella at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking just before Christmas and have booked for next year. The annual games afternoon in January was very successful with a good range of ages. There were not as many people as in previous years but hopefully the numbers will grow again.

We have a coach booked for a trip to Leonardslee Park and Water Gardens in March and hope the weather will be kind to us. Again this is an event held over from 2020 when it had to be cancelled.

I must express thanks to the Social Committee once again for all their support and ideas.

Valerie Barnard

ECO GROUP

During 2022 our new Eco Group began to meet at All Saints' to help us get closer to matters of the environment and the impact of climate change. One of the Church of England's 5 Marks of Mission is 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth', so it is a subject close to our heart.

The first milestone was to join 'Eco Church', which is run by 'A. Rocha', and which encourages us to assess our eco credentials across five areas of church life - our worship, buildings, use of land, our engagement in the community and globally, and our lifestyle. The Carbon Neutral Group (see separate report) soon spawned from the Eco Group to look at the carbon footprint of our buildings in particular.

Various activities have resulted this year, including a 'Switch One!' initiative to challenge us in our lifestyle, such as switching of a car journey to more eco friendly travel, switching from using plastic containers, and even switching our thermostats down. The theme of Upcycling (re-purposing discarded items) was adopted for the flower festival at the Village Fete. The team held a 'Shop and Swap' community event for the re-cycling of children's toys, from which proceeds went to twinning our church hall toilets with 5 loos abroad where climate change has had a large impact. The group also organised a walk on Turf Hill to reflect on environmental management of our heathlands. Our young people (with the kind help of John Kerrigan) erected a bug hotel in our grounds - aptly called 'Buggingham Palace'!

By the end of 2022 we were delighted to register and receive the Bronze award for our Eco Church activity - an encouraging first step in the eco journey. In 2023 we are now looking at messaging around energy

efficiency especially in the Hall, and our policies for using eco-friendly products and materials in church life.

A big thank you to Phil and Denise Blakeborough, Erin Brember, Sarah Dearling, Jackie Hoare, Ruth Kidd, Michael Lewis, Peter Newman, Sherayne Sigsworth, as members of the Eco Group in 2022.

Revd David.

CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP

The Church of England have set an ambitious target to reach net zero carbon across all churches by 2030. This group has been formed to achieve the target with our church and hall. This is a response to God's call to care for creation and our human life.

The group is following A 'Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030' prepared by the Church of England. A lot of information is becoming available from many resources, and we are monitoring this.

Our church boilers are 26 years old and a contingency plan is needed in the event of failure. Some replacement parts are becoming unavailable. There is some comfort in the church being heated by two boilers.

We are measuring our carbon footprint each year. Our carbon emissions are within the same Net CO2 Percentile as 70 to 80% of churches. We are at the bottom of the scale for Emissions per square metre.

Our source of energy is our main focus. Our electricity is green and currently comes from a wind farm. The church and hall are both heated by two gas boilers. We have not yet found a suitable and available method of heating for either the church or the hall.

We have some limitations for possible solutions. It is difficult to insulate our church, and little space for ground heat pumps. The church roof has the original clay roof tiles and the hall roof is a lightweight construction with lightweight metal tiles.

There will be new solutions available. We can make some reduction of our carbon emissions now by using less energy. Some changes have already been made with our existing heating controls.

A big thank you to the team of Phil Blakeborough, Andy Hockey and Chris Williams for their support and hard work in moving us forward.

Peter Newman

LIGHTWATER VILLAGE FETE - 14 MAY 2022

After the hiatus of the Covid pandemic the Lightwater Village Fete was back with a bang on Saturday 14 May. The Fete was opened by the Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Helen Whitcoft, who was performing her first public engagement. The pipes and drums from Gordon's School got the afternoon underway with the first of two splendid displays in the arena.

The 'Lightwater Legends' motorcycles then took a couple of turns around the arena before parking up in the car park where the riders were only too happy to chat about their proud possessions.

The falconry displays in the arena kept everyone looking skywards into the bright blue sky especially when one of the hawks went awol - later found in a garden in West End.

Down to earth but with their usual display of agility and artistic talent the dancers from Terri-Jayne Theatre Arts performed two excellent 'sets' in the arena.

Stalls of all kinds around the arena provided plenty of opportunity to purchase an assortment of crafts, plants and produce. New this year for the younger visitors were donkey rides, which were very popular, and a 'tea-cup' ride. Windlesham Ladies football club did a great job of promoting football for girls of all ages. Another new attraction was the Shimmy Café dancers who performed a couple of sets. Chicken Rescue UK was happy to show off rescued birds and advise on the best way keeping chickens.

All Saints' provided an inflatable 'Jungle' slide for the younger visitors and for those of a more active disposition - a 'Gladiator' jousting inflatable. Once again the tombola, also run by stalwarts from the church, did a roaring trade as did the bookstall. The church also provided the ARK, a 'quiet tent' providing some respite for those who needed it, including craft and colouring activities for children.

The church was once again the setting for a Flower Festival with the theme of 'Upcycling' in keeping with our ECO aspirations. A great deal of time, effort and skill (and imagination) had been dedicated to producing the wonderful arrangements on show and thanks go to Pauline Hemley for the organisation.

Refreshments were provided in the Hall by the WI, who served a range of sandwiches, sausage rolls and home-made cakes to the background of live piano music from Laurence 'Liberace' Dearling. The Scouts provided hot dogs and burgers from the barbeque. Pizza, donuts and cakes were also on offer. Prosecco, Gin and other liquid refreshments were provided at the bar and the ice cream vendor in the car park did a roaring trade.

Radio Frimley Park provided the public address system.

We were blessed with a very warm sunny day and it seemed as if the whole village were determined to enjoy themselves after having endured the previous couple of years of 'lockdown'.

Thanks go to Windlesham Parish Council for the use of the Recreation Ground.

The organising committee responsible for the Village Fete continues to include representatives from All Saints' Church as well as those from Lightwater Connected. Thanks must also go to the many volunteers both on the 'day' - from early morning until the Recreation Ground is cleared, and those involved in the preparations beforehand, without whom the Fete cannot happen.

Richard Storer

COMMUNITY CINEMA

After cancelling our first screening in January 2022, we showed "Rocket Man" and "About Time" in February and March. We had to cancel our proposed film for children and the adults' film "Operation Mincemeat" in April (Covid again). However we were back on track in May with 80 people watching "Belfast".

After the summer break we screened "The Duke", "Operation Mincemeat", "Fishermens Friends II" and "Downton Abbey".

Unfortunately only one parent attended the children's film so we will not be repeating that on a Saturday morning. We might try and show a film for children in the school holiday but we have decided this would be better run by the church who have the qualified volunteers to work with children.

2023 has begun very successfully with increasing audience numbers.

We have a risk assessment in place and Chris Williams has drawn up a "Terms of Reference" document setting out how the Community Cinema runs with support from the church. Any money raised through donations received at screenings will be spent on something for the community's benefit (after meeting running expenses).

The sound quality of the films has been improved and two more speakers are planned to be used midway down the hall.

Pauline Hemley

ADMINISTRATION

CHURCH HALL

All Saints' Church hall continues to provide a great venue for church activities and for the wider community. 2022 saw many activities return to the hall after the pandemic. These are just some examples of how the hall was used in 2022:

Coffee and fellowship after church services

- Lightwater Community Cinema
- Church meals at Harvest, Maundy Thursday and Christmas
- Guides

- A variety of exercise and dance classes
- The Country Market
- Providing a place for refreshments during the Jubilee celebrations and Lightwater Fete
- One-off bookings for parties and family events

The hall was able to deliver a small financial surplus in 2022. Rising costs, particularly of energy, are a challenge as we try to cover what we spend whilst remaining affordable for our hirers. Going forward we have cut all non essential spend and increased our rates. We have also simplified our price structure. We have implemented some changes in how we control the heating. This keeps energy costs as low as possible whilst ensuring that the hall is still warm enough for our guests.

Bookings are steadily increasing but are not quite up to the levels seen in 2019. We did lose one lucrative regular booking at the end of 2022 but this has now been replaced. We continue to promote the hall as a venue in Roundabout and on social media.

In summary the hall is in good shape but is facing cost pressures. Huge thanks go to Jackie Gray who manages the bookings, John Trigwell who is the keyholder and to the hall committee who work so hard to maintain this important church and community facility.

Chris Williams - Churchwarden

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office continues to be a vital part of the ministry of All Saints Church. It is open four mornings a week (closed Wednesdays and weekends) to prepare our weekly services and to attend to any necessary church administration. Jackie Gray (Tuesdays & Thursdays) oversees our hall bookings.

The hall diary is maintained by the Parish Office with a good relationship existing with the hall management committee and hall users whether they be regular users or ad hoc. We now have a wide range of users with fitness groups, a Baby & Toddler group, an AA meeting, MU & WI

meetings, the Lightwater Community Cinema, and the Rainbows, Brownies and Guide groups all making good use of our facilities.

The office continues to provide support for the clergy, Churchwardens, the church family, and the wider community, who make good use of the photocopier and laminator for very reasonable fees. The office also provides a safe, confidential, and welcoming environment where pastoral care is required.

We had our new CCTV system installed in April and is proving to be an asset.

For the fourth year running, we have run the Puzzle Swap from Andrew's Room. This continues to be very popular and much sought after amongst the wider community throughout the winter months.

I would like to thank my colleague Jackie, the clergy, Churchwardens, and the church family for all the support they have given me.

Mark Hoare - Parish Administrator

ROUNABOUT LIGHTWATER

Roundabout Lightwater continues to be enjoyed by subscribers, and contributions from the church, varied groups and individuals continue to come in and provide a good variety of content. As usual, we would very much like to increase our coverage of the village but need a canvassing volunteer. Copies for this purpose are usually available.

Our individual advertisers has reduced slightly in number, some because they get little response, others because they now only advertise online. However, a few full-page adverts have boosted income. We managed to keep our subscription rate at £7 and advertising rates were still very reasonable.

Thanks as usual go to all our contributors and our 33 wonderful distributors who deliver every month.

