THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT SIMON, SOUTHSEA.

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Personal growth through short courses, home groups and mentoring. Youth and children's activities. Parent Network. Care for sick, elderly and vulnerable. Sunday Supper - support for homeless and marginalized. Supporting a range of charities in UK and worldwide.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£125,064	£151,698	-	-
2024-12-31	£292,300	£207,782	-	-
2023-12-31	£212,471	£191,475	-	-
2022-12-31	£156,497	£187,733	-	-
2021-12-31	£176,594	£125,831	-	-
2020-12-31	£117,000	£128,000	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cllr. Hugh Laurence Mason		2020-10-25
Elly Jane Mulvany		2020-10-25
Folashade Victoria Adetunji		2026-04-19
Francesca Sherren		2020-10-25
Jeremy Kendall Roger Brown		2019-04-28
Linda Vivienne Jenkins		2020-10-25
Louise Sara Roulston		2020-10-25
Margaret Geary		2024-04-21
Oyinlolu Alonge		2019-04-28
PATRICK CLARK JOLLY		2020-10-25
Paul Glyn Howard Jenkins		2020-10-25

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2025

FOREWORD

This is the Annual Report for St Simon's Church Waverley Road, Southsea for the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 including the end of year financial accounts for 2025 which is accompanied by an independent auditors report and reports of all activities throughout the year.

GDPR

We have had one data protection / privacy issue during this period which was identified, reported on and acted on appropriately to mitigate any further issues.

Introduction – Rev Jackie Twine – Priest in Charge

What an opportunity to reflect on such a year here at St Simon's.
We have welcomed so many new members, as we continue to see our congregations thrive, flourish and grow. We have a new youth group, and look forward to seeing many of our young people step forwards to be confirmed. Our children's groups continue to thrive, as well as our work at Southsea Infants and Mayville, and we are exploring opportunities to work alongside St Mags which will enable us to approach other local schools.

We are currently running confirmation classes (thank you Kevin!), and there have been baptisms and Explorers courses of which one (our fourth) is running currently.

Socially it's been a wonderful year, with the VE Day ball, Art for Refugees, Quiz Night, Concert for Peace, St Simon's has got Talent, the Dreams and Realities exhibition and Empty Bowls to say nothing of the many men's and women's events, the curry and mystery meal nights and the wreath and craft events.

We have been blessed by the presence of Kevin and Kitty, and we look forward to Oyin becoming licensed as Reader and Kitty becoming priested this June. It has also been a delight to see the Worship Band establish itself on a regular basis. My thanks go to the PCC for their incredible support, and particularly to our 2 wonderful Church Wardens. We have also seen St Simon's re-gaining its Vicarage back! And special thanks go to the Coffee Tavern Trust in their financial support of that, and indeed with other projects too.

All of this as well as that which we continue in so faithfully- home groups, evening prayer, Knit and Natter, Memory Lane, Care Home services, Sunday Suppers, Friday Friendship, pastoral care, buildings work, finances, safeguarding. We are blessed by such a strong governance team.
We have been so deeply saddened at the loss of Diane, Barbara and Daisy Love and Marjorie. We continue to pray for their loved ones, consoled with the knowledge that they are safe in the arms of Jesus.
You will know I am sure, how much John and I miss you during this extended spell of ill health. Who would have thought that a virus, coming out of the blue could wreak so much havoc? But I know that God is with you, and I am so very grateful for your prayers.
We praise God for all that he has done and continues to do here at St Simon's.

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1. Annual Report from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2025

This is the annual report of the PCC proceedings and activities for St Simon's Church PCC for 2025. This report covers the whole of the year from 1st January to 31st December 2025.

-Administrative information

St Simon's Church is situated on Waverley Road in Southsea. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to the church office, St. Simon's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PW.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council powers Measure. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission (2009) as Charity no. 1128695 within the meaning of the charities Act 1993.

The PCC is required to provide an annual report on proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally for discussion at the annual meeting.

-PCC Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Simon's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge [when in post], in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical

In the absence of a Priest in Charge, the leadership of the church falls to the church wardens and PCC.

-PCC Structure, governance and management

Normal membership of the PCC consists of certain ex-officio members: the priest in charge, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the

church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM). All church members are encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC or to nominate others, and we aim to have a balance of skills, background and experience where possible.

The PCC is responsible for a wider range of matters affecting the work and ministry of the church, including compliance with health and safety and equalities and diversity legislation and with due regard to the Church of England House of Bishops safeguarding guidance in relation to children and vulnerable adults.

In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC hold a legal responsibility to promote its charitable purpose and for the stewardship of funds including appropriate accounting and reporting of the parish finances. The PCC works to ensure that each member is equipped to fulfil their role. Upon election, new members of the PCC are given an induction which includes their roles and responsibilities, the PCC's agreed policies and procedures, and the most recent minutes. At the first meeting of the new PCC, the vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer are elected. The churchwardens, secretary and treasurer are encouraged to attend courses run by the diocese on their particular work and all PCC members must attend the relevant diocesan safeguarding training. Regular mailings from the diocese keep the officers up to date with changes in church regulation and financial procedure and these are reported to the whole PCC as appropriate.

During the year 2025 the following served as members of the PCC:-

Priest in Charge: Rev Jackie Twine
Churchwardens: Francesca Sherren and Paul Jenkins
Deanery Synod Representatives: Dr Hugh Mason; Paul Jenkins

-Elected Members:
Oyin Alonge (Treasurer)
Jerry Brown
Linda Jenkins (PCC secretary from November 2019)
Patrick Jolly
Louise Roulston
Elly Mulvany
Michael Piper
Margaret Geary
John Twine
Kevin Jones (Curate)
Kitty Stevenson-Price (Curate0

John Bazley (Safeguarding officer) Andrea Grainger (Children's pastor)

At the May 2025 Annual Meeting the following posts in the PCC were confirmed:

- Paul Jenkins was re-elected Church Warden
- Francesca Sherren was re-elected as Church Warden
- Hugh Mason was re-elected as Deanery Synod representative
- Paul Jenkins was re-elected as Health and Safety Officer
- Oyin Alonge was re-elected Treasurer
- Jerry Brown was re-elected as PCC member

Meetings of the PCC were held in church with the PCC Standing Committee meetings held via Zoom, following relevant government and Church of England guidance. The PCC welcomed regular reports from the Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Fabric Committee and the children's ministry work.

The PCC delegates a number of its functions to sub committees which include the following:

-Standing committee
The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with dependent on the number of names on the church electoral roll. The standing committee consists of the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and at least two other members of the PCC. It may transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC .This committee meets prior to each PCC meeting to consider outstanding issues and plan the PCC agenda. The standing committee met every other month between the PCC meetings to set the PCC agenda and deal with any urgent items.

-Fabric committee
The Fabric committee exists to ensure that the fabric of the church building is properly maintained and that the findings of the quinquennial inspection are acted upon. It was formed several years ago and reports to the PCC as appropriate. The committee has overseen work such as roof repairs, planning internal improvements and regular church cleaning and is under the leadership of the chairperson Mick Walters.

-Mission Team
Each year the church gives at least 10% of its unrestricted income to home and overseas mission work. The committee canvassed the congregation for ideas on which charities should be supported. Each year a review of these charities is undertaken.

-Risk assessment
The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the church council has been exposed have been identified by a risk analysis exercise carried out by PCC members. The risks identified and steps taken to mitigate these risks are as follows:
- Property fire or theft: Insurance cover continues against both these risks. Fire inspections are carried out annually by a suitably qualified and experienced professional and fire extinguishers are tested and replaced and advised.

- Misappropriation of funds: The budgeted expenditure for each year is approved by the full PCC. The PCC has a "fiduciary duty" to operate with due regard to the Church of England Legal Advisory Commission guidance which highlights "…the duty to protect the assets of the charity". The PCC operates a system of controls including analytical reviews and segregation of duties that are designed to militate against any potential for the misappropriation of funds.

Two signatories are required for all cheques and these have been reviewed with the new treasurer's appointment. All matters involving unbudgeted expenditure in excess of £1,000 are put to the full PCC.

- Revenue falling below committed expenditure: The level of giving was monitored throughout the year, and the financial situation (income and expenditure) was reviewed by the PCC.

-Electoral roll 2025-6

There were 117 names on the list last year. This has now dropped to 112.

4 people have moved and sadly one passed away.

The electoral roll stood at 112 on 31st MARCH 2026

Deanery Synod annual report 2025- Hugh Mason; Deanery Synod representative

There have been three deanery synods since the last AGM. Apart from the inevitable scrutiny of finances, the main work of each synod has been to review and receive an update on various aspects of the Deanery Plan. The plan was initially constructed in 2015 and has since that time been constantly developed and renewed.

The main concern at the present time is exploring and developing newer forms of ministry including church plants, pioneer ministry and various new forms of lay ministry. In particular the Portsmouth Deanery is concerned to develop the Anna chaplaincy work with older people across the whole deanery and to develop work with young people through such things as the High Tide initiative based at St Jude and the choir church which has been extended to the Church of the Ascension. St Simons is in the Southern Cluster of parishes, made up of St James, St Jude, St Simon and St Margaret, and we are charged with working out ways in which the four parishes can relate to and support each other's ministry. Given the differences in ethos between the four churches this is very much 'work in progress'.

At the February meeting, in addition to a presentation from the Anna Chaplaincy Coordinator, we learned of a new initiative by the Southampton City Mission which is planning to establish a Portsmouth City Mission to work in primary schools from September this year to provide support for religious education.

One interesting aspect of this year's synods has been that two of them have been held in churches, St George's Portsea and All Saints Landport, which have been recently refurbished as part of initiatives to attract a younger element into their congregations. It is always interesting to see what other churches in the Deanery are doing when attending Synod.

Hugh Mason and Paul Jerkins Deanery Synod representatives

Churchwardens Report -2025 – Paul Jenkins and Fran Sherren; church wardens

Walking into St Simon's on a Sunday morning and greeting members of our church family is such a joy. We look around and see a church that has been transformed in the past few years. Not just in numbers, though that is important. Not just in the diversity of who we are, but in the joy of coming together to worship and serve God in faith, in trust and in confidence. That is the transforming work of Christ within us all.

We all bring to St Simon's our hopes and our fears, our successes and our failures, our pasts and our futures and God uses them all to build His church. He takes us in directions we perhaps never imagined. He unearths and nurtures in us skills and talents we never thought we had. Sometimes the pace of growth and change can seem slow. As Psalm 37 tells us, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him". Sometimes the pace of change is so fast we fear being left behind. Sometimes change is uneven and inconsistent. At times we seem to take one step forward and two steps backward. Change comes, but perhaps it's not what we wanted or expected. But what is important is that we acknowledge faithfully and prayerfully that God is leading us and that He is at the heart of all this change.

As we continue to grow and develop as a church, we seek to build the many ways in which we can serve Christ, both amongst our church family and more widely in our community and beyond. This inevitably brings its own challenges. Supporting vulnerable members of our community is a worthy task, but one that can be fraught with difficulties that we did not envisage.

Our work to support people living on the margins of our community is central to who we are as a church and has been for decades. But this work requires vision, understanding and discipline. Our ambitions may be great for God and so they should be. But we should always be realistic and ensure that what we do, we do to the best of our ability. And that will mean sometimes having to recognise that there are needs that we cannot meet. This should not be a source of division amongst us, but the impetus to use all the gifts God has given us with one mind. At times that may require us to put aside things that are dear to us, if doing that makes us stronger in serving God's people in our church and community.

As we look around at our church family, the skills, talents and energy are evident. This is our future. If we are to continue to grow and be relevant in our community, we need this energy to be channelled into supporting and building our worship, our prayer life and our service to God. But the future is not next year, it's tomorrow. There are so many ways in which members of our church family can participate in these activities and make an important contribution. We just need people to have faith in God and in themselves. We read in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control".

During the year, we have been greatly blessed in St Simon's by the service of many wonderful and faithful people. Jackie has brought so much love, compassion and caring to our church, which has prepared the ground on which we can grow as a hopeful and confident family.

We have been doubly blessed this year by the arrival of Kitty and Kevin as curates. Despite the many other commitments in their busy lives, they have brought to St Simon's their faith and irresistible energy, that has been and will continue to be an inspiration to us all.

We are also blessed by three wonderful staff, Andrea, Craig and William. What they give to our church is far more than we could ever compensate them for. Then of course there are the many members of our church, whose faithful service and commitment ensure that St Simon's remains at the heart of our community. We give thanks to God for them all.

During the year Jackie shared with us a prayer for St Simon's. Many of you will have copies of the prayer. Let's all pray this prayer and ask God where He wants you to be in His plans to build a great church for His glory in Southsea.

Dear Lord God,

I thank you for St Simon's
May we grow in number
And in generosity of self
May we grow in strength of faith
And in depth of love towards you
Our neighbour and each other
That your kingdom may flourish and grow
In this parish and community

May you always bless us and protect us

For your glory and in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Fran Sherren and Paul Jenkins - Churchwardens

Fabric Committee annual report 2025 – Mick Walters; Chair

The Committee addressed the following major items of work on the building during 2025:

- replacement of the upper hall toilet flooring
- refurbishment of the lower hall flooring
- refurbishment of the lower hall gents' and accessible toilets
- obtaining a ramp to provide access to the chancel and Prayer Space
- repairs to the car park entrance flower bed
- repairs to the choir walk floor by the bike racks
- investigations into a replacement glass door for the nave door
- installation of additional heaters in the north aisle of the nave
- investigations into the possible installation of solar panels
- installation of acoustic panels in the upper hall
- replacement of the Prayer Space ceiling and associated painting
- investigations into changes to the Prayer Space interior
- several routine items of maintenance such as fire precautions, lightning conductor servicing, gutter clearance, etc.

Some of these items continue to be addressed in 2026.
Several other items of maintenance and small problems have been addressed throughout the year. Some of these have been carried out by church members resulting in considerable financial savings. Thanks are due to a number of people who are not named here in order to avoid the risk of omitting any. Their work often goes unseen but is much appreciated.
The immediate priorities for the coming year are the Prayer Space, possible upgrading of the electricity supply and the flat roof areas above the offices. All of these will entail significant work and expense.

Mick Walters Chair Fabric Committee

Children's Ministry (Shipmates) annual report 2025 - Andrea Grainger; Children and Families Pastor

2025 has been a busy year for us, with families growing, new families joining our Sunday Congregation and several of our children being baptised.

Our children's Sunday provision continues to follow the pattern of one Children's service, two weeks of children's groups during the service and one Intergenerational service each month. We find most of our families attending a few times a month rather than weekly due to other commitments.
The youth numbers are also increasing and when Kevin started the youth group taking children from year 6 we agreed we would offer the youth provision on Sundays to year 6 too reducing the Shipmates age range.

It is reported that numbers of toddlers in church toddler groups are falling across the country as more families are being offered and taking up free nursery provision.
Our numbers are slightly lower than they have been in the past but the most noticeable effect is the age balance, this July we only had 4 children leaving us for Infant School whereas in the past we had

around 10 to 15 each year. We have also found more families joining us only until maternity leave ends and they return to work.

In September we swapped around the timings of the Tuesday groups making one of the Play and Praise groups exclusively for 'Wrigglers Crawlers and Wobblers' to meet these needs.
Numbers in our after school group have been low but are building again. This is a combination of 4 families leaving to go to secondary school, which we were expecting, and a large number of the children who moved from Brambles up to Craneswater School joining one of the many afterschool clubs they offer on a Tuesday. However social media and flyers are working to grow the numbers.
Our contact with Southsea Infants has been sporadic this year as they had a new head of RE who was concentrating on reworking the curriculum, but we have regular visits for all age groups planned in for next year. We are also discussing the possibility of working alongside St Margaret's at Craneswater School.

We had a successful new fundraising event, a Shipmates Country Dance which we hope to repeat at some point next year.

The year finished with a flurry of Christmas activity. Our Nativity Service this year had 34 Children and Young people taking part, for comparison we had 17 in 2021 and 25 last year. The two "Trip to Bethlehem" Christmas Eve services went well with several new volunteers stepping up and a couple of additions to the story, including a census on the way in and a visit to Elizabeth. We had approximately 100 people at each service, all of whom left with a Christmas Story book or tract.
As usual none of this would be possible without support and prayer of my fabulous volunteers and the church congregation.

Many thanks for your ongoing encouragement.

Andrea Grainger Children's Pastor

Youth work and Curate Report 2025 – Kevin Jones, Curate

What an amazing year it's been! First, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone at St. Simons for the love, support, and guidance I've received. It truly is a blessing to be part of such a special church family.
This year has been filled with so many meaningful milestones — leading the Lent and Explorers courses, being ordained as a priest, and launching our wonderful Youth Club. Each of these moments has been such a joy, an honour, and a real privilege. I'm so grateful for all that we've shared and achieved together.

Youth Report
We're so encouraged that we now have up to 13 young people joining us on Sunday mornings for Bridge Builders! It's a special time where we grow in faith together, share some great conversations, and have lots of fun along the way. We always make sure there's time for an energetic game or two as well!
In September, we launched our brand-new Simons Crew Youth Club, and it's been so exciting to see it take shape. The evenings are packed with fun — table tennis, table football, plenty of tabletop games and activities, plus a few lively competitive games too! And of course, we make time to sit down together, enjoy some food, and have a good chat.
I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously gives their valuable time to help make this possible. It's been pure joy to be part of it all.
Kevin Jones (Curate)

Safeguarding annual report 2025 – John Bazley; Safeguarding Officer

Since the last APCM on the 13th April 2025 there have been 5 (4*) reported safeguarding concerns/incidents raised with the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). All incidents have been resolved/closed and, where appropriate, Diocesan Safeguarding staff notified.

The PCC receives a written report at every meeting and where appropriate the priest in charge and Churchwardens are notified of incidents. Throughout the last year the PCC has had due regard to the *House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance* and fully met all the requirements laid down by the Church of England (CofE) Safeguarding Code of Practice. A major revision of CofE Safeguarding legislation took place in the summer of 2025 so that *The Parish Safeguarding Handbook* is no longer current and has been replaced by the *CofE Safeguarding e-manual which is available at: Safeguarding e-manual | The Church of England.*

St. Simon's is fully compliant with the CofE mandatory requirements for safeguarding; this is monitored and maintained via a CofE devised online portal called "The Parish Dashboard" which is kept up to date by the PSO and accessible by the priest in charge and both Churchwardens. A summary of the Dashboard status is reported at each PCC.

Safeguarding Training and DBS Status

- Currently 35 (33*) church members have completed Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) checks. DBS checks are required to be updated every 3 years.
- 62 (67*) church members/volunteers have completed the required safeguarding training to enable them to safely carry out their role within the church community. Currently a number of volunteers are outstanding in repeating their Safeguarding training (it operates in a 3 year cycle) however it is anticipated that, with continued gentle prompting, this situation will soon be resolved!

John Bazley

Parish Safeguarding Officer
*Indicates numbers from 2025

Sunday Suppers annual report for 2025 - Francesca Sherren; leader

VISION & VALUES

'Sowing Hope, Growing Disciples'

Sunday Suppers is grounded within our core values – **'welcoming, inclusive, loving, creative & joyful'.**

OUR GUESTS
We are open every Sunday to any adult who needs a hot meal and some company and a sense of belonging. Almost all our guests are struggling with the cost-of-living rise. Some are living in poverty, recovering from or living with addiction, poor mental health or living in temporary accommodation. Very few of our guests are street homeless. Many of our guests come every week and we have built up friendly relationships with them. The volunteers know many of the guests by first name.

NUMBERS of GUESTS
The numbers of guests attending this year has fluctuated, usually due to weather conditions. However, we regularly feed between 45 and 70 guests.

FOOD
We continue to offer freshly cooked beef or chicken stew/curry/casserole, usually with a baked potato or pasta. We always offer a vegan alternative. We still endeavour to provide high quality and high calorific food to our guests. We offer a small goody bag to each guest with higher priced items they might not choose to buy for themselves, e.g. tinned meat, tinned fruit and puddings.

FUNDING
It is anticipated that funding will decrease in the coming financial year. As from April 2026, the Portsmouth city council 'Household Fund' is to be replaced by the Crisis and Resiliance Fund. This new fund will allocate money to community meals/food pantries/food banks etc, but grants will be significantly lower than in previous years. The Sunday suppers leaders will be discussing ways to use our funding most efficiently and a proposal will be sent to the church PCC for discussion and decision.

LEADERSHIP TEAMS
We have created a group to share the responsibility of leading Sunday Suppers on Sunday nights. Those leaders are:

- John Bazley
- Paul Jenkins
- Kevin Jones
- Fran Sherren
- Rev Jackie Twine

The kitchen teams are led by:

- Jerry Brown
- Hugh Mason
- Mel Mason

PRAYER TEAMS
We have 2 people who regularly pray for Sunday Suppers while it is running from 5.30-to 7.00pm on a Sunday evening.

FAITH & BIBLES
We continue to offer a short Christian faith talk every week. As part of our core values, **'nurturing and using each other's God-given skills and talents'** one volunteer has been encouraged to take on the role of giving the faith-based talk. Several members of the congregation have donated bibles, and we have been able to give these away to Sunday supper guests.

VOLUNTEERS
8 volunteers left since last March and have been joined by 4 new volunteers, taking our total to 30 volunteers, at present.

Francesca Sherren, Leader of Sunday suppers

Social Committee 2025– Dinah Walters

The Social Committee at the beginning of 2025 comprised the following members of the congregation: Gail Chipperfield, Phil Gower, Andy Taylor and John Twine. I would like to thank them all for their contributions during the year in organising the various events, especially Gail, who retired towards the end of the year after a long spell on the Committee. We have three new members: Jerry Brown, Trevor Green and Kitty Price. We meet twice a year to plan the programme of events.

Activities in 2025 revolved mainly around going out to local cafes and restaurants to join in fellowship over meals together. Destinations included curry nights at the Haldi on Albert Road, men's breakfasts at the Tenth Hole and ladies' tea afternoons in Dinah's home.

The Midsummer Mystery Meal, an evening out to a secret destination for a pub meal, was the usual hit! In December we had our Christmas Grub Club meal in the Dolphin pub on the High Street, which most people enjoyed in spite of the rather crowded and noisy atmosphere.

In April Andy organised another highly successful Quiz Night in the church, both a social event and a fundraiser for the church.

We held two new events in 2025, both of which proved popular. In May we held a lovely Saturday evening event to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Church members brought along family and friends, so over 60 people enjoyed the cold supper, singing and dancing to a professional singer, who provided songs of the 1940s.

In September John Twine took on the organisation of "St. Simon's Has Talent", a showcase for those brave enough to entertain us with their various skills. There was a real versatility in the various acts, with singers, musicians, dancers, poetry readers and many more, providing a very entertaining event. We plan to repeat this in 2026.

Thank you to everybody who supports our activities, by helping to organise or by attending our events.
Dinah Walters

Pastoral Ministry annual report 2025 - Michael Piper

The small team meets on a monthly basis to review any pastoral needs arising amongst members of the Church Family. These might include folk who are bereaved, unwell or requiring hospital treatment. We also try to share news of members who are elderly and housebound, and find attendance at worship difficult.

We decide as a team whether a visit or phone call might be appropriate to show our support, and we spend some time praying for those for whom we are concerned.

We also share updates on the Care Homes in the parish where St Simon's has close connections with residents and staff and where monthly services are undertaken. There are currently 4 Homes visited regularly – Bluebell, Clarendon, Alton Manor and St Ronan's. When requested, we provide end-of-life care for residents, including support for their families. Anna Chaplains from the Cathedral took responsibility (by mutual agreement) for the other two Homes in the parish, Braemar and Regency.

Chaplain to the Older Generation, John Twine, gives us an update on his ministry, including the Memory Lane sessions that he provides at Care Homes.

Mission Team annual report 2025 - Geraldine Poulter and Sue Bussey

Hebrews 10:24

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds"

In 2025 each of the existing chosen charities received £1,798 from unrestricted church funds and all the charities gratefully acknowledged this donation.

The six charities that received the donations in 2025 were;

- HomeStart Portsmouth
- Portsmouth City of Sanctuary
- Frontline Debt
- Joshua Radio (Uganda)
- Bereaved Families Holiday
- Beyond the Streets

Looking at the system of reviewing our chosen charities each year, after careful consideration it was the decision of the PCC to replace 'Beyond the Streets' charity.

Following this, the church congregation was asked to nominate a new charity to adopt. A record number of charities were nominated by the congregation. Thank you to all who took part. The PCC used the same system for deciding on the choice of a new charity to adopt as was used last year. The PCC agreed to adopt "Hope into Action" as the new charity for 2026 onwards.

Hope into Action works in partnership with local Christian churches to provide housing and other support for the most vulnerable people in the city, to help them rebuild their lives. A speaker agreed to come and share their work in 2026.

2025 update

HOMESTART PORTSMOUTH: on 6th June a quiz was organised by HomeStart at St Simon's adding to the funds for this charity. In December 2025 Jo Toms, CEO of HomeStart, gave an informative talk which was very well received.
PORTSMOUTH CITY OF SANCTUARY continues to offer asylum seekers support and hold a 'HUB' every Monday at All Saints Church, Portsmouth.
FRONTLINE DEBT continues to work with desperate families in financial difficulties and provide debt advice and emergency vouchers for those in need.
BEREAVED FAMILIES HOLIDAYS provide a break for bereaved families and seven families attended an outdoor centre in Wales. Children ranged in age from 5 years old to those in their teens. This is a quote from the charity:-
'It was an incredible week made possible through the discretionary grant to which St Simon's contributed'
JOSHUA RADIO (UGANDA) was able to purchase air conditioning units for the main studio radio station and broadcast delay equipment which is now required by local law.
The charities noticeboard in the lower church hall displays information about all our chosen charities and is kept up to date by Geraldine Poulter and Sue Bussey and allows church members to learn more about the work of the charities.
Please hold all these charities in your prayers especially in these difficult times. They are requested, needed, valued and appreciated.

Friday Friendship Coffee Morning 2025 – Louise Roulston & Linda Jenkins

This year, our Friday Friendship weekly meeting has continued to thrive as a welcoming and supportive community. Guided by our values of love, hospitality and compassion, the group has provided a consistent safe space for connection, friendship and mutual support.
Our trips have been a highlight (Chichester and the D Day Museum), giving our friends the chance to explore new places, relax and build confidence together. Monthly shared meals have also played a role, creating opportunities for conversation, cultural exchange and a sense of belonging.

Thanks to generous fundraising support, (Empty Bowls and the cream tea event) we've been able to sustain the group, provide meals and organise trips throughout the year. This collective effort has helped create a warm, inclusive space that continues to make a meaningful difference to the guests we welcome from across the globe.

We are so grateful to everyone who has taken part, volunteered and donated and we look forward to another positive year ahead.

Louise Roulston

Church Administrator's Report 2025 – Craig Fisher

Major activities over recent months:

Staff Team: We continue to hold Staff Team meetings and one on one meetings with Rev. Jackie Twine including appraisals.
The line of Communication between non-paid staff and the office has been addressed by a flow chart being created as late responses, or intent planning of activities can have a knock-on effect of creating extra work and difficulties planning of the church calendar and the loss of potential room bookings etc. This introduction should start showing fruit as we move through the new yea, many thanks to Fran Sherren for this.

Hall Lettings: We have gained a new regular booking of a Pilate's group on Tuesday evenings in our Upper Hall.
Mayville High school who we gained as a regular user of the upstairs hall during term times renewed to continue with the church and have also given dates for 2027. The agreed day rates for winter & summer have stayed the same. Their cleaners continue coming into St. Simon's at the end of their day thus not increasing the number of hours that may have been needed for our caretaker.
We have also acquired another regular term time teaching group for Saturday afternoons in the Upper Hall.
Further refurbishment of the Upper Hall has taken place with the lighting lowered & LED installed together with acoustic rafts. This has improved the Hall and enhanced the future hiring of the Hall which has proved challenging due to the lack of daylight & access.
The installation of sound clouds in the Lower Hall has improved the noise levels of the Lower Hall. A regular booking from last year, Solent Mind have returned to use the Lower Hall on a Wednesday afternoon and increased their booking by an extra half hour.
Portsmouth City Council continued to use the premises as a Polling Station; twice in 2024. Although no Polling was planned for 2025 Portsmouth City Council are booked to return to St. Simon's in May 2026
The prices are still competitive and have not been raised this year. Generally, one off private bookings are kept at a minimum of a 3-hour booking due to heating & administrative costs.

I think there may be a need to review the pricing of one-off bookings due to the energy costs; perhaps a rate for winter and one for summer and also, a small deductible booking charge as there have been a noticeable increase in last minute cancellations.

Events: The number of social events and activities continue to increase. Together with regular room hire bookings the church currently only has a small number of spaces on the calendar free for one-off bookings.

Finance: We continue to work closely with the Treasurer regarding running costs and budgeting. Many thanks to our treasurer Oyin Alonge for all his hard work and budgeting

Craig Fisher

Treasurer's Report 2025 – Oyin Alonge & Gail Chipperfield

First of all, we want to sincerely thank the church for their continued faithful generosity and support throughout 2025. Through your generous giving, we fulfilled our full Parish share and supported our six approved charities.

We remain thankful to the Coffee Tavern trust who have remained steadfast in their support with contributions towards our annual building insurance charge, subsidy towards our vicar's salary, support towards our Children and families pastor salary and support for children's work especially at Christmas.

We also want to thank the Waverley Trust for the continued commitment through their donations towards our Administrators' salary.