Pam Newman

Signed for APCM
on 26/4/23
Rev. D. S. G. Smith

All Saints' Lightwater

Accounts 2022

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Voluntary Receipts:						
Planned Giving	1	79,498.62			79,498.62	82,932.80
Collections at Services	2	5,900.51		348.00	6,248.51	3,395.95
All other voluntary receipts	3	1,854.00		1,420.56	3,274.56	3,067.70
Gift Aid Recovered	4	19,137.73			19,137.73	19,279.54
Activities for generating funds	5	2,141.15	-	669.80	2,810.95	911.70
Investment Income	6	479.10			479.10	13.46
Church Activities	7	31,283.20			31,283.20	20,030.92
Other Receipts	8	3,933.18		-	3,933.18	2,021.43
Total		144,227.49	-	2,438.36	146,665.85	131,653.50

Payments	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Church Activities:						
Diocesan Parish Share	9	88,404.00			88,404.00	84,663.00
Clergy & Staffing Costs	10	1,824.91			1,824.91	1,553.47
Mission Giving & Donations	11	10,000.00		1,681.56	11,681.56	12,549.00
Ministry & Services	12	4,102.89			4,102.89	3,439.64
Church Running Costs	13	14,358.39			14,358.39	14,644.54
Cost of Trading	14	21,238.72			21,238.72	13,180.41
Major Repairs & Upgrades	15	17,282.19			17,282.19	5,454.24
Cost of generating funds	16	280.68		-	280.68	487.37
Governance Costs	17	250.00			250.00	250.00
Total		157,741.78	0.00	1,681.56	159,423.34	136,221.67

Excess of Payments over Receipts		-13,514.29	-	756.80	-12,757.49	-4,568.17
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-13,514.29	-	756.80	-12,757.49	-4,568.17

Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		36,266.21	58,371.30	905.90	95,543.41	
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		22,751.92	58,371.30	1,662.70	82,785.92	
Movement in 2022		-13,514.29	-	756.80	-12,757.49	

Statement of Assets	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Cash Funds					
Bank current account	22,464.20	21,873.83	1,662.70	46,000.73	59,202.11
Deposit Account		36,497.47		36,497.47	36,018.37
Coffee Shop Float	50.00			50.00	50.00
Flowers cash in hand	-			-	5.63
Soldo prepaid card	237.72			237.72	267.30
Total	22,751.92	58,371.30	1,662.70	82,785.92	95,543.41

Designated	1 Jan 2022	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2022
Reserve	39,250.00			39,250.00
Church Extension Project	19,121.30			19,121.30
Total	58,371.30	-	-	58,371.30

Restricted	1 Jan 2022	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2022
Appeals	981.70	1,768.56	-1,681.56	1,068.70
Lightwater Community Cinema	-75.80	669.80	-	594.00
Total	905.90	2,438.36	-1,681.56	1,662.70

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
1 Planned Giving					
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Parish Giving Scheme	68,961.62			68,961.62	68,205.80
Tax Efficient Planned Giving- Standing Orders	5,492.00			5,492.00	5,287.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Envelopes	1,415.00			1,415.00	5,840.00
Other Planned Giving - Envelopes	3,170.00			3,170.00	2,955.00
Other Planned Giving - Standing Orders	100.00			100.00	285.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Payroll Giving	360.00			360.00	360.00
Total	79,498.62	-	-	79,498.62	82,932.80

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
2 Collections at Services					
Collections for Church Funds	5,900.51			5,900.51	3,395.95
Royal British Legion collected			348.00	348.00	-
Total	5,900.51	-	348.00	6,248.51	3,395.95

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
3 All other voluntary receipts					
Collected for Water Aid			347.50	347.50	328.00
Collected for Shooting star	-		-	-	221.00
Collected for Connect Counselling			738.06	738.06	-
Collected for Tearfund			335.00	335.00	-
Other Donations	1,854.00			1,854.00	2,518.70
Total	1,854.00	-	1,420.56	3,274.56	3,067.70

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
4 Gift Aid Recovered					
Tax Recovered via HMRC return	4,157.55			4,157.55	3,803.91
Tax Recovered by Parish Giving Scheme	14,980.18			14,980.18	15,475.63
Total	19,137.73	-	-	19,137.73	19,279.54

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
5 Activities for Generating Funds					
Fete & Book Sales	1,806.32			1,806.32	-
Fundraising Schemes	81.63			81.63	88.70
Office Income	153.20			153.20	314.65
Quiz	100.00			100.00	100.00
Lightwater Community Cinema			669.80	669.80	408.35
Total	2,141.15	-	669.80	2,810.95	911.70

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
6 Investment Income					
Deposit Account Interest	479.10			479.10	13.46
Total	479.10	-	-	479.10	13.46

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7 Church Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Magazine Sales	3,991.13			3,991.13	3,855.55
Magazine Advertising	7,182.75			7,182.75	6,981.33
Hall Lettings	17,019.26			17,019.26	6,974.97
Coffee Shop	403.75			403.75	55.70
Church Book Shop	275.58			275.58	595.37
Fees	2,410.73			2,410.73	1,568.00
Total	31,283.20	-	-	31,283.20	20,030.92

8 Other Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Grants	3,843.75			3,843.75	-
Bank Loyalty Payments	89.43			89.43	73.01
Insurance Claim	-			-	1,948.42
Total	3,933.18	-	-	3,933.18	2,021.43

Grants include £2,000 received from the Windlesham Parish Council towards the installation of the new CCTV systems.

9 Diocesan Parish Share	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Parish Share	88,404.00			88,404.00	84,663.00
Total	88,404.00	-	-	88,404.00	84,663.00

10 Clergy & Staffing Expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Clergy and Staff Expenses	1,824.91			1,824.91	1,553.47
Total	1,824.91	-	-	1,824.91	1,553.47

11 Mission Giving & Donations	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Camberley Youth for Christ	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
Release International	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
Prison Fellowship	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
United Society Partners in the Gospel	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
WaterAid	-		260.50	260.50	828.00
Camberley Besom	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
A Rocha	1,000.00			1,000.00	-
Connect Counselling	-		738.06	738.06	-
Royal British Legion	-		348.00	348.00	-
Tearfund	-		335.00	335.00	-
Sachibondu Health Centre	-			-	1,000.00
Shooting Star	-			-	721.00
Hammond School	-			-	1,000.00
Total	10,000.00	-	1,681.56	11,681.56	12,549.00

12 Ministry & Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Services	2,548.68			2,548.68	2,106.45
Ministry	1,149.03			1,149.03	801.54
Children's Work	405.18			405.18	531.65
Total	4,102.89	-	-	4,102.89	3,439.64

13 Church Running Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Church Routine Repairs & Maintenance	715.98			715.98	2,628.72
Church Utility Bills and Insurance	3,485.21			3,485.21	2,860.31
Parish Office	9,599.24			9,599.24	8,707.58
Bank Charges	557.96			557.96	447.93
Total	14,358.39	-	-	14,358.39	14,644.54

14 Cost of Trading	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Cost of trading - Magazine	5,314.16			5,314.16	3,530.85
Cost of trading - Coffee Shop	175.58			175.58	33.00
Cost of trading - Hall	14,830.59			14,830.59	9,470.16
Cost of trading - Hall Refunds	105.00			105.00	146.40
Cost of trading - Church Book Shop	813.39			813.39	-
Total	21,238.72	-	-	21,238.72	13,180.41

	2022	2021
Hall net surplus	2,083.67	-2,641.59
Magazine net surplus	5,859.72	7,306.03
Book shop net surplus	-537.81	595.37
Coffee Shop net surplus	228.17	22.70

15 Major Repairs & Upgrades	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
CCTV equipment	8,599.30			8,599.30	-
Church projector	5,160.00			5,160.00	-
Improvements	1,313.28			1,313.28	1,714.87
Live Streaming Equipment	-			-	1,829.37
Vandalism Related Repairs	-			-	1,910.00
Quinquennial Inspection	2,209.61			2,209.61	-
Total	17,282.19	-	-	17,282.19	5,454.24

16 Cost of Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Fete Expenses	280.68			280.68	-
Quiz Expenses	-			-	-
Cinema	-		-	-	487.37
Total	280.68	-	-	280.68	487.37

17 Governance Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Independent Examiner	250.00			250.00	250.00
Total	250.00	-	-	250.00	250.00

Independent examination of charity accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32)

Following the guidance in the above report, issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, I have Examined the Accounts of All Saints Lightwater for the year ended 31/12/2022

Direction 1

The income is less than £250,000 and the accounts are prepared on the Receipts and payments basis. There was an exception this year however and payments of £3,362.65 that should be cleared in 2023 were included in the 2022 accounts.

I remain satisfied that the charity is eligible to have an independent examination.

Direction 2

There is no conflict of interest or personal relationship which prevents me carrying out my examination.

Direction 3/4/5/6

Payments have been checked to confirm that purchase invoices and petty cash expenses have been properly authorised and accounted for and that all expenses paid relate to the running of the Church and Church Hall.

Receipts have also been checked to confirm that proper documentation exists recording all weekly donations from Services, and that all receipts, including Grants and other Donations, have been paid into the Bank.

Church Hall Receipts and payments have been checked and agreed with the Bank statement.

Advertising income and income from Magazine sales have been checked and agreed with the Bank statement.

Salaries, Income Tax, National Insurance, and Pension payments have been checked.

Bank accounts have been fully reconciled.

Spread sheets recording all financial figures have been checked and amended where considered necessary, after consultation with the Treasurer and others involved in the recording of financial statements.

The final accounts for publication have been checked for accuracy and reasonableness, and that any movement between the various funds has been justified.

Direction 8

The separate funds shown in the accounts have been correctly accounted for and reported correctly in the accounts.

Direction 9

I am confident that all outstanding invoices and commitments outstanding at the end of the financial period can be settled as and when they fall due.


10/3/23

Accounts



'The Light of Christ in Lightwater'

To Be, To Love, To Tell

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Wednesday 20th April 2022, 8.00 pm
All Saints' Lightwater**

Registered Charity No. 1128176

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS – 8.00 pm

Wednesday 20th April 2022

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Election of Church Wardens

Followed by

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LIGHTWATER
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
AGENDA**

1. Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. The Reports
 - a. Electoral Roll
 - b. Churchwardens' Report
 - c. Safeguarding
 - d. Parish Reports
 - e. Parish Stewardship Co-ordinator's Report
 - f. Deanery Synod Report
 - g. Questions of clarification
5. The Accounts
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Presentation of All Saints' PCC Accounts
 - c. Questions of clarification
6. Elections
 - a. Parochial Church Council
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. Questions
9. Vicar's Report
10. Closing prayers

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ELECTORAL ROLL

In the period between the last APCM and the end of the 2021, 1 new member was added to the electoral roll and 4 members were removed, resulting in 116 members on All Saints' Church Electoral Roll at the end of December 2021. Since then, in the first 3 months of 2022, 1 person was removed from the list and 3 members have been added, so we now have 118 Church members on the electoral roll (of whom 28 are not resident in the parish)

Alison Porter

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Our church building remained open for services throughout 2021, adopting careful social distancing measures due to the pandemic. Sunday Services were provided both online and in church. Our on-line services moved from being pre-recorded services to being 'live' broadcasts during September 2021.

Attendance in the church buildings began to pick up during 2021 as we opened the hall for an identical parallel service in April (both services beginning at 10am). From July the church hall service became a separate informal All Age service. In October both services were moved into the church, adopting the new times of 9.30am and 11am.