We want to critically mention the work of our Grants team – John Twine and Jerry Brown who continue to secure funding for our work with Sunday Suppers as well as other capital projects in church, (please reference the Fabric report).

Funding for our work with the community through Friday Friendship remains sustainable through the fund-raising efforts of the team and grant funding secured through John Twine and Jerry Brown.

Fully aware of the economic challenges and rising costs, we continue to look for ways to subsidise our income as a church as we would be severely challenged to continue our work without your contributions and the support earlier outlined.

We want to reach a point where we are less reliant on grant and trust funding.

Your recommendations to friends and family that our premises are available for hire would also increase our available unrestricted income.

We remain thankful for the prayers and action of faith in response to the Prayer space. Work is still ongoing on the prayer space, and we continue to welcome donations. Please see our finance report for additional funding raised towards the prayer space.

We continue to monitor our costs closely by setting budgets at the beginning of the year and work with budget holders to review spending quarterly.

We thank you all again for your contributions and donations.

Oyin Alonge and Gail Chipperfield

<u>Annual Accounts 2025</u> [Separately available]

- **Independent Auditor's report**

Margaret Burke has been the independent auditor and reviewed the financial accounts for St Simon's Church, Southsea. The report is below.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees	Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint Simon Southsea PO5 2PW		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1128695
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable*.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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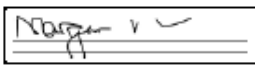
Signed:		**Date:**	17/3/26
Name:	Margaret Burke ACMA CGMA		
Relevant professional	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants		

St Simon's church, Southsea - 1128695

Fixed Asset Note (1 Jan 2025 - 31 December 2025)

Type of transaction		Investment Property	CBF CoE Investment Fund
	Opening balance	75,000.00	66,549.21
	Increase in the value of the fixed asset	0.00	63,888.71
	Movement	0.00	-2,660.50
Closing balance		**75,000.00**	**63,888.71**

Income and Endowments
Unrestricted Income

Donations and Legacies		
4000	Parish Giving Scheme - Direct donations	18509.82
4001	Unrestricted Income - Manual Gift Aid receipts	23955.00
4002	Unrestricted Income - Non Gift Aid Bank receipts	3210.00
4003	Unrestricted Income - Sunday Cash Offerings	2822.93
4004	Unrestricted Income - Sum-Up online receipts	1861.42
4006	Unrestricted Income - Parish Giving Scheme - Tax recoverable	3825.03
4007	Unrestricted Income - Tax recoverable - Standard Gift Aid receipts	6617.26
Totals: Donations and legacies		**60801.46**
Other trading activities		
4008	Unrestricted Charitable fundraising	500.49
4009	Unrestricted Income - Rental Income	10194.00
4013	Unrestricted Income - Miscellaneous Income - Wedding and Funerals	1791.68
4018	Unrestricted Income - Rental Income - Mayville school	11850.00
Totals: Other trading activities Totals		**23835.68**
Investments		
4012	Unrestricted Income - CCLA Investment Income	1849.18
Totals: Investments		**1849.18**
Other Income		
4010	Unrestricted Income - Investment Property Income	12323.90
4016	Unrestricted Income - Revenue Maintenance Grant receipts - Insurance-Coffee T-Trust	7147.68
4016	Unrestricted Income - Revenue Maintenance Grant receipts - Portsmouth City Council	8121.92
4017	Unrestricted Income - Waverley Trust Grant	10984.00
Totals: Other Income		**38577.50**
Grand Totals: Income and Endowments		125063.82

Expenditure		
5000	Parish Share Quota	75027.00
5002	Portsmouth Deanery expenses	1254.22
7002	Employee and Employer pension payments - NEST	1412.91
7011	Administrator Salary	10194.14
7012	Children's Pastor Salary	17844.08
7013	General Maintenance Salary	8137.85
7016	Miscellaneous General Expenses	2895.35
7018	Curate expenses	261.67
7021	HMRC - PAYE Total + Employee NI	4966.96
7022	Payroll expenses	320.71
7110	Water Rates	165.66
7130	Premises Insurance	8308.10
7190	Rental Deposit returns	400.00
7200	Electricity	10398.60
7500	Printing	411.06
7520	Office Stationery	353.36
7530	Telephone	576.00
7540	Internet Charges	916.08
7572	General Church Upkeep - Revenue expenditure	3655.29
7580	General Music Administration expenditure	68.78
7590	General Administrative expenditure	2160.60
7810	Cleaning	946.49
7900	Bank Charges and Interest	287.26
8000	Copyright Licenses	735.69
Totals: Other expenditure		**151697.86**
Grand Totals: Expenditures		151697.86

Restricted: Sunday Suppers Fund		
Opening balance		**73359.09**
Donations and legacies		
Total Income	Restricted Income - Sunday Suppers - Direct Donations	44035.08
Totals: Donations and legacies		**44035.08**
Expenditures		
Total Expenditure	Expenditure - Supplies	43309.63
Totals: Expenditures		**43309.63**
Closing balance		**74084.54**
Restricted: The Prayer Space Project Fund		
Opening balance		**23760.00**
Donations and legacies		
4904	Direct donations	697.14
4904	Charity Fund-raising events	887.00
4904	The Benefactor Trust - Grant	2300.00
4904	Portsmouth City Council - Grant	5144.96
4904	Grant - Diocesan Board Minor repairs Fund	4550.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**13579.10**
Expenditures		
5011	The Prayer space expenses	22415.84
Totals: Expenditures		**22415.84**
Closing balance		**14923.26**

Restricted: Alms Fund		
Opening balance		**0**
Expenditures		
5012	Charity Disbursements	10788
Totals: Expenditures		**10788**
Closing balance		**0**

Restricted: Friday Friendship		
Opening balance		**2071.00**
Donations and legacies		
4911	Restricted Income - Grant - Portsmouth City Council	5989.20
4911	Open Bowls Fund raising	2190.70
4911	Cash donations	135.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**8314.90**
Expenditures		
5001	Friday Friendship Expenses	3979.04
Totals: Expenditures		3979.04
Closing balance		**6406.86**

Restricted: Vicar's salary Top-up		
Opening balance		**-7250.00**
Donations and legacies		
4910	Vicar's salary Top - Up	36250.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**36250.00**
Expenditures		
	Contributing towards Parish share Quota	29000.00
Totals: Expenditures		**29000.00**
Closing balance		**0.00**
Restricted: Capital Expenditure Grant Fund		
Opening balance		15981.00
Donations and legacies		
4917	Restricted Income - Capital Expenditure Grant receipts	33200.00
4917	VAT Reclaims	3275.17
Totals: Donations and legacies		**36475.17**
Expenditures		
7180	General Upkeep - Capital Expenditure	34321.21
Totals: Expenditures		**34321.21**
Closing balance		**18134.96**

Restricted: Children and Families Expenses	
Opening balance	**0.00**
Donations and legacies	
4919 - PCC Agreed Transfer	1000.00
4915 - External Stripe Events	435.74
4919 - CTT Christmas grant	600.00
Totals: Donations and legacies	**2035.74**
Expenditures	
7571 - Children + Familes Expenses	1796.17
Totals: Expenditures	**1796.17**
Closing balance	**239.57**

Restricted: Youth Inc and Expenditure	
Opening balance	**0.00**
Donations and legacies	
4907 - Youth Fund - CTT	3000.00
Totals: Donations and legacies	**3000.00**
Expenditures	
7820 - Youth Expenses	131.47
Totals: Expenditures	**131.47**
Closing balance	**2868.53**

St Simon's church, Southsea - 1128695
Balance sheet - Detailed.

		As at 31 December 2025	As at 31 December 2024
Fixed Assets			
	Investment Property - 31 Gains road	75,000.00	75,000.00
	S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund	63,888.71	66,549.21
Totals: Fixed Assets		**138,888.71**	**141,549.21**
Current Assets			
	General Fund Bank Account	63596.95	44675.78
	Sunday Suppers Bank Account	74084.54	73359.09
	General Fund Savings Account	1353.21	1342.53
	Accounts receivable	0.00	0.00
Totals: Current Assets		**139034.70**	**119377.40**
Liabilities			
	Accounts payable	0.00	0.00
Totals: Liabilities		**0.00**	**0.00**
Net Asset Surplus(Deficit)		**277923.41**	**260926.61**
Reserves			
	Excess/Deficit to date	19657.09	45864.91
	Starting balances	260926.61	213572.58
	Gains/Losses on investment assets	-2660.50	1489.12
	Gains/Losses on revaluation assets		
Totals: Reserves		**277923.41**	**260926.61**

St Simon's church, Southsea - 1128695
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Fund Closing balances as at 31 December 2025

		Balance	Previous Year balance
Investments			
	CBF CoE Investment Fund - Asset		
	Unrestricted - General fund	63,888.71	66,549.21
		63,888.71	**66,549.21**
Tangible assets			
	31 Gains road - Asset		
	Unrestricted - General fund	75,000.00	75,000.00
		75,000.00	**75,000.00**
Cash at bank and in hand			
	Restricted Funds		
	Sunday Suppers	74,084.54	73,359.09
	The Prayer space roof project	14,923.26	23,760.00
	Capital - Fabric Expenditure projects	18,134.96	15,981.00
	Friday Friendship	6,406.86	2,071.00
	Youth Funds	2,868.53	0.00
	Children and Families Fund	239.57	0.00
	Restricted Funds	116,657.72	115,171.09
	Unrestricted - General Fund	21,023.77	2,863.00
	Unrestricted Funds	21,023.77	2,863.00

St Simon's church, Southsea - 1128695

Bank reconciliation - St Simons Main current Account

Balance as per bank account per accounts (Cash book)	91296.55	
Balance as per savings account(Cash book)	1353.21	
Total:		92649.76
Balance as per BANK ACCOUNTS		
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-93-04 Account No: 00752488	91296.34	
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-93-04 Account No: 00181472	1353.21	
Total:		92649.55

Bank reconciliation - St Simons Sunday Suppers Account

Balance as per bank account per accounts (Cash book)	46384.94
Balance as per BANK ACCOUNT	46384.95
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-99-50 Account No: 28751462	

Cashbook Components

Unrestricted Account	20917
Friday Friendship - Restricted	6407
PrayerSpace project funds - Restricted	14923
Capital Income and Expenditure - Restricted	18135
Sunday Supper holdings - Restricted	27700
Youth Funds - Restricted	2869
Children and Families Funds - Restricted	240
Stripe - Excess/Outstanding	107
	91296.55

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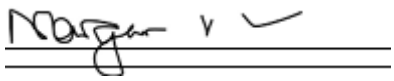
Signed:		**Date:**	17/3/26
Name:	Margaret Burke ACMA CGMA		
Relevant professional	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants		

qualification(s) or body (if any):	
Address:	41 Ophir Road
	Portsmouth
	PO2 9EL

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT SIMON, SOUTHSEA

England & Wales - Charity number 1128695

Accounts

St Simon's Southsea

Planting hope, growing disciples

St SIMON'S CHURCH, WAVERLEY ROAD, SOUTHSEA PO5 2PW

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024

PCC Annual report for APCM April 2025: Rev Jackie Twine [Chair PCC]; Fran Sherren [Church Warden] & Paul Jenkins [Church Warden]

INTRODUCTION – Rev Jackie Twine [Priest in Charge]

We thank God for another blessed year here at St Simon's. His abundant grace and generosity towards us never fails to amaze and delight me, and I praise him for his goodness to us.

It's been a great year for new starts with some wonderful baptisms and reaffirmations of faith (and I smile at the memory of Mick, Dinah, Oyin, John and I struggling to put the baptism pool up in the lower hall - as soon as we'd secured one side, the other side would ping off!).

Our little group of Explorers soon became the flourishing new house group of Seekers wonderfully led by Chris and Geraldine. Oyin began his reader training (as well as being our quite new treasurer), and we were joined by Kevin our new curate, as well as having the pleasure of hosting placements for Sue and Charlotte- both in training at Sarum. Andrea has started a brand-new parents' drop-in group- with time for chat, and prayer and home-made biscuits as well as increasing our presence and teaching so much at Southsea Infants.

As well as new starts we've seen the past re-gained as we once again have welcomed Mayville to use our upper hall during the week, and I have offered to act, in an unofficial capacity, as their school chaplain. We have all also been greatly blessed by the reformation of the band - and we

appreciate the time put in by Fran, Rob, Craig and David in making this happen.

Another renewal has been the work on the prayer space which is still in underway. (I have realised that engaging with the diocese, the architects and the builders is never going to be a swift process, and I thank Mick for his ongoing work and incredible patience.) The prayer space group have been creating some plans (with Alex as our volunteer architect) to put to the PCC. We have had to strip back, but by no means abandon our plans as costs on the actual repair of the roof and plaster came in at £44,000 approx.

But thanks to God, and the incredible generosity of the wonderful congregation (did you know between you, you raised £38,000 in total towards the prayer space), and the diligence of John Twine in obtaining funding from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Portsmouth City Council and the National Churches Trust we hope to have a beautiful and dry area to pray and worship and chat in, in the not too distant future.

And speaking of building work, this year we have seen our Fabric committee oversee painting to the lower hall, new blinds, new furniture (thank you to Fran and Linda and Louise for putting some funding from Sunday Suppers and Friday Friendship together for that) and beautiful new toilets (I'm not sure if toilets can be called beautiful, but ours certainly are) - again thanks to Portsmouth City Council for their generous funding and John (Twine) and Oyin for managing

that process. We have also seen the installation of the St Simon's clouds- and what a difference these have made!

The atmosphere in Sunday Suppers has completely changed from a quite loud, noisy, hectic affair, to one of peace and calmness - where no one has to raise their voice to be heard, or strain their ears to listen. And Friday Friendship can share their coffee and cakes, and wonderful meals in a warm and convivial atmosphere. Thank you to both those very strong and faithful teams of volunteers.

We celebrated the 30th Anniversary of Sunday Suppers (thanks be to God for his generous provision to those in need) with cakes, and little treats and the arrival of the Dreams and Realities exhibition- organised by Paul and hosted by St Simon's for a week for many to come in and view. We greatly enjoyed the launch at which several local dignitaries were present.

As well as the exhibition we have hosted and organised several events. Our thanks to Louise for organising Empty Bowls and the Art project. Thanks to our fantastic social committee, chaired by Dinah for organising a whole host of social events - Grub Club, Quiz Nights, men's breakfasts, ladies' tea and cakes, All Age activities and games to name but a few. We are looking forward to the VE celebrations- I hope you've all sorted your fancy dress!

Sadly in the midst of such life, we have taken a good few funerals (eight over the year) and have had to say goodbye,

for various reasons to some members of our congregation and our Sunday Suppers and Friday Friendship communities. We are a loving community, and miss all who have travelled with us, and now no longer do so.

But as well as saying goodbye to some, we have said 'hello' to many, many more. Many of you will have noticed that our number continues to grow - and we have so many new faces that Kevin and Elly who lead our welcome team, have begun to arrange 'meet the team' get togethers so we can get to know our newcomers a little better. From a statistical point of view our numbers are now significantly higher than they were in 2019. And at a time when many churches have seen numbers drop (with COVID having a significant impact on that) we have seen our electoral roll increase from 103 in April 2019 to just under 120 this year. Again, at odds with many churches, we continue to be delighted at seeing the ranks of our children and young people swell. A big thank you to Andrea and her team for such incredible and inspiring work, and to Kevin and Paulette, who stepped into the breach when we said goodbye to Jack.

I feel our next undertaking must be to increase our digital presence if we are to continue to increase our engagement with a generation of people who have been badly damaged by lockdown and are greatly in need of hearing and experiencing that they are loved, valued, saved and created by our loving heavenly Father, and who will flourish in such a loving community as ours. And I thank Shade, Dave and Kevin for beginning to plan for these next steps forwards, as

well as appreciating all who have been part of our digital ministry to date.

I've mentioned many names, but there are so, so many names I could mention of all who have helped and supported St Simon's this year. But that would make this report ridiculously long. So I will just offer my thanks to our incredible churchwardens Paul and Fran, our fantastic PCC who put in so much to keep the church running, to our awesome ministry team - Bob, Andrea, Kevin, Oyin and John, to the members of all our teams and committees and to Craig and William and Mick - who work tirelessly and steadily, often in the background; to our friends at the Coffee Tavern Trust and the Waverley Trust. And to you all - I see what you do, and I appreciate you. And of course, I offer a heart full of thanksgiving to our beautiful Saviour Jesus Christ, who is at work in and through it all, that who we are what we do may give glory to our Father in heaven.

Finally, I was at an extremely large meeting of diocesan clergy recently and my heart went out to Bishop Jonathan who was desperately trying to place which clergy were part of which churches, with so many of us milling around. Then he looked at me and said "Ah, Jackie. You're the priest who really loves her congregation" Of course I do. How could I not. Jackie

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Annual Report from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2024

This is the annual report of the PCC proceedings and activities for St Simon's Church PCC for 2024.
This report covers the whole of the 2024 year.

-Administrative information

St Simon's Church is situated on Waverley Road in Southsea. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to the church office, St. Simon's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PW.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council powers Measure. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission (2009) as Charity no. 1128695 within the meaning of the charities Act 1993.

The PCC is required to provide an annual report on proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally for discussion at the annual meeting.

-PCC Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Simon's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines

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and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical

The Priest in Charge is supported in the leadership of the church by the church wardens and PCC.

-PCC Structure, governance and management

Normal membership of the PCC consists of certain ex-officio members: the priest in charge, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM). All church members are encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC or to nominate others, and we aim to have a balance of skills, background and experience where possible.

The PCC is responsible for a wider range of matters affecting the work and ministry of the church, including compliance with health and safety and equalities and diversity legislation and **with due regard to the Church of England House of Bishops safeguarding guidance in relation to children and vulnerable adults.**

In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC hold a legal responsibility to promote its charitable purpose and for the stewardship of funds including appropriate accounting and reporting of the parish finances. The PCC works to ensure that each member is equipped to fulfil their role. Upon

election, new members of the PCC are given an induction which includes their roles and responsibilities, the PCC's agreed policies and procedures, and the most recent minutes. At the first meeting of the new PCC, the vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer are elected. The churchwardens, secretary and treasurer are encouraged to attend courses run by the diocese on their particular work and all PCC members must attend the relevant diocesan safeguarding training. Regular mailings from the diocese keep the officers up to date with changes in church regulation and financial procedure and these are reported to the whole PCC as appropriate.

During the year 2024 the following served as members of the PCC:-

Priest in Charge: Rev Jackie Twine
Curate: Kevin Jones
Churchwardens: Francesca Sherren and Paul Jenkins
Deanery Synod Representatives: Dr Hugh Mason; Paul Jenkins

-Elected Members:
1. Phil Gower (Treasurer)
2. Oyin Alonge (Treasurer/Director of finance from November 2019)
3. Linda Jenkins (PCC secretary from November 2019)
4. Patrick Jolly
5. Jerry Brown

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6. Louise Roulston
7. Elly Mulvany
8. John Twine (Anna Chaplain)
9. Margaret Geary
10. Kevin Jones (Curate)

At the April 2024 Annual Meeting the following posts in the PCC were confirmed:

- Paul Jenkins was re-elected Church Warden
- Francesca Sherren was re-elected as Church Warden
- Hugh Mason was re-elected as Deanery Synod representative
- Paul Jenkins re-elected as Health and Safety Officer
- Phil Gower was re-elected
- Oyin Alonge was elected Treasurer
- Pat Jolly was re-elected onto the PCC
- Elly Mulvany was re-elected onto the PCC

John Bazley remained as Safeguarding Officer
Meetings of the PCC were held in church with the PCC Standing Committee meetings held via Zoom, following relevant government and Church of England guidance. The PCC welcomed regular reports from the Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Fabric Committee and the children's ministry work.

The PCC delegates a number of its functions to sub committees which include the following:

-Standing committee

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The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with dependent on the number of names on the church electoral roll. The Standing Committee consists of the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, the Treasure, the PCC Secretary and at least two other members of the PCC. It may transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC . The Standing Committee met every other month between the PCC meetings to set the PCC agenda and deal with any urgent items.

-Fabric committee

The Fabric committee exists to ensure that the fabric of the church building is properly maintained and that the findings of the quinquennial inspection are acted upon. It was formed several years ago and reports to the PCC as appropriate. The committee has overseen work such as roof repairs, planning internal improvements and regular church cleaning and is ably led by the chairperson Mick Walters.

-Mission Team

Each year the church gives at least 10% of its unrestricted income to home and overseas mission work. The committee canvassed the congregation for ideas on which charities should be supported and six were identified; two each of a local, national and international focus in their work.

-Risk assessment

The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the church has been exposed have been identified by a risk analysis

exercise carried out by PCC members. The risks identified and steps taken to mitigate these risks are as follows:

- Property fire or theft: Insurance cover continues against both these risks. Fire inspections are carried out annually by a suitably qualified and experienced professional and fire extinguishers are tested and replaced and advised.

- Misappropriation of funds: The budgeted expenditure for each year is approved by the full PCC. The PCC has a "fiduciary duty" to operate with due regard to the Church of England Legal Advisory Commission guidance which highlights "…the duty to protect the assets of the charity". The PCC operates a system of controls including analytical reviews and segregation of duties that are designed to militate against any potential for the misappropriation of funds.

- Revenue falling below committed expenditure: The level of giving was monitored throughout the year, and the financial situation (income and expenditure) was reviewed by the PCC.

The treasurers Phil Gower (outgoing) and Oyin Alonge have worked on a new accounting system -SAGE- (similar to the one in use at St Jude's and St Margaret's churches) with help from Gail Chipperfield and budget planning to allow each project area of church activities to be managed by a budget holder. The new system came into effect at the end of the 2023 financial year.

- **GDPR**

We have had one data protection / privacy issue during this period which was identified, reported on and acted on appropriately to mitigate any further issues.

-Electoral roll and attendance

The electoral roll stood at **117 on 18TH MARCH 2025.**

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-Major activities over recent months.

Staff Team: We continue to hold Staff Team meetings and 'one on one' meetings with Rev. Jackie Twine are held fortnightly and more concentrated. Also, on a Wednesday morning the staff hold a short Morning Prayer time (which includes prayer for St. Simon's).

Communication could be better between non-paid staff and the office as late responses, or intent planning of activities can have a knock-on effect of creating extra work and difficulties planning of the church calendar etc.

Hall Lettings: Of the two regular bookings we gained in the previous year the Portsmouth Lindy Hop Group, renewed with us to continue Thursday evenings and what was the Kitchen of Hope, now cook on the occasional Fridays with our Friday Friendship group, so are not now a regular paying room hirer.

The upstairs regular booking by the shelf defence group came to an end in July.

We have however gained a regular booking with Mayville High school for use of the upstairs hall during term times. They agreed a day winter & summer day rate with St. Simon's from 9am – 3.30pm each day. This also includes one of their cleaners coming into St. Simon's at the end of their day thus not increasing the number of hours that may have been needed for our caretaker. They also paid & organised for the refurbishment of the Upper Hall. This can enhance the future hiring of the Upper Hall which has proved challenging due to the lack of daylight & access.

We have also added a regular booking from Solent Mind for the use of the Lower Hall on a Wednesday afternoon. This booking is due increase by an extra half hour from April. Due to this connection St Simons was also used by the NHS as Immunisation Clinic in November, also bringing in extra revenue.

Portsmouth City Council continued to use the premises as a Polling Station; twice in 2024. Although no Polling is planned for 2025 Portsmouth City Council plan to use St. Simon's in the future.

The prices are still competitive and have not been raised this year. Generally, one off private bookings are kept at a minimum of a 3 hour booking due to heating & administrative costs.

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Events: The number of social events and activities continue to increase.

Finance: We continue to work closely with the Treasurer regarding running costs and budgeting. A separate Bank Account for the Sunday Suppers team was opened and is now up and running. This has reduced the need to re-imburse purchases for the Sunday Supper's via the Church Office.

Energy Costs: Energy costs are still running high. Some people are continuing not turn lights off or leaving the heating on. This is one cost that we could reduce.

Car Park: The car park management continues to effective in reducing the number of vehicles parking without good reason. However, there are still a number of incidents with people contacting the office when they have received a ticket or failed to register their vehicle. It should be noted that it is the responsibility of all car owners to make sure they register their vehicle and that the church office can't cancel tickets.

AV: Two of the other computers were upgraded the third would also welcome an upgrade as it is frustratingly slow. Church Suite was installed and has improved some ways of working. There are a few learning curves but also a need for more people to engage with it as it is a helpful tool for especially holding events and sign-ups.

Building works: The Church has had had & continues to have many building projects. As the church is increasingly busier it

can be quite challenging to plan everything in at times. An authorisation Flow chart has now been created which going forward if there is a need for a higher cost repair, discussions as to how this should proceed can be activated quicker.

Rotas: Preparing the Sunday Rotas can still be challenging at times due to a availability of volunteers. It should be noted that we place a large workload on a core number of volunteers for some specific roles i.e. AV Team, Back of House. We have seen a few people come forward to help with reading & prayers which is good to see. Announcements for more volunteers has been made at Sunday services & the Newsletter however the need is still there to encourage others to come forward to help with these specific roles.

Churchwardens' Report -2024 – Paul Jenkins and Fran Sherren; Church Wardens

St Simon's is so many things to so many people, as it has been over more than a century and a half. It is of course an imposing building, with a rather austere exterior, that belies the warmth and beauty of its interior. It's something remarked on by so many people, when they cross the threshold of the church for the first time. And it has become the spiritual home to many who have made that first journey through that red, Victorian door for the first time. Our challenge is to facilitate that journey for many more people,

who walk by every day, but never pause to make that bold step through our door.

We have been blessed this year with many new faces and we delight in getting to know new names and to hear new life and faith stories. We have been particularly blessed to have been joined by new families, swelling the ranks of our young people. Andrea, with the help of her faithful volunteers, has continued to nurture and support these wonderful young people and their families.

Seeing our numbers grow is hugely encouraging and we thank God for all he is doing in our church family. But we are challenged not just to open our doors to new members of our church family, but to recognise that they come with skills and talents that God calls them to use in His service. How can we as a church family encourage and support our newer members to grow in their service and eventually perhaps become part of the leadership of the church?

We need to be encouraging and supportive and be willing at times to give way to others, to allow them the space in which to serve. This is a dynamic church, with many great ideas and aspirations. But we are often challenged to find the people we need to make these aspirations a reality. ***"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the harvest field" (Matthew 9:37-38).***

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Let us all reflect on what we could do for God in this church and community. But let us all also reflect on how we can nurture others, as they seek to use their God given skills and talents in his service.

Like all of us, our beautiful church building is not getting any younger. As with hundreds of other churches across the country, we continually wrestle with the constant attention that is required, to ensure that the church building can continue to be not only a place of worship, but also a key resource for our community.

Our Fabric Committee have been tireless, not only in addressing the many maintenance problems that require urgent attention, but also in helping to make our building a more comfortable and accessible place for the diverse groups who use the space. The lower hall has been transformed with new lighting, new furniture and improved acoustics, which has made a huge difference to the ambiance.

After the completion of major repairs to the roof, we are now moving forward with the plans to develop the prayer space. When the work is complete, this will be a very special place of quiet and reflection in St Simon's, which will be treasured by all those who use it.

God's provision through the generosity of our church family has allowed this work on the prayer space to be undertaken. We are very blessed as a church with people who have been willing to invest in this vision for our church building. We

have also been blessed with the support of funding through several external donors, particularly Portsmouth City Council. Access to this funding has been largely thanks to John Twine, whose has identified and creatively pursued many potential donors, helping us build a solid fund for our development plans.

Our doors are open now to many different groups that reflect the diversity of our community in Southsea. Sunday Suppers, now in its fourth decade, continues to provide comfort to many people living on the margins in our city. We are greatly blessed to have the resources, wonderful volunteers and funding, to allow us to provide this important ministry in our community. We have also become a place of refuge and support for our asylum seeker friends, who gather with us every Friday morning. Our relationship with Mayville School, who make increasing use of our building, has continued to flourish.

Our challenge is to understand how, working together with all these groups, we can build a stronger, more open, more compassionate and loving church for God in Southsea.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Treasurer's Report 2023- Oyin Alonge and Gail Chipperfield.

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We had a few activities in 2024 keeping us busy. We moved from our old system to Sage accounting this year. We set up a separate bank account for our Sunday Supper account and a new management system with Equals Money on how operations are managed for Sunday Suppers to make it more efficient and protect our buyers.

We are thankful to the church for your giving as we have again paid our full Parish share and supported our six approved charities.

We are also thankful for the prayers and action of faith in response to the Prayer space. Raising just under £44,000 from direct donations, the church was able to pursue the project and although it is still ongoing, it would not have been possible without these contributions. Please see our finance report for additional funding raised towards the prayer space.

We remain thankful to the Coffee Tavern Trust [CTT] who have remained steadfast in their support with contributions towards our annual building insurance charge, subsidy towards our vicar's salary and support for children's work especially at Christmas.

We also want to thank the Waverley Trust for the continued commitment through their donations towards our Administrators' salary.

We want to critically mention the work of our Grants team – John Twine and Jerry Brown who secured just over £120,000

for our in-house ministries being Sunday Suppers, capital projects in church (please reference the Fabric report) and our day-to-day revenue costs.

Fully aware of the economic challenges and rising costs, we continue to look for ways to subsidise our income as a church as we would be severely challenged to continue our work without your contributions and the support earlier outlined. We want to reach a point where we are less reliant on grant and trust funding.