Overall attendance figures (at home and in church) during 2021 were changing month by month, which makes an average figure for each difficult to read. October 2021 figures are therefore given as the benchmark, comparing to October 2020:

Online worship October 2021: average Sunday viewing of 42 with an additional 10-20 views of the Sunday service during the week. (October 2020 average Sunday viewing 55 with an additional 60 during rest of week)

Attendance In Church

October 2021 average Sunday attendance in church and hall buildings was 65 adults, and 5 children. (October 2020 average church attendance was 40 adults, and between 1 and 5 children).

Seasonal services

Attendance at our 2021 Christmas Carol Service in church was 55, with 67 additionally viewing online the same day. Attendance at Christmas Midnight Service in church was 40, and Christmas Day 35. There were 3 Holy Week Reflections and 2 Advent Reflections offered by church groups.

Pastoral Services

Songs of Praise services and Care Home services were suspended during 2021. There were 0 Weddings, 2 Baptisms, 17 Funerals.

Revd David Sigsworth

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2021

The full Parochial Church Council held 7 meetings during the year, including the APCM, with an average attendance of 90%. The PCC Standing Committee held 6 meetings during the year, in preparation for the PCC meetings. Meetings were all held using Zoom “virtual” meeting technology.

The APCM in April was also held remotely using Zoom technology, with 3 new members being elected to the PCC.

Rebecca Finlay

SAFEGUARDING

Making the church safe for all is a key priority for All Saints’, following the same principles that are expected of all organisations that deal with children and vulnerable adults (such as schools, hospitals and day-care centres such as the Windle Valley Centre in Bagshot). We want All Saints’ Church to be recognised for placing the safety of all people at its heart.

In 2021 the PCC appointed two new Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) – Andrew Hockey and Denise Taylor – who have stepped into the role after Dan Harrison completed several years of service. The PSOs are there to support the PCC, and the wider Church, ensuring we are adopting and following modern safeguarding practices to protect all our Church members as well as those who use our facilities. If anyone has any safeguarding concerns the Clergy and the PSOs should be your first point of contact. They will listen to you in complete confidence, but if necessary will always take further actions to protect people at risk.

During 2021 the PCC adopted a Safeguarding Policy based on the national Church's "Promoting a Safer Church" plan and implemented a policy on Responding to Concerns and Allegations. The PCC also started to use the Parish Dashboard – an online system that gives us the assurance that we are complying with statutory requirements and Church of England policies. The Dashboard explains what actions need to be taken to address any gaps at All Saints'. It also enables the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and the national church to oversee our compliance, allowing them to focus their support on the areas of greatest need. The dashboard provides a "live" snapshot to be generated of our safeguarding practice which is reviewed at every PCC meeting, clearly showing any shortfalls and highlighting actions that are needed to address them.

Throughout 2021 we worked to ensure that all our volunteers have clear written descriptions of the roles they undertake, together with any safeguarding training or policy awareness they need to complete. For those working with children or vulnerable adults we follow a Safer Recruitment practice, as would be expected, which includes DBS checking where necessary. Many thanks to Ruth Kidd who tracks safeguarding training uptake and ensures that people stay up to date, and to Christine Hughes who continues to support through her role as DBS Validator.

In 2022 we will continue to raise the bar on safeguarding to ensure a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment, whilst particularly looking to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Importantly, we must remember that this is the responsibility of everyone in the Church. If you see something that doesn't seem right, report it. That may be the only chance for someone who is at risk to get help or to provide essential information when a safeguarding concern has already been identified. Please find more details on the Safeguarding page on our own website.

Andrew Hockey & Denise Taylor – Parish Safeguarding Officers

Finance

As the pandemic continued affecting our lives, 2021 ended up being another unusual year; it made us appreciate good health and taught us that being flexible and approaching matters in new ways can bring positive results.

All Saints' Church Lightwater (ASL) has managed to stay afloat despite the continued uncertainty and ended the calendar year with a small deficit of £5k.

The total income for 2021 was £132k (2020: £136k) a decrease of 3.5% compared to 2020. The gradual return of services impacted positively the plate collections, but the impact of Covid-19 on the dynamics of the congregation saw the planned giving reduced by a further 6% compared to the previous year. Despite the easing of restrictions from mid-summer, social activity was not fully resumed and as a result hall lettings remained subdued and were 11% lower than in the previous year.

Total expenditure has increased to £136k (2020: £126k) with the main increase relating to the Church's running costs. With the position of the youth worker still being open throughout the year, like 2020, there was of course an incidental saving – at the same time the increased admin load due to embracing the digital era for our services resulted in a much-needed Office Manager. Routine repairs which were kept to a minimum during 2020 had to be carried out in 2021 (incidental window repairs and electricity and gas compliance testing and certifications).

Despite the challenges, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) at ASL continued to show a generous missionary spirit and approved a contribution of £12.5k (2020: £10k) towards charitable causes; £2.5k of this was to support the Camberley Besom and the village junior school.

During 2021, as a mitigation to the fall in planned giving, Andy Hockey took initiative in enhancing the Church website and introduced "Give a little" resource for one-off online donations. Furthermore, with the relentless efforts of Chris Williams we were able to introduce live streaming of the Church service.

2021 remained another year where finance continued to be in key focus and I just want to express my gratitude to the office team, Andrew Newman, Pam Newman, Andy Hockey, the esteemed members of the PCC and the standing committee and of course the clergy for always being available at the end of the line to support me in my role as a Treasurer.

Imran Daniel

FABRIC

The Church building and contents are insured for £2,900,000 and the Hall building and contents for £1,257,925.

The latest Quinquennial Inspection of the Church and Hall was carried out on 6th April 2022 and we are waiting for the report. This will be the framework for our building maintenance for the next 5 years. The Terrier and Inventory were updated October 2021 and the Log Book recently.

Since the APCM last year we have experienced two further incidents of external damage to the church. A lower vestry leaded window & shed roof and another lower vestry leaded window and a nave leaded window were damaged. The windows were removed for repair and refitted with a List B Archdeacon's Written Notice.

Four quotations are being considered for the budgeted upgrading of the CCTV for the church and hall. This is due to obsolescence and to increase the coverage of the hall and church.

The intruder and fire alarm systems in the hall require updating.

We are required to prepare our initial plan this year to meet the Church of England target to become carbon "net zero" by 2030. This will include a plan for replacing the two church heating boilers installed in 1997 due to unavailability of parts.

The 5 yearly Electrical Installation Condition Report was carried out in November 2021 with a Satisfactory Result.

Peter Newman

Mission Giving

During 2021 we continued our partnership with six charities and across these charities made a total donation of £10k. The Mission Giving team met at the end of year and agreed to review two of the six partners in 2022 and continue with the other four during 2022.

In addition to the six charities, we have also made a one-off donation of £1k to a local School and £1K was given to our Christmas collection, which supported two charities – Water Aid and Shooting Stars Hospices.

Jim Porter

THE COFFEE SHOP

Thanks to the Covid epidemic we have only been open on the first Saturday of the month commencing in October. We were gratified to see how many came along on that first Saturday each month. Derek was not allowed by the diocese to do the hearing clinic until he had been on a refresher training course which wouldn't be until the New Year. All our regular events such as Macmillan coffee morning were not able to go ahead. So, all in all it has not been a good year. However, we look forward to a brighter future and returning to some sort of sense of normality.

Carol Browning

SONGS OF PRAISE

As with the coffeeshop we have been restricted by Covid regulations and had no desire to be responsible for spreading the virus. Our first service for 2021 took place in October and so there were only two services and then our Songs of Praise Carols in December. Fortunately, many of our helpers have made themselves available once again as have those who generously provide us with our homemade cakes. This service has proved popular but we, as always could do with more people to come and join in and once again we need to recruit more people to drive and pick up those wishing to attend. My thanks to all who continue to contribute to make this service run smoothly.

Derek Browning

YOUTH & CHILDREN

OUTREACH

David Sigsworth has continued taking assemblies in Hammond school via Zoom. He has enjoyed seeing the children's smiling faces and having that time with them. Face-to-face assemblies will hopefully happen soon. Years 1 and 2 from Lightwater Village School visited the church as part of their learning. They enjoyed being told about our church building, what we do in baptism, how we pray, and stood out in the garden for the 11 o'clock bells! There were no carol services with the scouts or schools due to restrictions. Instead, David contributed a 5 minute message which was included in the school's nativity video which went out to

parents. Hammond School also welcomed our 'choir' to sing carols at their outdoor Christmas Fayre.

Many of the significant services did not take place due to Covid restrictions, in particular Easter and Remembrance. The Communications Team have used the website, Facebook and Twitter to signpost our pre-recorded services, Kidzone and Fun at Home, and other events. This includes posts to the Lightwater Community Facebook page.

However, we were thrilled to hold our Christmas services once again in Church! We were delighted to welcome families to 'Christmas is Coming' and to our morning and afternoon Nativity services on Christmas Eve. The puppets helped very young children to engage with the Christmas story. And our own young people led the afternoon service, performing 'The Grumpy Innkeeper', complete with contemporary jokes. The services were well received by those who came.

Ruth Kidd

GO FISH

Go Fish is a lunchtime club at The Hammond Junior School in Lightwater which was started in September 2019 and continued until lockdown in March 2020. We had been made very welcome and had between 10-16 children aged between 7-10 coming along each Thursday to hear Bible stories, play games and have fun! We hope to return in the next month or so and pick up where we left off!

The Go Fish team are Cath Roberts, Jackie Gray, Ruth Kidd and Sherayne Sigsworth. Thank you to all...

Sherayne Sigsworth

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

During the restrictions, the Kidzone and Fun at Home teams continued to prepare pre-recorded videos week-by-week and special ones for Easter. Thanks to Ali Porter, Jacob Porter, Barbara Williams, Penelope Mullens, Elena Mesaritis-Daniel and Ruth Kidd for planning and recording Kidzone and Fun at Home, and Chris Williams, Daniel Williams and Jacqui Munson for producing them.

Through July, we held half-hour services in the hall especially for families. The use of the big screen helped to lift our praises with worship songs, and people enjoyed activities and discussions

around tables. During the summer, we arranged some events to help families to reconnect after the restrictions, including a games afternoon on the field. Through September, we offered a simple breakfast on Sunday mornings, followed by a service for all in the hall. In October, we offered the children their own social group in the Challen room during coffee time, before going to the church building for the 11am service for all.

From the end of October, we welcomed our children back to a group in the Challen room during the 11am service. It was wonderful to see our children again, catch up with them and say 'how you have grown'! We have enjoyed games and fun together, retold a Bible story and offered craft and other activities. Bella Pienaar has been a young helper, as part of her Duke of Edinburgh challenge, and brought new ideas to the group. Thanks to the team: Penelope Mullens, Barbara Williams, Sarah Dearling and Ruth Kidd.