Joining the Parish giving scheme will ensure we are able to claim gift aid on your donations. Your recommendations to friends and family that our premises are available for hire would also increase our available unrestricted income.

We continue to monitor our costs closely by setting budgets at the beginning of the year and work with budget holders to review spending quarterly.

We thank you all again for your contributions and donations.

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Fixed Asset Note (1 Jan 2024 - 31 December 2024)

Type of transaction		Investment Property
	Opening balance	75,000.00
	Increase in the value of the fixed asset	0.00
	Movement	0.00
	Closing balance	**75,000.00**

Type of transaction		CoE Investment Fund
	Opening balance	65,060.09
	Increase in the value of the fixed asset	1,489.12
	Movement	1,489.12
	Closing balance	**66,549.21**

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Income and Endowments

Unrestricted Income

Donations and Legacies		
4000	Parish Giving Scheme - Direct donations	16332.24
4001	Unrestricted Income - Manual Gift Aid receipts	25765.00
4002	Unrestricted Income - Non Gift Aid Bank receipts	4766.25
4003	Unrestricted Income - Sunday Cash Offerings	4311.26
4004	Unrestricted Income - Sum-Up online receipts	1080.01
4006	Unrestricted Income - Parish Giving Scheme - Tax recoverable	3428.73
4007	Unrestricted Income - Tax recoverable - Standard Gift Aid receipts	6048.44
Totals: Donations and legacies		**61731.93**
Other trading activities		
4009	Unrestricted Income - Rental Income	13935.52
4013	Unrestricted Income - Miscellaneous Income - Wedding and Funerals	3018.73
Totals: Other trading activities Totals		**16954.25**
Investments		
4012	Unrestricted Income - CCLA Investment Income	1806.01
Totals: Investments		**1806.01**
Other Income		
4010	Unrestricted Income - Investment Property Income	11532.00
4016	Unrestricted Income - Revenue Maintenance Grant receipts	5780.00
4017	Unrestricted Income - Waverley Trust Grant	10060.00
Totals: Other Income		**27372.00**
Grand Totals: Income and Endowments		107864.19

Expenditure

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5000	Parish Share Quota	42066.00
6001	Church fellowship Expenditure	220.77
7002	Employee and Employer pension payments - NEST	1263.92
7011	Administrator Salary	9764.70
7012	Children's Pastor Salary	17048.92
7013	General Maintenance Salary	8020.41
7016	Miscellaneous General Expenses	1348.00
7021	HMRC - PAYE Total + Employee NI	3813.25
7022	Payroll expenses	360.00
7110	Water Rates	91.12
7130	Premises Insurance	7685.68
7190	Rental Deposit returns	400.00
7200	Electricity	12056.78
7500	Printing	336.58
7520	Office Stationery	622.02
7530	Telephone	576.35
7540	Internet Charges	853.98
7570	Children's Pastor Expenses	172.17
7571	Children and Youth work expenses	931.36
7572	General Church Upkeep - Revenue expenditure	3460.11
7580	General Music Administration expenditure	28.67
7590	General Administrative expenditure	468.65
7810	Cleaning	1297.34
7900	Bank Charges and Interest	227.59
8000	Copyright Licenses	714.37
8001	Vicar Top-Up salary	29000.00
Totals: Other expenditure		**100762.74**
Grand Totals: Expenditures		100762.74

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Restricted: Sunday Suppers Fund		
Opening balance		**36729.63**
Donations and legacies		
4900	Restricted Income - Sunday Suppers - Direct Donations	4020.00
Sunday Supper Bank Account No	Restricted Income - Sunday Suppers - Direct Donations	1355.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**5375.00**
Other Charitable Grant receipts		
4916	Portsmouth City Council - Grants	63000.00
Sunday Supper Bank account No	Partnerhip Foodbank	1000.00
Totals: Other charitable Grant receipts		**64000.00**
Expenditures		
1200:St Simons bank account	Consumables	9523.00
Sunday Supper Bank account No	Consumables	14295.00
Sunday Supper Bank account No	Capital Expenditure - Sound absorbers	7427.54
Grant reallocation - General Fund: Jan 2024	General Fund reallocation	1500.00
Totals: Expenditures		**32745.54**
Closing balance		**73359.09**

Restricted: The Prayer Space Project Fund		
Opening balance		**0.00**
Donations and legacies		
4904	Direct donations	31287.81
4904	HMRC Gift Aid reclaim	12681.90
4904	Portsmouth City Council - Grant	3000.00
4904	Grant - National Churches Grant	15000.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**61969.71**
Expenditures		
5011	The Prayer space expenses	38208.96
Totals: Expenditures		**38208.96**
Closing balance		**23760.75**

Restricted: Alms Fund		
Opening balance		
Expenditures		
5012	Charity Disbursements	11340
Totals: Expenditures		**11340**
Closing balance		

Restricted: Friday Friendship		
Opening balance		0.00
Donations and legacies		
4911	Restricted Income - Grant - Portsmouth City Council	8909.00
	Open Bowls Fund raising	1406.05
Totals: Donations and legacies		**10315.05**
Expenditures		
5001	Friday Friendship Expenses	8243.54
Totals: Expenditures		8243.54
Closing balance		**2071.51**

Restricted: Vicar's salary Top-up		
Opening balance		**14502.00**
Donations and legacies		
4910	Vicar's salary Top - Up	7250.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**7250.00**
Expenditures		
	Contributing towards Parish share Quota	21752.00
Totals: Expenditures		**21752.00**
Closing balance		**0.00**

Restricted: Capital Expenditure Grant Fund		
Opening balance		1684.00
Donations and legacies		
4917	Restricted Income - Capital Expenditure Grant receipts	30777.76
Totals: Donations and legacies		**30777.76**
Expenditures		
7180	General Upkeep - Capital Expenditure	16481.07
Totals: Expenditures		**16481.07**
Closing balance		**15980.69**

Restricted: Energy expenditure		
Opening balance		**0.00**
Donations and legacies		
	Portsmouth City Council - Household Fund	6554.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**6554.00**
Expenditures		
	Contributing Unrestricted Energy expenses	6554.00
Totals: Expenditures		**6554.00**
Closing balance		**0.00**

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Balance sheet - Detailed.

		As at 31 December 2024	As at 31 December 2023
Fixed Assets			
	Investment Property - 31 Gains road	75,000.00	75,000.00
	S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund	66,549.21	65,060.09
Totals: Fixed Assets		**141,549.21**	**140,060.09**
Current Assets			
	General Fund Bank Account	44675.78	72227.13
	Sunday Suppers Bank Account	73359.09	0.00
	General Fund Savings Account	1342.53	1285.36
	Accounts receivable	0.00	0.00
Totals: Current Assets		**119377.40**	**73512.49**
Liabilities			
	Accounts payable	0.00	0.00
Totals: Liabilities		**0.00**	**0.00**
Net Asset Surplus(Deficit)		**260926.61**	**213572.58**
Reserves			
	Excess/Deficit to date	45864.91	20996.34
	Starting balances	213572.58	192576.24
	Gains/Losses on investment assets	1489.12	
	Gains/Losses on revaluation assets		
Totals: Reserves		**260926.61**	**213572.58**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (By fund) as at 31 December 2024

		Balance	Previous Year balance
Investments			
	CBF CoE Investment Fund - Asset		
	Unrestricted - General fund	66,549.21	65,060.09
		66,549.21	**65,060.09**
Tangible assets			
	31 Gains road - Asset		
	Unrestricted - General fund	75,000.00	75,000.00
		75,000.00	**75,000.00**
Cash at bank and in hand			
	Restricted Funds		
	Sunday Suppers	73,359.09	36,729.63
	The Prayer space roof project	23,760.00	0.00
	Friday Friendship	2,071.46	0.00
	Capital - Fabric Expenditure projects	15,980.69	1,684.00
	Vicar's Top Up - Coffee Tavern Trust	0.00	14,502.00
	Restricted Funds	**115,171.24**	**52,915.63**
	Unrestricted - General Fund	2,862.88	20,596.86
	Unrestricted Funds	**2,862.88**	**20,596.86**

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Bank reconciliation - St Simons Main current Account

Balance as per bank account per accounts (Cash book)	44675.78	
Balance as per savings account (Cash book)	1342.53	
Total:		46018.31
Add Restricted Income for Sunday Suppers		13821
Difference (Auditor noted!)		-50
Balance as per BANK ACCOUNTS		
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-93-04 Account No: 00752488	58446.78	
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-93-04 Account No: 00181472	1342.53	
Total:		59789.31

Bank reconciliation - St Simons Sunday Suppers Account

Balance as per bank account per accounts (Cash book)	73359.09
Less Restricted Income in St Simons (Main account)	13821.00
Balance as per BANK ACCOUNT	
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-99-50 Account No: 28751462	59538.77

Fabric Committee annual report 2024 – Mick Walters; Chair

During 2024 Michael Piper left the Committee. We expressed our thanks to him for his many years of service as Chairman and more recently as Secretary, in addition his DIY works. We were delighted to welcome Fran Sherren as Michael's replacement.

The Committee addressed the following major items of work on the building during 2024:

- replacement of the chancel south roof
- installing a trial heating system in the north aisle
- refurbishment of the lower hall, entrance porches and toilets
- replacing the lighting in the upper hall
- repairs to the three flat roof areas above the offices
- obtaining a ramp in order to provide disabled access to the chancel and Prayer Space
- removal of the iron railings and gate near the north door and installation of new cycle racks
- investigating the installation of ceiling panels in the lower hall in order to improve the acoustics
- several routine items of maintenance such as fire precautions, lightning conductor servicing, gutter clearance, etc.

Some of these items continue to be addressed in 2025.

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Several other items of maintenance and small problems have been addressed throughout the year. Many of these have been carried out by church members resulting in considerable financial savings. Thanks are due to a number of people who are not named here in order to avoid the risk of omitting any. Their work often goes unseen but is much appreciated.

The immediate priorities for the coming year are the Prayer Space and the flat roof areas above the offices. Both of these will entail significant works.

Safeguarding annual report 2024 – John Bazley [Safeguarding Officer]

Since the last APCM on the 21st April 2024 there have been 4 (7*) reported safeguarding concerns/incidents raised with the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). All incidents have been resolved/closed and, where appropriate, Diocesan Safeguarding staff notified. The PCC receives a written report at every meeting and where appropriate the priest in charge and Churchwardens are notified of incidents. Throughout the last year the PCC has had due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance and fully met all the requirements laid down in The Parish Safeguarding Handbook. Simon's is fully compliant with the Church of England (CofE) mandatory requirements for safeguarding, this is monitored and maintained via a CofE devised online

portal called “The Parish Dashboard” which is maintained by the PSO and accessible by the priest in charge and both Churchwardens. A summary of the Dashboard status is reported at each PCC. Safeguarding Training and DBS Status Currently 33 (28*) church members have completed Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) checks and 1 check is still outstanding. DBS checks are required to be updated every 3 years. 67 (56*) church members/volunteers have completed the required safeguarding training to enable them to safely carry out their role within the church community. With 3(2*) minor exceptions St Simon’s is fully up to date with the training requirements. John Bazley Parish Safeguarding Officer St Simon’s, Southsea 25th March 2025 [*Indicates numbers from 2024]

Deanery Synod annual report 2024 Hugh Mason [Deanery Synod representative]

The Deanery Synod has met three times during the last year; at St Jude’s in June, at St Luke’s in October and at St Simons in February. The business of Synod is made up of perennial matters, reports of ongoing projects and current issues. This year apart from the perennial matter of finances, both the financing of the deanery and the payment of parish share to the diocese, we have looked at two or three current projects. The work of Anna chaplaincies, a relatively new development in our diocese was considered at the October and February meetings while the evolving Deanery Plan for rejuvenating

the work of the parishes and the development of joint working has been a matter considered at every meeting.

At the June meeting Shamila Dhana spoke very powerfully about the work of the City of Sanctuary and of why this support function was so vital for the 3,000 or so refugees who are living in Portsmouth. We also considered the increasing opportunities for lay ministry in the Church, a review of parish share, and, inevitably, the imminent General Election and the opportunities for hustings. The October meeting was largely concerned with ongoing business but the February meeting looked at the way in which initiatives such as 'choir church' and 'finding your voice' were reaching out to young people with no church experience. We also considered whether a 'walk of witness' could be held during June and part of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative.

Some people have questioned the value of the Deanery Synod since it only infrequently is asked for opinion or decision on matters of church governance. I have found, however, that it has a very important role in this time when many churches are struggling to maintain congregations and effective outreach, by enabling the churches in the deanery to learn of new opportunities and initiatives and to develop ways of working together. If the church is to thrive we need to work together on the local stage.

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Children's Ministry (Shipmates) annual report 2024 - Andrea Grainger; Children and Families Pastor

Shipmates have had a busy year, we've had new Families join our Sunday Congregation and we continue to offer a full range of provision.

On the first Sunday of each month the Shipmates Family Service is enjoyed by both children and adults, each month being a standalone service.

Our Shipmates Primary Group on 2nd and 4th Sundays generally follows the sermon series, while the Shipmates Early Years consolidates the theme we are following in the Stay and Play and Play and Praise groups.

Andrea plans each session and we have 4 regular volunteers for Early Years and 2 working with Andrea for Primary. This year as our children have grown older we have also been able to start a youth group on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Andrea continues to plan 3rd Sunday Intergenerational Services which are delivered by Children and Families and other Congregation members. Having their parents involved too shows the children that they are making a valuable contribution to the church when they participate in services.

5th Sundays have continued in the Café Church format and offer an opportunity for a longer Intergenerational Service as there is no Communion.

Not all families attend every week, but for our Christmas Nativity we had a cast of 31 children and young people.

During the week we continue to run a Stay and Play group on a Monday we have added a couple of new volunteers this year and welcomed back some old ones. In addition to bible themed sensory play and craft we've added a short story slot before singing time to consolidate the days teaching.

Tuesday sees two ‘Play and Praise’ groups and an after school group which also follow a biblical theme. Play and Praise finishes with a 20 minute Toddler Praise Session each week and Shipmates Cafe has a weekly challenge to explore a bible story or Christian theme through activity or craft. Christian meditations lying on beanbags under the (projected) stars had been very popular this year.
We also have a busy Childminders group between sessions on a Tuesday.

We've had a lot of contact with Southsea Infants this year with class visits to the church and Andrea taking sessions in school.
We were also very pleased to host the school Nativity Play at St Simon's again for the first time in many years.

We have run several parents events through the year including a regular ‘Drop Off Pop In’ Coffee Morning with a time of prayer. This hasn't had huge numbers but we have a regular group who have developed a strong relationship and essentially become a small cell group.

Our annual fundraising project to cover the cost of the donkey at the Crib Service tried something different this year involving the whole church family. We showered Southsea with knitted Angels bearing Tidings of Joy and inviting people

to our Christmas Services; many thanks to the people who knitted them and the people who bought them and distributed them around the local area for people to find and keep.