Ruth Kidd

FUN AT 4 SERVICE

In June, we invited our Fun at 4 families to the field behind the church for a picnic and simple service. It was wonderful to meet everyone and share time together. We played some games, blew bubbles, met Sam Bear and acted out a Bible story. We successfully repeated this for a number of months whilst the weather was fine. We returned to church for our Fun at 4 service in December, with 'Christmas is Coming' and our morning Nativity service on Christmas Eve. Both were a joy to be part of.

We have continued a monthly Fun at 4 service with a similar format: an activity bag for children to explore whilst everyone arrives, then a short service with action songs, interactive story and prayers, and of course Sam Bear! Thanks to the team: Ali Porter, Barbara Williams, Ruth Kidd and Sherayne Sigsworth.

Ruth Kidd

YOUTH WORK

YOUTH OUTREACH

We continue to seek a youth worker to maintain our presence in secondary schools in the area. We support our mission giving partner Camberley Youth for Christ (CYFC) who have been able to do mentoring and other activities within schools. The Point has returned to St Paul's Church on a Friday night, and young people

can join this monthly get together for games, worship and to hear a speaker.

Ruth Kidd

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUPS

We continued our Sunday evening youth group online via Zoom during restrictions. From June, we began meeting on the field behind the church. It was wonderful to enjoy energetic games and see each other (It was quite amazing how tall some of the young people had grown!) We met in all weathers, and nothing dampened our spirits.

From September, we resumed meeting in the hall, whilst still enjoying the outdoor space for games. We have a lot of fun and laughter. The young people join in well, and we have had many interesting discussions. Some of the young people have enjoyed leading a game too. We celebrated the end of the year with a Christmas party, complete with games, pizza and party food. We have 7-9 young people attend each week. Thanks to the team: Jackie Hoare, Jacqui Munson, Ali Porter, Sherayne Sigsworth and Ruth Kidd.

Ruth Kidd

EVENTS

In September, we took a group of young people to Guildford for 'an evening with Archbishop Justin Welby and Guvna B'. We enjoyed hearing Guvna B perform some of his raps and listened to Archbishop Justin and Guvna B in conversation about life and faith. The young people found it an inspiring evening.

Ruth Kidd

TUESDAY STAY AND PLAY GROUP

This group was closed March 2020 closed as per covid guidelines. All the equipment etc remains in storage at the church hall. In January 2022 there was insufficient leadership available to re-institute this initiative and run the group. We had a prospective new hirer (Mum/Carer and Child group) looking for a regular venue. It was decided through standing committee that the Tuesday morning slot reserved for the Stay and Play group would be given to this new hirer.

Karen Thomas

GROUPS

HOME GROUPS

Use of emails, Zoom, other forms of video communication and the phone enabled home groups to keep in contact when they could not meet during Covid restrictions. Keeping in contact in some way was very welcome when many social events were not possible. There was tea and cake in the garden and coffee & Zoom after church on Sunday mornings. Meetings at home have increased as restrictions have eased and members feel comfortable with this.

Pastoral care has been important, especially in groups with bereavements. Sadly, there have been deaths and moving into a care home. Numbers belonging to a home group are down to 40. This includes a new home group, Dolphins, led by Jackie Gray on Wednesday evenings. There is currently no Women's Bible and Coffee group.

Bible study material has been more varied than ever with increasing amounts available to download from various sources. Two sermon series have been followed in tandem with video-based study material. 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' and 'Possible World'. Two homegroups prepared and presented Advent Reflections.

The combination of being welcomed into the home of a church family with fellowship, prayer and exploring our faith together is good for our well-being. New members are very welcome.

Peter Newman

ALL SAINTS' MOTHERS' UNION

At the beginning of 2021 we were still in the throes of lockdown, and as a result had no meetings in person in the early months of the year, but we did hold a couple of coffee morning via Zoom, as well as our AGM. The names of 5 branch members who died during the previous year were entered in the MU Book of Remembrance at the Diocesan Pilgrimage of Prayer service.

In April we had a very well-attended service in church of Easter music, readings and prayers which meant we could actually meet in person. We held a couple of tea afternoons in April, taking advantage of the lovely weather, which allowed small groups to meet together which was very welcome.

We were very sad to lose Pauline Watts in June, aged 91. Pauline had been a staunch member of MU since 1990.

A tea afternoon and our summer garden party raised a total of £126 for MU projects, the 'garden party' being held in the church hall because of rain. Janet Matthews from Guildford Cathedral came in September and gave us a fascinating insight into the Cathedral architecture.

October was a 'soup & puds' fundraising lunch in the Church Hall and a total of £155 was raised. Harvest collections in October provided a carload of goods for the women's refuges, both food and toiletries, and we are grateful to all those who continue to collect toiletries. We decorated 40 boxes for the Besom foodbank Christmas hampers at our November meeting and met for our usual Christmas tea in December. We raised £171 for MU from a raffle and a special Christmas cake raffle. Over the year a total of £600 was sent to Mothers' Union Guildford to be divided between local women's refuges and Away From It All holidays for families under stress.

We have been supporting the Baby & Toddler Group on a Friday morning by helping serve refreshments, and our members continue to support the parish in numerous other ways.

I think I can safely say it was a very strange year, and we are sincerely hoping that 2022 will be 'back to normal'.

Pam Newman

THE CHOIR

The unexpected lengthy continuation of Covid restrictions resulted in the choir only appearing on three occasions again this year; All Saints Day, the Carol Service and Christmas Eve.

We still hope to return to our normal input before too much longer, although retirements will make our need for new singers even more pressing than in previous years.

Michael Lewis

WORSHIP GROUP

The group is back! After a hiatus of 18 months, we returned to the group playing live in church from September on the second and fourth Sundays each month.

With Chris now concentrating on Sound and Streaming, and of course, just prior to the pandemic Jamie and James going to university, the line-up has changed slightly to consists of Judith & Jackie on vocals, Ian on guitar, Laurence on keys, myself on bass, and when he can, by David on violin. I would like to thank all the group for their dedication and support.

During lockdown we were all treated to a wide range of new Christian music through YouTube, which many of you will have seen in our online Playlists and Services. Along with many old favourites, we are now brining our versions of some of these songs into our services to hopefully become new favourites. We are really pleased to hear those new songs are being well received.

Finally, the group is always open to new talent! If you would like to join in, please come and have a chat, you will be made most welcome. It would be great if we could find a new players and singers to join us!

Mark Hoare

WELCOME

During 2021 the welcome team has gradually moved back to its usual role prior to the pandemic. However we are still in a process of change moving into 2022.

I would like to thank all of the welcome team for their support during this year with the changes that have been happening. I think the welcomer's role continues to play a vital part in fully opening up the church again post pandemic and encouraging everyone who wants to return in person to do so as well as welcoming newcomers and regulars to the church.

I would also like to thank Valerie Barnard for her work in doing the rota each month with all the changes necessary to that.

If anyone has any questions or is thinking of joining the welcome team then please feel free to contact me.

Jacqui Munson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Sadly, most of our events still couldn't take place this year but there was a bit of light in October and we were able to have a slightly toned down Harvest Supper. We couldn't accommodate as many people as usual and did not provide entertainment but approximately forty people attended and the event appeared to be enjoyed by all.

Our visit to Sonning was once again postponed but the theatre has been very generous and we will be able to see A Busman's Honeymoon in June 2022 with the usual meal and the whole event will cost half the original price.

In December we were fortunate and were able to find a new caterer and had a very successful Christmas meal for forty-four people.

Everyone was thankful to be out again meeting face to face and it was a very enjoyable evening – hopefully to be repeated next year. Later in December we managed to go to Woking Theatre to see the pantomime Snow White which had been postponed from the previous December. Again, it was nice to be back doing something normal.

Thank you to the Social Committee who have helped to make these events possible and hopefully we will be able to give a more action packed report next year.

Valerie Barnard

LIGHTWATER VILLAGE FETE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in line with the government's guidance it was not possible to hold the fete in 2021, but we are planning for a village fete in 2022 and are hopeful that this will go ahead.

Richard Storer.

COMMUNITY CINEMA

After the screening of "Hidden Figures" in March 2021 last year there were no more cinema afternoons, due to covid restrictions, until September when we showed the film "Book Thief". There is no entrance fee charged for the cinema but donations are gratefully received and most people donate at least £2. After expenses (really the cost of the licence which is paid annually) and the cost of the DVD, we hand over the balance to the church.

The October film was "Dream Horse" and on that afternoon we received over £100. In November we showed "Military Wives" followed by "Last Christmas" in December. A raffle was held at the December screening which boosted income that afternoon.

It was decided to cancel the January 2022 film show as there seemed to be quite a rise in covid cases but we were able to go ahead with "Rocket Man" in February. There were not many people at this showing, but even for 30 people we felt it was worthwhile. We are hoping for bigger audiences in March and are planning to organise a children's film show on the morning of 9th April followed by the usual film in the afternoon. With the help of Laurence Dearling and John Russell, we are hoping to improve the sound quality of our films which will be a great enhancement.

Pauline Hemley

ADMINISTRATION

CHURCH HALL

The Church Hall has slowly opened again for activities and use by hirers following the COVID reopening roadmap and its restrictions/limitations.

Its usage has been extremely low from April to September due to COVID and its restrictions. Many hirers did not return until September when restrictions were lifted enough to make it a financial possibility for them to return. The majority of our pre-covid hirers have returned, although the hours used are decreased for some. As a church we have used the hall for Sunday family services and as overflow for church services. Children's groups have now returned and socialising in the hall after services.

We have gained two new regular hall users and one pending currently. The Hall Committee have decided once again not to raise the fees charged for hire this year to support our local community and hall users.

In this financial year, Dec 2021, we have continued to operate at a loss (-£2183) from hall lettings compared to Dec 2020 (-£2051). Hall improvements are continuing. The electrical requirements are being looked at and tidied up (particularly around the stage area). A small team is looking at the sound system within the hall and considering a surround sound system for the benefit of the community cinema and all users.

We remain extremely grateful to all those who freely and generously give their time and talents to help maintain our hall and facilities to keep costs to a minimum. It is very much appreciated.

Karen Thomas - Churchwarden

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office has continued to be a vital part of the ministry of All Saints Church, although due to the Pandemic lockdown restrictions did not fully open until May, although the office was still open three mornings a week to support the clergy and to attend to any necessary administration. Jackie Gray, who works two mornings a week and oversees hall bookings, returned to the office when it was re-opened to the public. Matters of Health and Safety were taken very seriously with restricted numbers, mandatory use of facemasks and provision of antibacterial dispensers.

The hall diary is maintained by the Parish Office with a good relationship existing with the hall management committee and hall users whether they be regular users or ad hoc. Fitness groups were allowed back in May, and we were able to welcome back two groups, with the majority returning in September.