At the time of writing we have 19 volunteers supporting the Children's Ministry and without their support and faithful service we would be nothing.

May I ask that you include them and all the families who attend St Simon's in your prayers?

Curacy + Youth work 2024 - Kevin Jones [Curate]

I would like to express my gratitude to St. Simon's for the warm welcome I have received. Since joining in June of last year, it has been a true joy, honour, and privilege to serve in various capacities within this church. From being part of the Welcome Team, Sunday Suppers, and the PCC, to leading and preaching at services—including the special Christmas carol service and playing the role of the singing shepherd in the Crib Service. I've also had the privilege of guiding our wonderful youth toward a deeper relationship with God. I eagerly look forward to what God has in store for all of us in the coming year.

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Mission Team annual report 2024 - Geraldine Poulter

'Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves 'who can I help?" [From "The Message Bible": Romans 15:2]

We are following a new process to review and renew our charity giving over the next few years, and many thanks to those of you who took the time to nominate a new charity to support. After careful consideration of those submitted it was the decision of the PCC to replace "Flame International Charity" and adopt "Home Start Portsmouth" as the new charity to support.
The charities we are now supporting are:

- Frontline Debt
- Beyond the Streets
- Bereaved Families Holiday
- Joshua Radio
- Portsmouth City of Sanctuary
- HomeStart Portsmouth
- Our new charity - Home Start Portsmouth - supports families through volunteers working alongside families to offer compassionate and confidential support tailored to each family, focused on the early years of a child's life.

Each has gratefully received £1890 from the unrestricted funds, for which they are very grateful, especially in these

financially challenging times. The length of time each charity will be supported for is the decision of the PCC.

- We welcomed Shamila Dhana from Portsmouth City of Sanctuary who shared news of their work with Asylum seekers.
- Two of our charities – Home Start Portsmouth and Frontline Debt - have offered to come and talk about their work in future with dates to be arranged in 2025.
- The notice board in the church lower hall has an updated display of the current six charities we support.

In your prayers please ask God to strengthen the bonds of our community through mutual sharing and generosity so that relationships grow deeper and hearts grow closer.

Thank you to Sue Bussey who has taken her place in the work with Geraldine as Ruth Warnwer stepped down.

Pastoral Ministry annual report 2024 – Bob Mason

The Pastoral Team meets every 4/5 weeks, although there is often informal contact by email between meetings. The team shares any known pastoral needs amongst the Church Family. These might include bereavements, illnesses, forthcoming hospital admissions, or concerns about members who are getting older, less mobile and more

dependent upon others. Team members commit themselves to pray for any needs and, depending on a member's circumstances, may follow up with a visit, phone call, or a gentle enquiry when they next appear in Church.

We also try to make note of any newcomers to St Simon's. It's not easy for Jackie to make meaningful contact with everyone who comes through the doors on a Sunday morning, so it is helpful to pool, and pass on, any helpful information gained.

John, our Anna Chaplain, updates us with his encounters over the previous month, and also shares about the wider Anna ministry across the City.

Our ministry in Care Homes is an important aspect. Services are taken in their Community Lounges, usually on a monthly basis. Andrea has kindly arranged for some of the young children from Little Shipmates to take part in these Services in the pre-Christmas period, and that has been welcomed by the residents. In addition, we are often asked by residents (or by their family members) to make personal visits, especially when the individual has just arrived, is unsettled or poorly, or is approaching the close of their lives. Some staff are becoming more aware of the value of 'end of life' spiritual support and, although this ministry can be demanding, it is very worthwhile.

To facilitate Anna Chaplaincy at the Cathedral we are in the course of transferring responsibility for two of our Care

Homes (Regency & Braemar) to them, leaving St Simon's with four Homes: Bluebell, St Ronan's, Clarendon and Alton Manor.

Anna Chaplaincy annual report 2024 – John Twine [Anna Chaplain]

As the commissioned Anna Chaplain for St Simon's I undertake a number of activities, which are broadly outlined as below. During the period April to December 2024, I took on the responsibility as Co-ordinator for the Portsmouth Deanery, which involved the supervision of the other Anna Chaplains within the Portsmouth Deanery. This was a temporary unpaid position, pending the appointment of a permanent salaried position (and that position was filled from 31st December 2024).

MEMORY LANE

This was launched in October 2023 as a group meeting every two weeks in the church, aimed at the over 70's, presenting an opportunity for people to gather to share past memories, stimulated by local history books, photographs, artefacts, or from a variety of Memory Boxes put together by Portsmouth Central Library. This is an informal gathering with refreshments provided. A nominal charge of £2 per person covers the cost of the refreshments. The group has continued throughout 2024 on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and has become a regular recognised activity, with

mainly people from the church congregation attending, but also from passers-by who see the sign outside.

CARE HOME SERVICES

Monthly services are undertaken by me at Bluebell and Braemar Care Homes, both within the Parish, and I am assisted by Sue Bussey. Each service lasts around half an hour with usually 3 hymns, a Bible reading, a brief talk from me, and concluding with The Lord's Prayer and a general prayer. We then spend some time chatting with residents briefly, and sometimes visiting a resident in their own room (if they were unable to get to the lounge) along with at least one member of staff, usually to offer prayer. In July, I also took on Clarendon Care Home form Michael Piper. Michael continues to accompany me, along with Corrine. Similarly, I also took on Alton Manor Care Home in September. In December, I was accompanied to 3 of the Care Homes by Andrea, our Children's Worker, who brought along some children form the church and their parents to carry out a Nativity activity, which was very well received.

Also, a few of the congregation joined me at Clarendon in December to sing a number of Christmas Carols – again, well received.

VISITS TO INDIVIDUALS AT THEIR HOMES

Every other month, I visit older members of the congregation who are physically not able to get along to St Simon's services. This usually involves a general chat, but also a time

of prayer or Home Communion. Occasionally I have visited people not from the congregation, but who live in the Parish, with similar circumstances.

Social Committee 2024 – Dinah Walters

The Social Committee in 2024 comprised the following members of the congregation: Gail Chipperfield, Phil Gower, Andy Taylor, John Twine, Kate Aldous and Shade Wilson. I would like to thank them all for their support during the year and for organising the various events.

Activities in 2024 revolved mainly around going out to local cafes and restaurants to join in fellowship over meals together. Destinations included curry nights at the Balti House and at the Haldi Indian restaurant on Albert Road; an evening meal at the Bodrum Restaurant, a lunch at Esquire's on Palmerston Road, two men's breakfasts at the Tenth Hole and a ladies' get-together in Dinah's home. The Midsummer Mystery Meal, an evening out by minibus to a secret destination for a pub meal, was the usual hit! In December we returned to the Keppel's Head for our Christmas Grub Club.

Our all-age Pizza and Play party in January was not the success we had hoped for – we overstretched ourselves in the pizza department. However, all the children who attended had a riotous time!

In April Andy organised another highly successful Quiz Night in the church, both a social event and a fundraiser for the church.

John Twine's initiative, Memory Lane, continues fortnightly for older members of the congregation. In 2023 John also instigated a monthly informal drinks evening at the Dockyard Club, which has continued to be well supported in 2024.

Thank you to everybody who supports our activities, by helping to organise or by attending our events.

Sunday Suppers annual report for 2024 - Francesca Sherren [leader]

St Simon's Church has always been at the heart of the community and Sunday Suppers is part of who we are.

NUMBERS of GUESTS
The numbers of guests attending this year has increased we regular feed between 55 and 70 guests every week. The guests who come to Sunday Suppers are part of our church family whether they have a faith or not. All are welcome.
OUR GUESTS
Almost all our guests are struggling with the cost-of-living rise. Some are living in poverty, recovering from or living with addiction, poor mental health or living in temporary accommodation. Very few of our guests are street homeless. Most of our guests come every week and we have built up friendly relationships with many of them. The volunteers know many of the guests by first name.

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Whatever their circumstances, our guests know

- It is a safe, warm place to get a free, hot meal
- they know us and trust us
- we're building relationships, a sense of belonging
- we can signpost them to other services
- We are here every week... that sounds a bit insignificant but for those who have grown up with people who've hurt them or let them down, it is really important.

FOOD

We continue to offer freshly cooked beef or chicken stew/curry/casserole, usually with a baked potato or pasta. We always offer a vegan alternative.

We offer a small goody bag to each guest with higher priced items they might not choose to buy for themselves, e.g. tinned meat, tinned fruit and puddings. The procurement team continues to work brilliantly and ensures the supplies never run out. This team comprises Dinah Walters, Dave Howell, Anthea Howell, Mel Mason and Jerry Brown.

FUNDING

We are so grateful for God's provision for Sunday Suppers. We have been blessed with significant funds this year to allow the work to continue, and to create a comfortable reserve for next year. Special thanks go to John Twine and Oyin Alonge for the immense time, effort and work they have done in this area.

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PRAYER TEAMS
This year, we have 2 people who regularly pray for Sunday Suppers while it is running from 5.30-to 7.00pm on a Sunday evening.

FAITH & BIBLES
We continue to offer a short Christian faith talk every week. Volunteers have had faith conversations with, and prayed with, several guests over the year.

VOLUNTEERS
8 volunteers left this year, and 10 new volunteers have joined the regular team. This means we have a total of 34 volunteers, at present. This ensures that each volunteer only needs to participate once or twice a month, except for Jerry and Fran who each attend 3 times every month.

SUNDAY SUPPERS ADVISORY GROUP
This group has been suspended and no longer meets. The guidance and support for Sunday Suppers now comes from Rev Jackie, the safeguarding officer and the church wardens.

THE 30th YEAR
We commemorated 30th years of Sunday Suppers by inviting some of the members of our congregation to a special dinner. Lois Earl, Hugh Mason, Diane Grimes and Gail Chipperfield have supported this work from the beginning.

We also tied our 30th anniversary in with a country-wide art exhibition from Churches Action on Poverty, called 'Dreams & Realities' by artist Stephen Martin and included photos and stories of some of our Sunday Suppers guests.

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We held a commemorative evening and invited representatives from Portsmouth city council, City of Sanctuary, the diocese and our local MP Stephen Morgan to thank everyone involved in this important work, including:

- Volunteers on Sunday evenings, who cook, serve and chat with our guests
- Volunteers behind the scenes, who get stuff done
- Support from our vicar (Rev Jackie Twine) & the Church PCC
- Regular food donations from local schools and churches
- Generous financial support from Portsmouth city council grants

Friday Friendship Coffee Morning 2024 – Louise Roulston & Linda Jenkins [leaders]

Friendship Friday coffee morning aims to be part of our church outreach mission and offers support for refugees & asylum seekers and for all those who are displaced and/or seeking sanctuary. We meet every Friday at St Simon's church lower hall. We offer a space to chat serving hot drinks, cake and biscuits and we play card games, table tennis or some art or craft activity. We have about 6 volunteers including two leaders/administrators of the group activity. We have on average about 10-15 people attending each week and have had guests from Afghanistan, Iran, Algeria, Eritrea, Mexico, Colombia, Uganda, Sudan.

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Our induction booklet (based on the one used by the Sunday Suppers team) guides our activities and have had a training session with our safeguarding officer on aspects of safeguarding and managing the kitchen area for serving of refreshments and monthly hot meals.

We continued our cooking sessions in 2024, engaging guests in showing us some of their traditional recipes and meals. In this way we can all learn from each other, improve English skills (which so many are keen to do) and develop relationships. We feel this is a real blessing and see the sharing of food and conversation as a 'holy habit' based on modelling Christ's own sharing of food as we eat together.

As an outcome of this venture, we have been fortunate to collaborate with Portsmouth City of Sanctuary [PCoS] in the cooking project "Kitchen of Hope", where we welcomed at least 30 people each month to share in an international meal prepared by chefs trained and supported by John Ashlin from 'Action for Asylum'. The project funding was from October 2023 but ended in October 2024. However, due to the generous funding secured by John Twine, we are able to continue the cooking sessions, supported by John Ashlin (from Action for Asylum), and sharing of meals with a regular group of asylum seekers. It is a wonderful sharing of God's love to everyone, no matter where they are from or their individual faiths. We are also blessed with the funding raised at the events organised by Louise, such as 'Art for Art's Sake' and 'Empty Bowls' which are well supported by our church

and wider local community and provide significant contribution towards costs of trips and activities.

During the year we planned a series of trips and the first was in the summer time to a friend's farm in the lovely Hampshire countryside. The guests we took were so appreciative and wanted to stay there in the peace and tranquillity of the surroundings – a far cry for many from their troubled situations at home! We then took a group of 20 to Winchester to visit the Cathedral, the Christmas market and the local Quaker House, who welcomed us into their house to share our packed lunches. We are blessed to have the funds for these trips and grateful to our local café, Melody's, for supplying our generous packed lunches at reasonable cost. We also intersperse meetings at church with visits to Cafe Fresco, Canoe Lake, to share in coffee and cake and are always made very welcome by Florence and her team who give us extra vouchers to cover some of the cost. It is always lovely to share with people who ask about our group and we have had many discussions with the wider community.

We continue to be blessed by the connections we make and are widening our understanding of wider issues faced by this group of vulnerable people.