The office continues to provide support for the clergy, Churchwardens, the church family, and the wider community, who as always appreciated the use of the photocopier and laminator with its very reasonable rates. The office is extremely very well stocked with stationery and provides a pleasant working environment offering a welcome to visitors and pastoral care when required.

Following its success in 2020 the office again facilitated a puzzle swap. This proved to be very popular amongst the wider community and ran until Easter with its resumption in the Autumn.

As expected 2021 had its challenges, but with more confidence, the office recorded its normal footfall by the Autumn.

Having now had a full year in the office, I would like to thank my colleague Jackie, the clergy, Churchwardens, and the church family for all the support they have given me.

Mark Hoare
Parish Administrator

ROUNDAABOUT LIGHTWATER

We continue to receive good contributions for the magazine from all over the village, including from within the church, and it is

sometimes difficult to fit everything in. Our book reviews from Sarah Dearling proved very popular.

Although we kept up circulation in 2021, advertising decreased slightly again, partly due to the internet and partly because of retirements and closure of businesses. However, we thank our very supportive advertisers who continue to stick with us, some of them over many years. Advertising rates are excellent value, as is our subscription rate of £7.

We continue to need to improve our circulation, so please publicise the magazine with your neighbours. Thank you to our 33 wonderful distributors who continue to deliver every month.

Pam Newman



Accounts 2021

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Voluntary Receipts:						
<i>Planned Giving</i>	1	82,932.80			82,932.80	88,527.00
<i>Collections at Services</i>	2	3,395.95			3,395.95	2,112.82
<i>All other voluntary receipts</i>	3	2,518.70		549.00	3,067.70	1,985.00
<i>Gift Aid Recovered</i>	4	19,279.54			19,279.54	21,562.02
Activities for generating funds	5	503.35		408.35	911.70	744.16
Investment Income	6	13.46			13.46	205.47
Church Activities	7	20,030.92			20,030.92	21,228.08
Other Receipts	8	2,021.43			2,021.43	66.04
Total		130,696.15	-	957.35	131,653.50	136,430.59

Payments	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Church Activities:						
<i>Diocesan Parish Share</i>	9	84,663.00			84,663.00	84,663.00
<i>Clergy & Staffing Costs</i>	10	1,553.47			1,553.47	1,644.71
<i>Mission Giving & Donations</i>	11	12,442.00		107.00	12,549.00	10,000.00
<i>Ministry & Services</i>	12	3,439.64			3,439.64	2,010.33
<i>Church Running Costs</i>	13	14,644.54			14,644.54	7,564.26
<i>Cost of Trading</i>	14	13,180.41			13,180.41	14,243.73
<i>Major Repairs & Upgrades</i>	15	5,454.24			5,454.24	4,622.00
Cost of generating funds	16	-		487.37	487.37	921.24
Governance Costs	17	250.00			250.00	250.00
Total		135,627.30	-	594.37	136,221.67	125,919.27

Excess of Payments over Receipts		-4,931.15	-	362.98	-4,568.17	10,511.32
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-4,931.15	-	362.98	-4,568.17	10,511.32

Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		41,197.36	58,371.30	542.92	100,111.58
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		36,266.21	58,371.30	905.90	95,543.41
Movement in 2021		-4,931.15	-	362.98	-4,568.17

Statement of Assets	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Cash Funds					
Bank current account	36,089.37	22,352.93	905.90	59,348.20	64,161.98
RBS Donation still outstanding	- 146.09			- 146.09	-146.09
Deposit Account		36,018.37		36,018.37	36,004.91
Coffee Shop Float	50.00			50.00	50.00
Flowers cash in hand	5.63			5.63	40.78
Soldo prepaid card	267.30			267.30	-
Total	36,266.21	58,371.30	905.90	95,543.41	100,111.58

Designated	1 Jan 2021	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2021
Reserve	39,250.00			39,250.00
Church Extension Project	19,121.30			19,121.30
Total	58,371.30	-	-	58,371.30

Restricted	1 Jan 2021	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2021
Appeals	539.70	549.00	- 107.00	981.70
Flower Donations	-	-	-	-
Lightwater Community Cinema	3.22	408.35	- 487.37	-75.80
Total	542.92	957.35	- 594.37	905.90

1 Planned Giving	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Parish Giving Scheme	68,205.80			68,205.80	72,138.50
Tax Efficient Planned Giving- Standing Orders	5,287.00			5,287.00	6,957.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Envelopes	5,840.00			5,840.00	4,445.00
Other Planned Giving - Envelopes	2,955.00			2,955.00	3,656.50
Other Planned Giving - Standing Orders	285.00			285.00	940.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Payroll Giving	360.00			360.00	390.00
Total	82,932.80	-	-	82,932.80	88,527.00

2 Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Collections for Church Funds	3,395.95			3,395.95	2,112.82
Total	3,395.95	-	-	3,395.95	2,112.82

3 All other voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Collected for Water Aid			328.00	328.00	539.70
Collected for Shooting star	-		221.00	221.00	-
Other Donations	2,518.70			2,518.70	1,445.30
Total	2,518.70	-	549.00	3,067.70	1,985.00

4 Gift Aid Recovered	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Tax Recovered via HMRC return	3,803.91			3,803.91	4,900.58
Tax Recovered by Parish Giving Scheme	15,475.63			15,475.63	16,661.44
Total	19,279.54	-	-	19,279.54	21,562.02

5 Activities for Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Fundraising Schemes	88.70			88.70	59.76
Office Income	314.65			314.65	37.00
Quiz	100.00			100.00	185.00
Lightwater Community Cinema			408.35	408.35	462.40
Total	503.35	-	408.35	911.70	744.16

6 Investment Income	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Deposit Account Interest	13.46			13.46	205.47
Total	13.46			13.46	205.47

7 Church Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Magazine Sales	3,855.55			3,855.55	3,812.31
Magazine Advertising	6,981.33			6,981.33	7,316.78
Hall Lettings	6,974.97			6,974.97	7,837.99
Coffee Shop	55.70			55.70	211.50
Church Book Shop	595.37			595.37	126.00
Fees	1,568.00			1,568.00	1,923.50
Total	20,030.92	-	-	20,030.92	21,228.08

8 Other Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Bank Loyalty Payments	73.01			73.01	66.04
Insurance Claim	1,948.42			1,948.42	0.00
Total	2,021.43	-	-	2,021.43	66.04

9 Diocesan Parish Share	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Parish Share	84,663.00			84,663.00	84,663.00
Total	84,663.00	-	-	84,663.00	84,663.00

10 Clergy & Staffing Expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Clergy and Staff Expenses	1,553.47			1,553.47	1,644.71
Total	1,553.47	-	-	1,553.47	1,644.71

11 Mission Giving & Donations	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Camberley Youth for Christ	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
Shooting Star	721.00			721.00	-
WaterAid	721.00		107.00	828.00	-
Pastor Zen	-			-	1,000.00
Release International	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
Prison Fellowship	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
United Society Partners in the Gospel	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,500.00
Camberley Besom	1,000.00			1,000.00	-
Sachibondu Health Centre	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,500.00
Hammond School	1,000.00			1,000.00	-
Total	12,442.00		107.00	12,549.00	10,000.00

12 Ministry & Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Services	2,106.45			2,106.45	1,215.04
Ministry	801.54			801.54	348.26
Children's Work	531.65			531.65	447.03
Total	3,439.64	-	-	3,439.64	2,010.33

13 Church Running Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Church Routine Repairs & Maintenance	2,628.72			2,628.72	251.51
Church Utility Bills and Insurance	2,860.31			2,860.31	3,108.36
Parish Office	8,707.58			8,707.58	3,820.38
Bank Charges	447.93			447.93	384.01
Total	14,644.54	-	-	14,644.54	7,564.26

14 Cost of Trading	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Cost of trading - Magazine	3,530.85			3,530.85	3,936.59
Cost of trading - Coffee Shop	33.00			33.00	103.10
Cost of trading - Hall	9,470.16			9,470.16	9,888.12
Cost of trading - Hall Refunds	146.40			146.40	-
Cost of trading - Church Book Shop	-			-	315.92
Total	13,180.41	-	-	13,180.41	14,243.73

	2021	2020
Hall net surplus	-2,641.59	-2,050.13
Magazine net surplus	7,306.03	7,192.50
Book shop net surplus	595.37	-189.92
Coffee Shop net surplus	22.70	108.40

15 Major Repairs & Upgrades	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Improvements	1,714.87			1,714.87	4,622.00
Live Streaming Equipment	1,829.37			1,829.37	-
Vandalism Related Repairs	1,910.00			1,910.00	-
Total	5,454.24	-	-	5,454.24	4,622.00

16 Cost of Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Fete Expenses	-			-	290.00
Quiz Expenses	-			-	72.06
Cinema	-		487.37	487.37	559.18
Total	-	-	487.37	487.37	921.24

17 Governance Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Independent Examiner	250.00			250.00	250.00
Total	250.00	-	-	250.00	250.00

Independent examination of charity accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32)

Following the guidance in the above report, issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, I have Examined the Accounts of All Saints Lightwater for the year ended 31/12/2021

Direction 1

The income is less than £250,000 and the accounts are usually prepared on the Receipts and payments basis. There was an exception this year and payments of £5,121 were included in the accounts, but were only cleared in early 2022. However, I remain satisfied that the charity is eligible to have an independent examination.

Direction 2

There is no conflict of interest or personal relationship which prevents me carrying out my examination.

Direction 3/4/5/6

Payments have been checked to confirm that purchase invoices and petty cash expenses have been properly authorised and accounted for and that all expenses paid relate to the running of the Church and Church Hall.

Receipts have also been checked to confirm that proper documentation exists recording all weekly donations from Services, and that all receipts, including Grants and other Donations, have been paid into the Bank.

Church Hall Receipts and payments have been checked and agreed with the Bank statement.

Advertising income and income from Magazine sales have been checked and agreed with the Bank statement.

Salaries, Income Tax, National Insurance, and Pension payments have been checked.

Bank accounts have been fully reconciled.

Spread sheets recording all financial figures have been checked and amended where considered necessary, after consultation with the Treasurer and others involved in the recording of financial statements.

The final accounts for publication have been checked for accuracy and reasonableness, and that any movement between the various funds has been justified.

Direction 8

The separate funds shown in the accounts have been correctly accounted for and reported correctly in the accounts.

Direction 9

I am confident that all outstanding invoices and commitments outstanding at the end of the financial period can be settled as and when they fall due.


10/3/22

Accounts

All Saints' Church Lightwater

'The Light of Christ in Lightwater'

To Be, To Love, To Tell

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2020**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Wednesday 21st April 2021, 8.00 pm**

Zoom Meeting

Registered Charity No. 1128176

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS – 8.00 pm – Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2021

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Election of Church Wardens

Followed by

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LIGHTWATER ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. The Reports
 - a. Electoral Roll
 - b. Churchwardens' Report
 - c. Safeguarding
 - d. Parish Reports
 - e. Parish Stewardship Co-ordinator's Report
 - f. Deanery Synod Report
 - g. Questions of clarification
5. The Accounts
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Presentation of All Saints' PCC Accounts
 - c. Questions of clarification
6. Elections
 - a. Parochial Church Council
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. Questions
9. Vicar's Report
10. Closing prayers

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LIGHTWATER - ANNUAL REPORTS 2020

ELECTORAL ROLL

In the period between the last APCM (21st October 2020) and the end of the 2020, no new members were added to the electoral roll and 3 members were removed. So, at the end of December 2020 there were 114 members of All Saints' Church Electoral Roll, 29 of whom were not resident in the parish.

In the first 3 months of 2021, 1 person was removed from the list as they had died and 6 members have been added, so we now have 119 Church members on the electoral roll (of whom 30 are not resident in the parish)

Alison Porter

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Our average church attendance over the last year has had to be categorised in new ways. Due to the pandemic much of the worship since March has been online. Attendance in church was legally barred for periods of lockdown, and when allowed to open we have naturally seen a much lower than typical attendance due to the considerations of the virus, and with limitations of socially distanced seating plans.

Online worship has been offered since March 2020, including a principal service, Kidzone and Fun at Home (for families of the very young). There were initially very high viewings which quite likely reflected a national trend of 'surfing' for services. The following however became typical attendance online:

- When the church was closed for a period, between 120 and 150 household viewings per week (the number of people viewing per household is not known)
- During periods when the church was open, the online attendance levelled at between 80 and 100 household viewings per week

- Kidzone and Fun at Home remained between 20 and 30 viewings throughout

Attendance In Church. There were two periods of closure due to lockdown, March 22nd to July 26th, and November 8th to 29th. During January to March attendance was consistent with 2019, which was reported as averaging 102 adults, and 12 children per Sunday. During September to October (between lockdowns), attendance peaked during October at an average of 40 adults, 5 children.

Seasonal services. Online Christmas Services included the Carol Service (187 views), Christmas Message (130 views), and two Advent Reflections. Church service attendance included Christmas Eve (19 adults), and Christmas Day (22 adults).

Pastoral Services. Songs of Praise services and Care Home services were suspended during 2020. We had 1 Wedding in the year (compared to 1 in 2019), 0 Baptisms (4), 0 Thanksgivings (0), and quite understandably Funerals 19 (9).

Revd David Sigsworth

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2020

The full Parochial Church Council held 8 meetings during the year, including the APCM, with an average attendance of 90%. The PCC Standing Committee held 6 meetings during the year, in preparation for the PCC meetings.

The APCM which would normally have been held in April was postponed to October 2020 and was held remotely using Zoom technology. A new Church Warden was elected, and 2 new members were elected to the PCC. Since the APCM, two members have been co-opted to the PCC; these were the Parish Safeguarding representative and Treasurer.

Most of the committees were unable to meet due to Covid restrictions, but communications have been maintained and key decisions continued to be taken to support the church and its mission.

Rebecca Finlay

SAFEGUARDING

Dan Harrison continued in the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) but has asked to stand down due to changing work commitments.

Christine Hughes has continued to support the PSO role by undertaking the role of DBS Validator. Ruth Kidd is the Designated Safeguarding Lead, supporting the PSO and representing safeguarding at PCC meetings.

The PCC take matters of safeguarding seriously. It is always an item on the agenda for each PCC meeting and this year has been moved to one of the first items discussed to ensure time is available for this subject.

Each year, under instruction from the diocese, the PSO is required to undertake an audit of the church to ensure compliance with diocesan objectives around safeguarding national policy and practice guidance. This year's audit identified a piece of work that needs to be undertaken with volunteer role descriptions and responsibilities becoming more formalised.

Many of the usual church-run activities have not gone ahead this year due to the pandemic, but the youth group have come into their own by continuing online on the Zoom platform, with all the safeguarding policies and risk assessments in place to allow this.

Safeguarding Training of our volunteers has remained a challenge due to their not being able to access face-to-face sessions. The Diocese is aware and will prioritise training when the pandemic allows.

Following a national Church of England safeguarding review, the Diocese of Guildford is keen to 'learn from the past and protect the future' with an initiative to review any previous cases and a request for any past survivors or victims of church-related abuse to come forward. There are posters online and on our properties about how to do this.

Anyone having any concerns of a safeguarding nature should speak to any of the below:

- The Parish Safeguarding Officer, in person or via safeguarding@allsaintslightwater.org.uk
- The Incumbent (David Sigsworth), david.sigsworth@allsaintslightwater.org.uk
- The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Jackie Broadfoot, Mobile: 07918 559387 or Email: Jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk

These contact details and more information are available through our church website's safeguarding page.

Dan Harrison

Finance

2020 was an extraordinary year in many ways; it challenged the status quo and changed the way we live, work and the ways we worship God and enjoy fellowship. Undoubtedly 2020 will be known as a year of doing things differently and more creatively.

I am pleased to say that All Saints' Church Lightwater has managed to sustain the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and finished the year with a surplus of over £10k.

The total income for the year was £136k (2019: £161k) a decrease of 16% compared to the previous year. The congregation continued to support the Church needs but with people's circumstances changing, a gradual reduction in the planned giving was observed. Furthermore, the Church and hall closures and the suspension of services impacted on the collections and income from hall lettings.

Total expenditure decreased to £126k (2019: £152k). The decrease was particularly linked to the reduced activity mainly in the Church hall and the open position for a youth worker for the whole year.

As part of our wider mission giving, we were able to contribute £10k to support other charitable causes. Church repairs and maintenance were kept to minimum levels during 2020; on the major repairs and upgrades front, expenditure is mainly comprised of the new boiler installation which started in 2019 and was completed in 2020, and the hall radiators

replacement project for which a deposit was paid at the end of 2020 and which is expected to be completed during 2021.

Following the retirement of David Hawkins from the position of Office Administrator, it was decided that the kind efforts of our office volunteers needed further support to cope with the work volumes and so an Office Manager was appointed in Q4 2020.

With valuable help from the clergy, office staff and PCC members, we had to make sure we will continue to have adequate funds for the foreseeable future, hence from the beginning of the lockdown in March 2020 we prepared a range of budget scenarios (optimistic view and pessimistic view) based on how long the lockdown would last and how this would affect the Church's activities. The scenarios were refreshed frequently to reflect actual results and any new information; these were then used to monitor the financial performance and ensure that the right decisions are taken.

The Guildford Diocese stood by the side of all the parish Churches throughout the pandemic and has offered financial support of up to £5k; All Saints' PCC considered the offer against the Church's available cash balance and decided to forego this support.

As you are aware, I took over the role of the treasurer on 1st January 2020 and I must say it has been a busy year. Chris Williams, my predecessor, has been extremely helpful throughout this transition and I am very grateful to him and the entire team for their continuous unreserved support.

Imran Daniel

Mission Giving

During 2020 we continued our partnership with six charities and across these charities made a total donation of £10k. The Mission Giving team met at the end of year and agreed we would continue with the same partners during 2021 with the possibility of revisiting our structure and partners towards the end of the year.

In addition to the six charities, we have also made a one-off donation of £1k to the local Hammond School during the third national lockdown to help fund home schooling equipment for less affluent families. This donation was gratefully received and was a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love amongst the local community.

Amy Sneddon

SONGS OF PRAISE and THE COFFEE SHOP

We were able to operate as usual until mid-March 2020, but since then we have been unable to hold Songs of Praise services or open the Coffee Shop.

There have been no charitable events such as Lent lunches, coffee mornings or Carol services which means that the charities such as WaterAid, Macmillan and Sightsavers, that we support through these activities, have missed out for the past year.

We look forward to welcoming people back as the Covid restrictions permit.

Derek and Carol Browning

YOUTH & CHILDREN

OUTREACH

Our two outreach initiatives, 'Go Fish' lunchtime club at Hammond School and 'Tuesday Stay and Play' for parents and babies, continued well until lockdown in March. Under the government guidelines, neither has yet been able to return.

David Sigsworth has continued taking assemblies in Hammond school. Since March, this has been achieved using Zoom technology to speak with children in their classes. He has enjoyed seeing their smiling faces and having that time with them.

The significant services of Easter, Remembrance and Christmas, including the school and scout carol services, did not take place due to Covid restrictions. This forced us to re-think our engagement with families.

The Communications Team have used the website, Facebook and Twitter to signpost our pre-recorded services, Kidzone and Fun at Home, and other events. This includes posts to the Lightwater Community Facebook page. (see below for further details of Kidzone and Fun at Home)

The pandemic has changed the nature of our church presence. This year, people have not had to enter the church building to see the Christian community or hear the message. They can 'drop in' from their own home. We do not know who has watched an online service or Kidzone or Fun at Home. But we trust God, that the message of his love has been shared in simple and faithful ways.

During Advent, there was a 'Nativity trail' around the village square, with 13 shops happy to host a set of nativity figures. Accompanying posters told the Christmas story, with extra 'fun facts', carols and videos that were accessed via a QR code. We received positive feedback from families who followed the trail. Thanks to Elena Mesaritis-Daniel and Ruth Kidd for putting this together. Additionally, we had 'Lightwater Shines', encouraging people to make a star for their window. The bright star on the Church building and several online videos supported this. Thanks to Jim Porter for heading this project. The Church and Hall were also decorated with trees and posters, for households to come and spend a reflective moment. Thanks to Pauline Hemley and Peter Newman for putting this together.

Ruth Kidd

GO FISH

Go Fish is a lunchtime club at The Hammond Junior School in Lightwater which was started in September 2019 and continued until lockdown in March 2020. We had been made very welcome and had between 10-16 children aged between 7-10 coming along each Thursday to hear Bible stories, play games and have fun! We hope to return as soon as we can and pick up where we left off!

The Go Fish team are Cath Roberts, Jackie Gray, Ruth Kidd and Sherayne Sigsworth. Thank you to all of them.

Sherayne Sigsworth

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

Our Sunday morning groups during the 10.45am service ran until March. Encouraged by the technical team, the Kidzone and Fun at Home teams experimented with creating several pre-recorded videos for Easter. These received positive feedback, and Kidzone and Fun at Home have gone out regularly throughout the year. (see below for more on Fun at Home) We have been delighted that families have taken part in various creative videos during the year. These have been used in the online services. It has been good to see them and encourage their contributions. Kidzone online includes a game, a Bible story, prayers, and an active song. We have generally followed the same themes as the online service. Kidzone online aims to encourage families to talk together by having a 'press pause' reflection question. It is aimed at primary aged children, but we know that it has gathered a surprising following of people who are clearly 'young at heart'! Thanks to Barbara Williams, Penelope Mullens, Elena Mesaritis-Daniel and Ruth Kidd for planning and recording Kidzone, and Chris Williams and Jacqui Munson for their faithful support in producing it.