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Fixed Asset Note (1 Jan 2024 - 31 December 2024)

Type of transaction		Investment Property
	Opening balance	75,000.00
	Increase in the value of the fixed asset	0.00
	Movement	0.00
	Closing balance	**75,000.00**

Type of transaction		F CoE Investment Fund
	Opening balance	65,060.09
	Increase in the value of the fixed asset	1,489.12
	Movement	1,489.12
	Closing balance	**66,549.21**

Income and Endowments

Unrestricted Income

Donations and Legacies		
4000	Parish Giving Scheme - Direct donations	16332.24
4001	Unrestricted Income - Manual Gift Aid receipts	25765.00
4002	Unrestricted Income - Non Gift Aid Bank receipts	4766.25
4003	Unrestricted Income - Sunday Cash Offerings	4311.26
4004	Unrestricted Income - Sum-Up online receipts	1080.01
4006	Unrestricted Income - Parish Giving Scheme - Tax recoverable	3428.73
4007	Unrestricted Income - Tax recoverable - Standard Gift Aid receipts	6048.44
Totals: Donations and legacies		**61731.93**
Other trading activities		
4009	Unrestricted Income - Rental Income	13935.52
4013	Unrestricted Income - Miscellaneous Income - Wedding and Funerals	3018.73
Totals: Other trading activities Totals		**16954.25**
Investments		
4012	Unrestricted Income - CCLA Investment Income	1806.01
Totals: Investments		**1806.01**
Other Income		
4010	Unrestricted Income - Investment Property Income	11532.00
4016	Unrestricted Income - Revenue Maintenance Grant receipts	5780.00
4017	Unrestricted Income - Waverley Trust Grant	10060.00
Totals: Other Income		**27372.00**
Grand Totals: Income and Endowments		107864.19

Expenditure

5000	Parish Share Quota	42066.00
6001	Church fellowship Expenditure	220.77
7002	Employee and Employer pension payments - NEST	1263.92
7011	Administrator Salary	9764.70
7012	Children's Pastor Salary	17048.92
7013	General Maintenance Salary	8020.41
7016	Miscellaneous General Expenses	1348.00
7021	HMRC - PAYE Total + Employee NI	3813.25
7022	Payroll expenses	360.00
7110	Water Rates	91.12
7130	Premises Insurance	7685.68
7190	Rental Deposit returns	400.00
7200	Electricity	12056.78
7500	Printing	336.58
7520	Office Stationery	622.02
7530	Telephone	576.35
7540	Internet Charges	853.98
7570	Children's Pastor Expenses	172.17
7571	Children and Youth work expenses	931.36
7572	General Church Upkeep - Revenue expenditure	3460.11
7580	General Music Administration expenditure	28.67
7590	General Administrative expenditure	468.65
7810	Cleaning	1297.34
7900	Bank Charges and Interest	227.59
8000	Copyright Licenses	714.37
8001	Vicar Top-Up salary	29000.00
Totals: Other expenditure		**100762.74**
Grand Totals: Expenditures		100762.74

Restricted: Sunday Suppers Fund

Opening balance		**36729.63**
Donations and legacies		
4900	Restricted Income - Sunday Suppers - Direct Donations	4020.00
Sunday Supper Bank Account No	Restricted Income - Sunday Suppers - Direct Donations	1355.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**5375.00**
Other Charitable Grant receipts		
4916	Portsmouth City Council - Grants	63000.00
Sunday Supper Bank account No	Partnerhip Foodbank	1000.00
Totals: Other charitable Grant receipts		**64000.00**
Expenditures		
1200:St Simons bank account	Consumables	9523.00
Sunday Supper Bank account No	Consumables	14295.00
Sunday Supper Bank account No	Capital Expenditure - Sound absorbers	7427.54
Grant reallocation - General Fund: Jan 2024	General Fund reallocation	1500.00
Totals: Expenditures		**32745.54**
Closing balance		**73359.09**

Restricted: The Prayer Space Project Fund

Opening balance		**0.00**
Donations and legacies		
4904	Direct donations	31287.81
4904	HMRC Gift Aid reclaim	12681.90
4904	Portsmouth City Council - Grant	3000.00
4904	Grant - National Churches Grant	15000.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**61969.71**
Expenditures		
5011	The Prayer space expenses	38208.96
Totals: Expenditures		**38208.96**
Closing balance		**23760.75**

Restricted: Alms Fund

Opening balance		
Expenditures		
5012	Charity Disbursements	11340
Totals: Expenditures		**11340**
Closing balance		

Restricted: Friday Friendship

Opening balance		0.00
Donations and legacies		
4911	Restricted Income - Grant - Portsmouth City Council	8909.00
	Open Bowls Fund raising	1406.05
Totals: Donations and legacies		**10315.05**
Expenditures		
5001	Friday Friendship Expenses	8243.54
Totals: Expenditures		8243.54
Closing balance		**2071.51**

Restricted: Vicar's salary Top-up

Opening balance		**14502.00**
Donations and legacies		
4910	Vicar's salary Top - Up	7250.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**7250.00**
Expenditures		
	Contributing towards Parish share Quota	21752.00
Totals: Expenditures		**21752.00**
Closing balance		**0.00**

Restricted: Capital Expenditure Grant Fund

Opening balance		1684.00
Donations and legacies		
4917	Restricted Income - Capital Expenditure Grant receipts	30777.76
Totals: Donations and legacies		**30777.76**
Expenditures		
7180	General Upkeep - Capital Expenditure	16481.07
Totals: Expenditures		**16481.07**
Closing balance		**15980.69**

Restricted: Energy expenditure

Opening balance		**0.00**
Donations and legacies		
	Portsmouth City Council - Household Fund	6554.00
Totals: Donations and legacies		**6554.00**
Expenditures		
	Contributing Unrestricted Energy expenses	6554.00
Totals: Expenditures		**6554.00**
Closing balance		**0.00**

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Balance sheet - Detailed.

		As at 31 December 2024	As at 31 December 2023
Fixed Assets			
	Investment Property - 31 Gains road	75,000.00	75,000.00
	S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund	66,549.21	65,060.09
Totals: Fixed Assets		**141,549.21**	**140,060.09**
Current Assets			
	General Fund Bank Account	44675.78	72227.13
	Sunday Suppers Bank Account	73359.09	0.00
	General Fund Savings Account	1342.53	1285.36
	Accounts receivable	0.00	0.00
Totals: Current Assets		**119377.40**	**73512.49**
Liabilities			
	Accounts payable	0.00	0.00
Totals: Liabilities		**0.00**	**0.00**
Net Asset Surplus(Deficit)		**260926.61**	**213572.58**
Reserves			
	Excess/Deficit to date	45864.91	20996.34
	Starting balances	213572.58	192576.24
	Gains/Losses on investment assets	1489.12	
	Gains/Losses on revaluation assets		
Totals: Reserves		**260926.61**	**213572.58**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
(By fund) as at 31 December 2024

		Balance	Previous Year balance
Investments			
	CBF CoE Investment Fund - Asset		
	Unrestricted - General fund	66,549.21	65,060.09
		66,549.21	**65,060.09**
Tangible assets			
	31 Gains road - Asset		
	Unrestricted - General fund	75,000.00	75,000.00
		75,000.00	**75,000.00**
Cash at bank and in hand			
	Restricted Funds		
	Sunday Suppers	73,359.09	36,729.63
	The Prayer space roof project	23,760.00	0.00
	Friday Friendship	2,071.46	0.00
	Capital - Fabric Expenditure projects	15,980.69	1,684.00
	Vicar's Top Up - Coffee Tavern Trust	0.00	14,502.00
	Restricted Funds	115,171.24	52,915.63
	Unrestricted - General Fund	2,862.88	20,596.86
	Unrestricted Funds	2,862.88	20,596.86

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Bank reconciliation - St Simons Main current Account

Balance as per bank account per accounts (Cash book)	44675.78	
Balance as per savings account(Cash book)	1342.53	
Total:		46018.31
Add Restricted Income for Sunday Suppers		13821
Difference (Auditor noted!)		-50
Balance as per BANK ACCOUNTS		
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-93-04 Account No: 00752488	58446.78	
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-93-04 Account No: 00181472	1342.53	
Total:		59789.31

Bank reconciliation - St Simons Sunday Suppers Account

Balance as per bank account per accounts (Cash book)	73359.09
Less Restricted Income in St Simons (Main account)	13821.00
Balance as per BANK ACCOUNT	
Lloyds Sort-code: 30-99-50 Account No: 28751462	59538.77

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint Simon Southsea PO5 2PW		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1128695
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]~~]. ~~*Delete* [ ] *if not applicable*~~.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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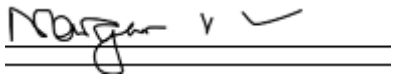
Signed:		**Date:**	15/3/25
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Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

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PCC Annual report for APCM April 2024: Rev Jackie Twine [Chair PCC]; Fran Sherren [Church Warden] & Paul Jenkins [Church Warden]

FOREWORD

Over the past year our services have largely returned to their customary format and many other church activities have continued and new ones grown.

Rev Jackie Twine was appointed as Priest in Charge of St Simon's from June 2023. The two churchwardens and the PCC support the management of all church activities under Rev. Jackie Twine.

We maintain a thriving children's ministry and since Jack Cross, our shared Youth Worker, joined us, we have hosted High Tide events and enjoyed the contribution to worship that Jack has made.

Whilst we continue to face financial challenges, our situation has improved with an increase in regular room lettings, donations and contributions from the congregation. This includes some further generous funding for the running of Sunday Suppers. This has helped this ministry to continue to support many vulnerable people within our community.

St Simon's has hosted a Friday Friendship coffee morning since March 2022, aimed initially at supporting asylum seekers who are temporarily housed by the UK Home Office at the Royal Beach Hotel. This is within the parish and so continues to offer a good opportunity to connect with and support a vulnerable population. Initially the coffee morning was also able to offer support to those fleeing the war in Ukraine but increasingly many of our Ukrainian guests have been able to settle somewhat permanently and found networks and employment to support them, aided by a specific government scheme. We continue to welcome new members to church for the refugee community and been encouraged when families have been able to move on and settle locally and further afield in the UK.

Our church building continues to require frequent attention. The long delayed work on the roof started, but challenges remain, not least because of storm damage during the year. The hope is to fully restore the use of the prayer space as we address the longstanding problems of an ageing church building. We are still considering projects to improve our heating and to have made significant renovations in the lower hall, creating a more welcoming space for all activities.

GDPR

We have had one data protection / privacy issue during this period which was identified, reported on and acted on appropriately to mitigate any further issues.

Introduction – Rev Jackie Twine – Priest in Charge

Well what a year of new events and beginnings it's been! Visits from Bishop Jonathan; baptisms in the sea; licensing of myself to the Parish; licensing of our Anna Chaplain; revival of the band; renewed school links; a well-travelled Posada; Church Away Days; evening services; new-look All Age services; youth services and activities; King's Coronation; Memory Lane; partnering with Portsmouth City of Sanctuary; the new Kitchen of Hope; men's breakfasts and Friday drinks; prayer spaces and vigils for Peace in the Middle East and for Baby Loss week. And I'm sure I've missed out a great deal.

We have been delighted to welcome many new faces to our Church family, and saddened that some are no longer able to be with us.

And as we stand here in April there is so much to look forward to; a new accounting system which will make our money management so much more straightforward; Church Suite- our new computer system which will make communication so much easier; the creation of a beautiful new Prayer Space (and a non-leaky roof); a new explorer's course- round the campfire in the vicarage garden; a gathering for women; new Sunday groups for our young people; and some lovely ideas for fundraising- including perhaps a Summer Festival of Music at St Simon's as well as many other exciting ideas. This will enable to us to engage with our community and spread the good news of Jesus Christ in new and creative ways.

What a joy and privilege it has been to lead the wonderful St Simon's through such a busy year- and now looking forward with hope and excitement to all that lies ahead. Praise God for his goodness and faithfulness, and thank you all, for your faithful service, your prayerful hearts and your generous welcome to all.

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. Isaiah 58: 11-12

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1. Annual Report from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2023

This is the annual report of the PCC proceedings and activities for St Simon's Church PCC for 2023. This report covers the whole of the 2023 year.

-Administrative information

St Simon's Church is situated on Waverley Road in Southsea. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to the church office, St. Simon's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PW.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council powers Measure. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission (2009) as Charity no. 1128695 within the meaning of the charities Act 1993.

The PCC is required to provide an annual report on proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally for discussion at the annual meeting.

-PCC Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Simon's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge [when in post], in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical

In the absence of a Priest in Charge, the leadership of the church falls to the church wardens and PCC.

-PCC Structure, governance and management

Normal membership of the PCC consists of certain ex-officio members: the priest in charge, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM). All church members are

encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC or to nominate others, and we aim to have a balance of skills, background and experience where possible.

The PCC is responsible for a wider range of matters affecting the work and ministry of the church, including compliance with health and safety and equalities and diversity legislation and with due regard to the Church of England House of Bishops safeguarding guidance in relation to children and vulnerable adults.

In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC hold a legal responsibility to promote its charitable purpose and for the stewardship of funds including appropriate accounting and reporting of the parish finances. The PCC works to ensure that each member is equipped to fulfil their role. Upon election, new members of the PCC are given an induction which includes their roles and responsibilities, the PCC's agreed policies and procedures, and the most recent minutes. At the first meeting of the new PCC, the vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer are elected. The churchwardens, secretary and treasurer are encouraged to attend courses run by the diocese on their particular work and all PCC members must attend the relevant diocesan safeguarding training. Regular mailings from the diocese keep the officers up to date with changes in church regulation and financial procedure and these are reported to the whole PCC as appropriate.

During the year 2023 the following served as members of the PCC:-

Priest in Charge: Rev Jackie Twine
Churchwardens: Francesca Sherren and Paul Jenkins
Deanery Synod Representatives: Dr Hugh Mason; Paul Jenkins

-Elected Members:
Phil Gower (Treasurer)
Oyin Alonge (Treasurer/Director of finance from November 2019)
Jerry Brown
Linda Jenkins (PCC secretary from November 2019)
Patrick Jolly
Louise Roulston
Elly Mulvany
Michael Piper
John Bazley (Safeguarding officer)

John Twine was appointed as Anna Chaplain starting a series of activities aimed at the age group 70 years and over.

At the May 2023 Annual Meeting the following posts in the PCC were confirmed:

- Paul Jenkins was re-elected Church Warden
- Francesca Sherren was re-elected as Church Warden
- Hugh Mason was re-elected as Deanery Synod representative
- Paul Jenkins was re-elected as Health and Safety Officer
- Phil Gower was officially elected onto PCC as Treasurer
- Oyin Alonge was re-elected assistant treasurer/director of finance
- Pat Jolly was re-elected onto the PCC
- Elly Mulvany was re-elected onto the PCC
- John Bazley was elected onto the PCC and remains as safeguarding officer

Meetings of the PCC were held in church with the PCC Standing Committee meetings held via Zoom, following relevant government and Church of England guidance. The PCC welcomed regular reports from the Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Fabric Committee and the children's ministry work.

The PCC delegates a number of its functions to sub committees which include the following:

-Standing committee

The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with dependent on the number of names on the church electoral roll. The standing committee consists of the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and at least two other members of the PCC. It may transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC .This committee meets prior to each PCC meeting to consider outstanding issues and plan the PCC agenda. The standing committee met every other month between the PCC meetings to set the PCC agenda and deal with any urgent items.

-Fabric committee

The Fabric committee exists to ensure that the fabric of the church building is properly maintained and that the findings of the quinquennial inspection are acted upon. It was formed several years ago and reports to the PCC as appropriate. The committee has overseen work such as roof repairs, planning internal improvements and regular church cleaning and is now under the leadership of the chairperson Mick Walters.

-Mission Team

Each year the church gives at least 10% of its unrestricted income to home and overseas mission work. The committee canvassed the congregation for ideas on which charities should be supported and six were identified; two each of a local, national and international focus in their work.
These are: Flame International; Joshua Radio (Uganda); Beyond the Streets; Frontline Debt Advice; Bereaved Families Holiday Fund; Faith in Football. These were reviewed in 2023 and Faith in Football was replaced by Portsmouth City of Sanctuary following consultation with the congregation, who put forward suggestions for a new charity to support, and a vote taken at the PCC meeting December 2023.

-Risk assessment

The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the council has been exposed have been identified by a risk analysis exercise carried out by PCC members. The risks identified and steps taken to mitigate these risks are as follows:

- Property fire or theft: Insurance cover continues against both these risks. Fire inspections are carried out annually by a suitably qualified and experienced professional and fire extinguishers are tested and replaced and advised.