Just before Christmas, we created a pack of age-appropriate crafts, active prayers, chocolate, and a book for each of the children and young people that are part of our Fun at Home, Kidzone and youth groups. These were delivered to their houses and made a welcome personal contact with the children and young people that we are sorely missing seeing face-to-face.

Ruth Kidd

FUN AT 4 SERVICE

From March, our monthly Fun at 4 service could no longer meet. The team wanted to continue to engage with our families with very young children. We recorded 'Easter is Coming' and 'Easter is Here' which went online. Since then, we have produced monthly pre-recorded material, changing the name to Fun at Home. We have a fun game, meet George Bear, hear a story, and take part in active prayers. We have also had a few families

video themselves as part of an activity, which has been lovely to see them. We produced a special Christmas Fun at Home.

Thanks to Ali Porter, Barbara Williams and Ruth Kidd for planning and recording Fun at Home. Jacob Porter has been a delightful voice for George Bear. And special thanks to Daniel Williams for faithfully producing Fun at Home each month.

Ruth Kidd

YOUTH WORK

YOUTH OUTREACH

We continue to seek a youth worker to continue our presence in secondary schools in the area. We support our mission giving partner Camberley Youth for Christ (CYFC) who have created a range of online materials for young people during lockdown, including signposting mental health support. CYFC have been able to do mentoring and other activities within schools once the schools went back. The Point has continued online via Zoom, and young people can join this monthly get together.

Ruth Kidd

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUPS

From April, our Sunday evening youth group moved online via Zoom. We have had 12 young people attend, with an average of 6 each week. We use the Energise material to plan our sessions (an online resource that we subscribe to). We have looked at key Old Testament figures, and some people who met Jesus. We have had to adapt games, discussion and engagement to fit what we can do via Zoom, and it is surprising how creative we have been! The young people join in well, and we have had many laughs and interesting discussions. Some of the young people have enjoyed leading a game too.

Thanks to Jackie Hoare, Jacqui Munson, Ali Porter, Sherayne Sigsworth and Ruth Kidd for leading the group. As a team, we have got to know each other better and discovered more about ourselves and our faith. Thanks to Dan Harrison and Ruth Kidd for ensuring all safeguarding procedures

and risk assessments were in place for online meetings with young people.
Ruth Kidd

EVENTS AND SOUL SURVIVOR

All live events were cancelled this year, but many went online.
Ruth Kidd

TUESDAY STAY AND PLAY GROUP

This group established itself after the demise of the Sure Start in the summer of 2019. It ran from September 2019 to Mar 2020 when we closed due to national lockdown and has remained closed ever since as per covid guidelines.

The group was led by me with 2 community volunteers who have both now left the group. No further volunteers have come forward to help with the group.

All the equipment etc remains in storage at the church hall.

At this time there is no government guidance as to when we would be able to open again. However, a team of volunteers will be needed to restart this initiative and move it forward again when allowed.

Karen Thomas

GROUPS

HOME GROUPS

Homegroups have continued to meet online or to keep in regular contact with each other throughout the Pandemic. Meeting with others is a part of life that many have missed most during this time. There has been an increase in pastoral care, and it has been an important element for all groups and paramount for some.

Two groups put together Advent Reflections online. Both reflections were very well received and demonstrated the high standard that members of our technical team have who produce the online services.

Bible study, prayer and pastoral care have all continued to form the framework for homegroups. There has been a wide range of study material including studies produced by our mission partner USPG and "Christ at the Centre" by Spring Harvest.

Also, Bible study material on subjects like the book of Job and Devotions that provide subjects in shorter bites is available for online study.

There is interest in forming a new homegroup and it is hoped to commence a group when meetings can be held in our homes.

Peter Newman

ALL SAINTS' MOTHERS' UNION

Needless to say, this year has been very different. We managed to hold our AGM in February and Diana Wood came to talk about Parenting in Prisons in early March, but after that everything ground to a halt.

During the various lockdowns we managed to take advantage of the fine weather by holding coffee mornings and tea afternoons in the garden which enabled small groups of members to meet. We did raise some wonderful amounts during our various get-togethers, and particularly from our Christmas raffle, for which we thank everyone for their support. Our donations to MU during the year amounted to £800 which was donated to MU projects, including the Women's Refuges and 'Away From It All', which offers breaks to families under stress. We are planning more garden get-togethers as soon as government regulations and the weather allow.

Our October service of favourite music and readings was very well attended, and I think very much appreciated. It was wonderful to get some spiritual uplift in church. Our December service again was very welcome. We are planning another one for Easter.

We sadly lost 3 members during the year - Elsie Howland (aged 100), Rosemary Herren and Valda Campbell and they are sadly missed. Our membership is now 36 with one Twilight member, Pauline Watts, who is still in Lakeview Care Home.

Our members have been very supportive during the year, and we have kept in touch by monthly newsletters and phone calls, but I feel the pandemic has certainly taken its toll on mental and physical health.

We all hope and pray for a much better year to come.

Pam Newman

THE CHOIR

Covid restrictions have meant that the choir was only able to provide six singers, accompanied by The Vicar on his violin, for just three services in church - Harvest Festival, All Saints' Day and once in early December.

We are looking forward to a time in the near future when we can resume our usual activities and we would, as ever, be pleased to welcome any additional singers who wish to join us.

Michael Lewis

WORSHIP GROUP

What a year 2020 turned out to be! No sooner had I written the report for 2019, than the music at the 10:45am service stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic - a theme, I am sure, of many of these reports!

During the early days of lockdown, Chris, Ian, James, and I had attempts at recording at home and trying to piece the individual parts together with varying success. It is definitely not as easy as it appears! Chris and Judith did extremely well with their version of "Every Day I Look To You", which has since been seen on YouTube as part of our online content. And it is to the online services where most of our talents have taken the group. Laurence has been providing the keyboard introductions to our online services and Chris has been very busy compiling the various video clips that eventually make up the excellent offering we see each Sunday. Judith and Jackie have recorded readings for the online services, and I have given the day's talk a few times. You may also have visited the weekly Playlist that I curate on our YouTube channel, which offers a

selection of four music videos to watch or just listen to over a coffee after the service.

The group is looking forward to getting back into church and leading worship again. However, it looks increasingly likely that this will be in September. Over the year I have been busy listening out for new songs to lift our praise and hopefully over the next few months we will be learning these to share with you. If you are a frequent visitor to the Playlist you will probably have been singing along to them already!

Finally, the group is always open to new talent! If you would like to join in, please come and have a chat, you will be made most welcome. It would be great if we could find a new players and singers to join us!

Mark Hoare

WELCOME

Well, what a year for the Welcome team! Thank you so much to everyone who has been part of the welcome team during this time of huge change. You have provided an invaluable link to people arriving in church (and the hall), who may have had some anxiety about attending initially.

During this time when we have been required to socialise minimally face to face. I feel that the person/people on welcome have provided a very important role in encouragement to those attending the service in person.

After the first lockdown when the church opened again in July, we had to make some big changes in the welcome team, initially starting out with 4 welcomers for each service (2 at either entrance to the church), together with someone taking names. David provided some training for us initially to understand the rules and where we could seat people and I am very grateful for those who took the role of leading people to their seats and keeping them happy and feeling safe and socially distanced.

We then proceeded to two services with the second one in the hall and we allocated two welcomers to the hall entrance and the All-Age service that Ruth was leading there.

The latest change since our last lockdown has been to have one welcomer/name taker and Sherayne has very kindly volunteered to lead

people to their seats at every service. This has helped people coming along feel safe, socially distanced and welcome.

During this year two more people have volunteered to help with the welcome which has been greatly appreciated as a large number of our welcome team needed to stay at home and self-isolate during this time.

I would like to thank everyone on the welcome team for the support they have given and the flexibility they have shown in dealing with the changing situations. I would also like to thank Valerie Barnard for her work in doing the rota each month with all the changes necessary to that.

Jacqui Munson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Unfortunately, as with everything else, all the social events we had organised for 2020 had to be cancelled. We had a coach and tickets booked for a trip to Leonardslee Lake and Gardens on the 15th May and this promised to be a very enjoyable and interesting day. We were able to cancel and hope to be able to re-arrange for a later date, possibly early in 2022 assuming there are still coaches for us to hire.

Our visit to Sonning Mill was cancelled by the theatre with the offer of tickets to see the same play in July 2021 but this was then amended to June 2022 so hopefully we will manage to get there eventually.

Our annual Christmas meal was also cancelled but we hope to be able to resurrect this in 2021, depending on lockdown regulations at that time and the availability of a caterer.

The pantomime has been re-booked for 15th December 2021, but we will just have to wait to see what the situation is at that time.

Hopefully we will be able to give a brighter report next year and once again we will be able to enjoy church services and social events together.

Valerie Barnard

LIGHTWATER VILLAGE FETE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in line with the government's guidance it was not possible to hold the fete in 2020. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy a fete in 2022.

Richard Storer.

COMMUNITY CINEMA

Like all social gatherings, the Community Cinema came to an end at the first lockdown in March 2020, although we did manage to squeeze in one last screening! We did not provide any refreshments in order to follow the new rules.

We are looking forward to restarting our film shows, if possible, in September 2021. Hopefully during the summer, indoor entertainment will not be needed.

Our annual licence will have to be renewed and I am hoping this will once again be paid for by the church. Our film shows should more than cover this cost over the following year as we request donations from our audience.

Pauline Hemley

ADMINISTRATION

CHURCH HALL

The Church Hall has been predominantly closed during the period due to COVID national lockdown and its restrictions.

Its usage has been extremely low and many of our users have been unable to use our facilities when open due to the restrictions and constraints of working within a COVID pandemic. We housed the Lightwater resilience Plan community group for a month as a trial in Andrews room, however the environment didn't meet their requirements. As a church we have used the hall for Sunday family services and are planning to use it as an overflow for Easter services.

At the time of writing this report, we have 1 regular user in the Challen room only and are unsure of when our regular users will be able to return to us. Weightwatchers, one of our regular users has confirmed that they will only be returning to us once a month rather than weekly when they are able.

We have 2 new prospective hirers that are considering our facilities for 12th April onwards in line with the COVID roadmap of reopening.

In this financial year hall lettings are currently operating at a loss.

Hall improvements have continued with replacement radiators in the Hall and kitchen. We are awaiting a new pump for the boiler to try to increase the pressure to balance the heat within the radiators.

We remain extremely grateful to all those who freely and generously give their time and talents to help maintain our hall and facilities to keep costs to a minimum. It is very much appreciated.

Karen Thomas - Churchwarden

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office has continued to be a vital part of the ministry of All Saints Church, albeit under unique circumstances, offering a comprehensive service to the church family and support to the Clergy.

For a large part of 2020, the Parish Office was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown restrictions. During the year, David Hawkins decided to step back from his role in the Office, having faithfully served the Church for several years. The PCC decided to recruit a Parish Administrator to manage the Office and I started work in this position in September. I would like to thank David for the help he has given me since starting. I am continuing to develop the role, working closely with Revd David & the Churchwardens.

I would also like to thank Jackie Gray, who is an invaluable person to have alongside me. Jackie has oversight of the hall bookings and invoicing. The hall diary is maintained by the Parish Office with a good relationship existing with hall management committee. Understandably, 2020 was a fallow year for the hall but with the prospect of restrictions lifting in

2021, bookings are starting to come in for both the hall and the Challen Room.

Members of the community may request help with photocopying and laminating (our charges are very competitive), and so the photocopier helps to generate a healthy income. The office is extremely well stocked with stationery and, due to the lockdown closure, we have plenty of paper available should anyone require a ream or two (at very reasonable rates!)

Under Lockdown restrictions the Office remains officially closed and cannot be available to the casual visitors. However, I am available to contact Monday, Wednesday (normally closed to visitors) and Friday mornings between 0930 - 1200 by phone or email, or by prearranged visit. Once we are out of lockdown restrictions, I hope to resume the full opening hours, and to include Jackie on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Having the Office manned during the winter months has allowed initiatives such as the Puzzle Swap to take place. Although the Puzzle Swap finishes at Easter, it is hoped that something similar will be able to run again next winter.

Mark Hoare

ROUNDAABOUT LIGHTWATER

In spite of the various lockdowns and the lack of village activities, we have managed to continue to fill the pages of the magazine and to deliver throughout the year. This is due largely to the wonderful support of our 33 distributors who continue to help every month.

We feel the magazine content has actually improved during the year. We've had more photographs, and have received contributions from different people, which has all added to the variety and we have had several complimentary comments. We were very pleased that, out of 262 entries, we were awarded 3rd place and Best Design in the A5 category of the National Parish Magazine Awards for 2020.

The number of advertisers has declined, partly due to the internet and partly because of retirements and closure of businesses, but we have a supportive group of advertisers who continue to stick with us.

Advertising rates are still very good value, as is our subscription rate of £7. We still need to improve our circulation, so please publicise the magazine with your neighbours.

Pam Newman



Accounts 2020

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Voluntary Receipts:						
<i>Planned Giving</i>	1	88,527.00			88,527.00	92,250.19
<i>Collections at Services</i>	2	2,112.82		-	2,112.82	5,808.40
<i>All other voluntary receipts</i>	3	1,445.30		539.70	1,985.00	3,640.49
<i>Gift Aid Recovered</i>	4	21,562.02			21,562.02	22,273.72
Activities for generating funds	6	281.76		462.40	744.16	2,643.10
Investment Income	7	205.47			205.47	416.31
Church Activities	8	21,228.08			21,228.08	34,119.83
Other Receipts	9	66.04		-	66.04	127.43
Total		135,428.49		1,002.10	136,430.59	161,279.47

Payments	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Church Activities:						
<i>Diocesan Parish Share</i>	10	84,663.00			84,663.00	80,732.04
<i>Clergy & Staffing Costs</i>	11	3,556.06			3,556.06	15,087.14
<i>Mission Giving & Donations</i>	12	10,000.00		-	10,000.00	14,180.35
<i>Ministry & Services</i>	13	2,010.33			2,010.33	7,532.60
<i>Church Running Costs</i>	14	5,652.91			5,652.91	11,581.00
<i>Cost of Trading</i>	15	14,243.73			14,243.73	17,402.59
<i>Major Repairs & Upgrades</i>	16	4,622.00			4,622.00	4,257.48
Cost of generating funds	17	362.06		559.18	921.24	1,026.50
Governance Costs	18	250.00			250.00	284.66
Total		125,360.09	-	559.18	125,919.27	152,084.36

Excess of receipts over payments	10,068.40	-	442.92	10,511.32	9,195.11
Transfers between funds	-	-		-	-
Total	10,068.40	-	442.92	10,511.32	9,195.11

Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan	31,128.96	58,371.30	100.00	89,600.26
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec	41,197.36	58,371.30	542.92	100,111.58
Movement in 2020	10,068.40	0.00	442.92	10,511.32

Statement of Assets	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Cash Funds					
Bank current account	41,252.67	22,366.39	542.92	64,161.98	32,699.20
Unbanked cash in hand	-			-	1,010.84
RBS Donation still outstanding	- 146.09		-	- 146.09	
Deposit Account		36,004.91		36,004.91	55,799.44
Coffee Shop Float	50.00			50.00	50.00
Flowers cash in hand	40.78			40.78	40.78
Total	41,197.36	58,371.30	542.92	100,111.58	89,600.26

Designated	1 Jan 2020	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2020
Reserve	39,250.00			39,250.00
Church Extension Project	19,121.30			19,121.30
Total	58,371.30	-	-	58,371.30

Restricted	1 Jan 2020	Incoming	Expended	31 Dec 2020
Appeals	-	539.70	-	539.70
Flower Donations	-	-	-	-
Lightwater Community Cinema	100.00	462.40	- 559.18	3.22
Total	100.00	1,002.10	- 559.18	542.92

1 Planned Giving	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Parish Giving Scheme	72,138.50			72,138.50	76,611.11
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Standing Orders	6,957.00			6,957.00	8,722.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Envelopes	4,445.00			4,445.00	2,328.60
Other Planned Giving - Envelopes	3,656.50			3,656.50	3,759.50
Other Planned Giving - Standing Orders	940.00			940.00	470.00
Tax Efficient Planned Giving - Payroll Giving	390.00			390.00	358.98
Total	88,527.00	-	-	88,527.00	92,250.19

2 Collections at Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Collections for Church Funds	2,112.82			2,112.82	4,953.17
Royal British Legion collected			-	-	146.09
Embrace the Middle East collected			-	-	709.14
Total	2,112.82	-	-	2,112.82	5,808.40

3 All other voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Collected for Water Aid			539.70	539.70	1,305.12
Other Donations	1,445.30			1,445.30	2,335.37
Total	1,445.30	-	539.70	1,985.00	3,640.49

4 Gift Aid Recovered	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Tax Recovered via HMRC return	4,900.58			4,900.58	5,109.10
Tax Recovered by Parish Giving Scheme	16,661.44			16,661.44	17,164.62
Total	21,562.02	-	-	21,562.02	22,273.72

6 Activities for Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Fete & Book Sales	-			-	1,521.00
Fundraising Schemes	59.76			59.76	199.45
Office Income	37.00			37.00	280.60
Quiz	185.00			185.00	170.00
Lightwater Community Cinema			462.40	462.40	100.00
Mosaic Chamber Choir Concert	-			-	372.05
Total	281.76	-	462.40	744.16	2,643.10

7 Investment Income	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Deposit Account Interest	205.47			205.47	416.31
Total	205.47	-	-	205.47	416.31

8 Church Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Magazine Sales	3,812.31			3,812.31	3,854.60
Magazine Advertising	7,316.78			7,316.78	5,447.10
Hall Lettings	7,837.99			7,837.99	21,669.53
Coffee Shop	211.50			211.50	1,042.46
Church Book Shop	126.00			126.00	487.14
Fees	1,923.50			1,923.50	1,619.00
Total	21,228.08	-	-	21,228.08	34,119.83

9 Other Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Bank Loyalty Payments	66.04			66.04	127.43
Total	66.04	-	-	66.04	127.43

10	Diocesan Parish Share	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Parish Share	84,663.00			84,663.00	80,732.04
	Total	84,663.00	-	-	84,663.00	80,732.04

11	Clergy & Staffing Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Youth Worker Salary				-	13,148.70
	Office Manager Salary	1,906.67			1,906.67	-
	Employer National Insurance Contributions	-			-	829.34
	Employment Allowance National Insurance rebate				-	- 829.34
	Contributions	4.68			4.68	241.68
	Clergy and Staff Expenses	1,644.71			1,644.71	1,432.76
	Youth Worker Recruitment Costs				-	264.00
	Total	3,556.06	-	-	3,556.06	15,087.14

12	Mission Giving & Donations	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Embrace the Middle East					709.14
	Camberley Youth for Christ	2,000.00			2,000.00	3,000.00
	Royal British Legion			-	-	166.09
	WaterAid				-	1,305.12
	Pastor Zen	1,000.00		-	1,000.00	-
	Release International	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
	Prison Fellowship	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
	United Society Partners in the Gospel	1,500.00			1,500.00	2,000.00
	Besom Camberley	-			-	1,000.00
	Sachibondu Health Centre	1,500.00			1,500.00	2,000.00
	Total	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	14,180.35

13	Ministry & Services	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Services	1,215.04		-	1,215.04	5,554.88
	Ministry	348.26			348.26	1,372.50
	Children's Work	447.03			447.03	605.22
	Total	2,010.33	-	-	2,010.33	7,532.60

14 Church Running Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Church Routine Repairs & Maintenance	251.51			251.51	2,013.96
Church Utility Bills and Insurance	3,108.36			3,108.36	3,272.04
Parish Office	1,909.03			1,909.03	5,658.10
Bank Charges	384.01			384.01	636.90
Total	5,652.91	-	-	5,652.91	11,581.00

15 Cost of Trading	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Cost of trading - Magazine	3,936.59			3,936.59	4,409.72
Cost of trading - Coffee Shop	103.10			103.10	559.72
Cost of trading - Hall	9,888.12			9,888.12	12,132.70
Cost of trading - Church Book Shop	315.92			315.92	300.45
Total	14,243.73			14,243.73	17,402.59

2020 2019

Hall net surplus	- 2,050.13	9,536.83
Magazine net surplus	7,192.50	4,891.98
Book shop net surplus	- 189.92	186.69
Coffee Shop net surplus	108.40	482.74

16 Major Repairs & Upgrades	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Improvements	4,622.00			4,622.00	4,257.48
Total	4,622.00	-	-	4,622.00	4,257.48

17 Cost of Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Fete Expenses	290.00			290.00	700.62
Quiz Expenses	72.06			72.06	74.16
Easter Concert	-			-	251.72
Cinema			559.18	559.18	
Total	362.06	-	559.18	921.24	1,026.50

Quiz income reported net of expenses in 2018 (see note 6)

18 Governance Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
PCC Expenses	-			-	34.66
Independent Examiner	250.00			250.00	250.00
Total	250.00			250.00	284.66

THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS LIGHTWATER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS LIGHTWATER

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's members of the PCC, 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 PCC'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

John Merricks

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Dated 10/2/2021