- Misappropriation of funds: The budgeted expenditure for each year is approved by the full PCC. The PCC has a "fiduciary duty" to operate with due regard to the Church of England Legal Advisory Commission guidance which highlights "…the duty to protect the assets of the charity". The PCC operates a system of controls including analytical reviews and segregation of duties that are designed to militate against any potential for the misappropriation of funds.

Two signatories are required for all cheques and these have been reviewed with the new treasurer's appointment. All matters involving unbudgeted expenditure in excess of £1,000 are put to the full PCC.

- Revenue falling below committed expenditure: The level of giving was monitored throughout the year, and the financial situation (income and expenditure) was reviewed by the PCC.

The treasurer Phil Gower and director of finance Oyin Alonge have worked on a new accounting system -SAGE- (similar to the one in use at St Jude's and St Margaret's churches) and budget planning to allow each project area of church activities to be managed by a budget holder. The new system will came into effect at the end of this 2023 financial year.

-Electoral roll and attendance

The electoral roll stood at **97 on 29TH MARCH 2024.**

2. Deanery Synod annual report 2023- Hugh Mason; Deanery Synod representative

The Portsmouth Deanery Synod has met three times in the last year. In June we met at St Margaret's Church where Jackie gave an update on work at St Simon's and especially the importance of the Friday Friendship meeting. She pointed out the need of refugees for a friendly welcome to this country and how important it is to provide help in navigating its culture and bureaucracy. Other matters discussed included the effect of the recent Pandemic on music in churches and especially the loss of young choristers, the men's shed in Farlington and deanery finances. There was also an update on the deanery link with the Diocese of Ho, in the Volta Region of Ghana.

On a miserable evening in October Synod met in Farlington. Richard Shurmer, formerly of this parish and a frequent attender at Compline on Fridays, gave an interesting talk about his training and role as a 'Deployable Self-Supporting Minister'. This is clearly a ministry role which will only become more important as the church faces the challenges of the present time. Synod also learned of the challenges faced by St Jude's Church in getting the necessary permissions in place to fit solar panels on one of their roofs. Both of these presentations showed the value of synod as a meeting where one church might learn from another's experiences. There was also, however the inevitable discussion, it was that time of year, about the Diocesan budget consultation.

In February Synod met in St Marks, North End. There were a couple of reports from parishes and the presentation of the deanery accounts. There was a short discussion on how we should divide the finance of the deanery between the parishes which resulted in the less than exciting result that we are not going to change the way we have done it for years. The most interesting part of the meeting was a presentation on the ANNA chaplaincy, which highlighted the importance of caring for the older, and often most lonely, members of the church community.

Where next? The Diocesan Synod, a few weeks ago had an update on the Diocese's 'Strategic Programme' and a discussion on the church's mission strategy with an emphasis on rejuvenating the church through ministry to children and young people. This is very likely to be considered at deanery synod at a meeting during the coming few months.

3. Churchwardens' Report -2023 – Paul Jenkins and Fran Sherren; church wardens

So often we have heard St Simon's described as a beacon, a bright light, shining through the darkness in our community. As churchwardens, we have no doubt that this light is needed more than ever to give direction and hope to those in our community, struggling with the challenges of a society where there is so much hopelessness and despair.

It is also a beacon to all of us who call St Simon's "home". It has sustained and supported us all at different times in our lives, breaking through the darkness we have all experienced. It is so important that this light continues to shine as brightly as ever, for all of us who look for God's light on our path, wherever that takes us.

We are sure that at times in recent years, we all felt that St Simon's light was flickering rather than shining, as we struggled to address the difficult challenges we faced. Restoring the spiritual leadership of our church was essential for our light to shine brightly again. I know that we all thank God for the blessing of Jackie, whose spiritual guidance and leadership has helped to reunite and restore us as a church family. We put our trust in God and he answered our prayers.

Jackie has helped us to embrace a sense of looking forward and of new beginnings, learning from the experiences of the past, but not being constrained by them. She has encouraged us as a church family to explore our gifts, talents and callings, both individually and collectively. This has resulted in our growth as individuals, the flourishing of existing activities within the church and the launch of several new initiatives.

Our children's and youth ministry, under Andrea's and Jack's prayerful leadership, is a great blessing to many young people and their families. It's wonderful to see more families being drawn more fully into our life as a church family. They are our future and their light, we pray, will sustain that beacon of hope in our community for many years to come. Our work with young people could not be sustained without the support of many willing and able volunteers, for whom we thank God.

We recognise of course, that many of our church family are of an older generation. Their wisdom and faith is a huge blessing to us. We are also aware that there are many older people within our community, some of whom struggle with challenges such as isolation, loneliness and declining health. John Twine, our Anna Chaplain, has sought creatively to find ways of engaging and supporting older people, through the Memory Lane initiative and through coordinating regular visits to care homes in our parish. Again, these activities rely on the prayerful support of volunteers from our church family.

Like most other communities in the UK, our own community has become increasingly diverse in recent years. We have welcomed into our parish people from many countries, who have come to the UK for reasons as diverse as their origins. Their stories reflect the inequality, the brutality and the rejection of our world today. But we hope that their stories can also reflect the love, compassion and welcome of today's world.

We have tried to show this love, welcome and compassion, by sharing our time and space with displaced people who have arrived in our city. Some of them have escaped the desperate situation in Ukraine. Others have come from many different parts of the world and are accommodated at the Royal Beach Hotel, as they seek the right to make this country their home. Through the Friday Friendship initiative and our collaboration with Kitchen of Hope, our church has become a beacon of hope and welcome for many displaced people within our community. Let's not label them as migrants, asylum seekers or refugees. They are God's children in need and we are blessed to be able to extend a hand of love and caring to them. We are all made stronger by their presence in our community. We have been greatly blessed that some of our sisters and brothers for whom our city has become their place of refuge, have become faithful members of our church family. What a blessing this is! We thank God for the members of our church family who have shared the love of a family, that many of our friends from overseas have been missing.

When we look on our country and our community, we cannot fail to recognise the divisions caused by growing inequality. As always it is the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalised and the voiceless who suffer in times of economic decline. Our church is surrounded by this inequality, manifested in our community through the problems of poor physical and mental health, addiction, violence and despair.

The heart of St Simon's has for decades been to reach out to those who feel rejected by this world. There cannot be a brighter light shining in our parish, than the light of Sunday Suppers every Sunday

night. Every Sunday we meet with old friends and new, who come together and share a meal, lovingly prepared by those who will not reject them. Beyond sharing in a delicious meal, Sunday Suppers provides a space where people can briefly escape from the hardship that is their daily lives. They can experience God's love in action and hear about his unconditional love for them, as they are. For the many volunteers, both from our church family and beyond, who support the work of Sunday Suppers, their lives are deeply enriched by the love that is shared every Sunday evening, in all its rawness and through all the pain. We have been greatly blessed by the generosity of many organisations and individuals, whose financial support has ensured that our work can continue in these very challenging times.

As churchwardens, we are so thankful for the faithful service of so many people in our church family. We have been blessed with a skilful, talented, creative and willing family. Our Fabric Committee has worked tirelessly through the year, to ensure that our aging building can continue to be our beacon of hope, from where we can worship our God and share his love with each other and our community. Our worship has been enriched by the introduction of a weekly Compline service, providing a quiet time of prayer and reflection. We have so much to be thankful for.

Yet there is so much more to be done. Where else is God calling us to serve as a church in Southsea? What is our vision for sharing God's love more widely in this community? We are a church family full of visions and hopes. But these can only be fulfilled if we have the people to take these visions forward and make them a reality. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few". Let's all prayerfully reflect on where God is asking us to go, as a church collectively and individually as His faithful disciples. And in responding to His call, we can build a church and a community for His glory.

4. Fabric Committee annual report 2023 – Mick Walters; Chair

The Committee addressed the following major items of work on the building during 2023:

- replacement of the chancel south roof
- planning the trial a new nave heating system
- refurbishment of the lower hall, entrance porches and toilets
- planning repairs to the car park entrance and the adjacent flower bed
- repairs to the three flat roof areas above the Lounge and offices
- refurbishment of the main external noticeboard
- installation of a new light in the font door porch

Several of these items continue to be addressed in 2024.
A number of items are in readiness and are awaiting funding.
Several items of maintenance and small problems have been addressed throughout the year. Many of these have been carried out by church members resulting in considerable financial savings.
Thanks are due to a number of people who are not named here in order to avoid the risk of omitting any. Their work often goes unseen.

The immediate priorities for the coming year are the roof areas: the chancel roof and the flat roofs.

5. Children's Ministry (Shipmates) annual report 2023 - Andrea Grainger; Children and Families Pastor

This year has been a busy one. After working with Jackie at my appraisal my role has broadened, with lots of new opportunities and challenges.
Although Shipmates Groups continue to take the majority of my hours with a Stay and Play in Monday, two Play and Praise groups and Shipmates Cafe after school on Tuesdays and Shipmates

Sunday Groups on 2nd and 3rd Sundays. I'm also doing more schools work, starting to work alongside John with Care Homes and focusing on including the whole family in Sunday Worship and Church life.

After cancelling the Wednesday Play and Praise to free up the Church for other activities, two of the children from the discontinued group actually changed their nursery days so they can come on Tuesday instead, this was a real credit to how much they value the group.

At the beginning of this year I rebranded the Sunday morning groups slightly calling the younger group Shipmates Early Years rather than Crèche to make it clear that it's not just for babies. We were really short of under 5's attending 2nd and 4th Sundays but set up the provision faithfully and prayed for the children to attend and very recently we are starting to see answer to those prayers. The existing Shipmates Group became Shipmates Primary Years and numbers attending vary across the weeks.

Our Shipmates Sunday Service at 9.30 is continuing to be well attended, and the numbers attending All Age Services have grown over the year.

Our relationship with Southsea Infants has blossomed. We hosted two 'Getting to Know You' sessions for their new starters in the summer. I'm doing termly assemblies and spent time with each class at Christmas when I planned and led sessions on the true meaning of Christmas of varying lengths from 10 mins for the special needs class to 45 minutes for each year two class. Year 1 also visited the church at Christmas and the teacher recently contacted me to request another visit before Easter. In addition as part of our outreach we sent them a basket of gifts at Christmas with Christmas tracts, books, chocolate and biscuits for the staff room and a children's Christmas book for each classroom book corner, and each child received a Nativity sticker pack and invitation to our Christmas Services.

We have now had two successful Play and Praise Sessions at Bluebell Care Home and had planned another two at Braemar Care Home .which have unfortunately had to be cancelled. The format worked well with the residents joining in with the sessions as well as enjoying seeing the children. A lot of our families who expressed an interest work on the days they don't attend Shipmates so are unable to attend but space dictates we only have room for half a dozen children and their parents anyway which has worked well.

In addition to our annual Christmas wreath making workshop for parents we have had a Harvest wreath making and our first 'Time to Be Me' session for parents. We also had a 'Tea and Tissues' session for parents dropping their children at school for the first time and I supported Jackie planning open sessions for Baby loss Awareness Week.

At Christmas the Crib Services were well received with approximately 90 people at each. We had a couple of new volunteers along with the old hands. It is a real credit to the generosity of our volunteers who give up their time to make this possible.

The children were fabulous in the Nativity and the parents supported them by leading the prayers too. It brought joy to my heart watching everyone join in with the dancing at the end.
A new 'messy church style 'event for us this year, in addition to our Christmas, Easter and Summer events was our Pancake Party which was inspired by the fact Shrove Tuesday fell in half term. We limited the numbers to 30 children and their families and quickly sold out.
At the time of writing this report planning is underway for our traditional Easter garden event on Easter Saturday.

I have had the opportunity to attend fortnightly Leadership meetings, several training sessions and conferences both in person and online including social media training as my role in that area has increased notably with the Posada project at Christmas but also raising the profile of all we do across the church.

I have been supported in the ministry throughout the year by an amazing team of volunteers, without whom we wouldn't be able to operate. There's always room for more so please consider prayerfully if you are being called to this ministry.

My thanks also to Jackie for her ongoing support and challenges to expand my role.
With blessings, Andrea Grainger, Children and Families Pastor

6. Safeguarding annual report 2023 – John Bazley; Safeguarding Officer

Since the last APCM on the 23rd April 2023 there have been 7 reported safeguarding concerns/incidents raised with the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).

Of those incidents 3 have been related to our work with children and the other 4 in connection with the Sunday Suppers ministry. Apart from one matter; which is still ongoing following the involvement of the police, all incidents have now been closed and, where appropriate, Diocesan Safeguarding staff notified.

The PCC receives a written report at every meeting and where appropriate the priest in charge and Churchwardens are notified of incidents. Throughout the last year the PCC has had due regard to the *House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance* and fully met all the requirements laid down in *The Parish Safeguarding Handbook.*

Safeguarding Training and DBS Status
Currently 28 church members have completed Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) checks and 1 check is still outstanding. DBS checks are required to be updated every 3 years.
56 church members/volunteers have completed the required safeguarding training to enable them to safely carry out their roles within the church community. In order to fully support those attending church activities the roles required to complete safeguarding training have recently been expanded; the willingness of those affected to complete the training has been much appreciated.
With 2 minor exceptions St Simon's is fully up to date with the training requirement.

7. Sunday Suppers annual report for 2023 - Francesca Sherren; leader

NUMBERS of GUESTS
The numbers of guests attending this year has varied but we regular feed between 45 and 70 guests every week. This equates to over 2,300 meals per year!

OUR GUESTS
Almost all our guests are struggling with the cost-of-living rise. Some are living in poverty, recovering from or living with addiction or living in temporary accommodation. Very few of our guests are street-homeless. Most of our guests come every week and we have built up friendly relationships with many guests. The volunteers know many of the guests by first name.

Bishop Jonathan surprised us with a visit to Sunday suppers one evening in December 2023. He served the food to guests, sat and chatted to a few guests and helped us clear up afterwards. He appeared to enjoy the whole experience and we were very grateful for his visit.

FOOD
We continue to offer freshly cooked beef or chicken stew/curry/casserole, usually with a baked potato or mashed potato. We always offer a vegan alternative.
We offer a small goody bag to each guest with higher priced items they might not choose to buy for themselves, e.g. tinned meat, tinned fruit and puddings. The procurement team continues to work brilliantly and ensures the supplies never run out. This team comprises Dinah Walters, Dave Howell, Anthea Howell, Mel Mason and Jerry Brown.

FUNDING
We are so grateful for God's provision for Sunday Suppers. We have been blessed with significant funds this year to allow the work to continue, and to create a comfortable reserve for next year. Special thanks go to John Twine and Jerry Brown for the immense time, effort and work they have done in this area.

EQUIPMENT
In April 2023, a replacement dishwasher and new fridge were purchased and installed.

TEAM DEVELOPMENT
We had a successful whole team dinner for all the volunteers in January 2024. Jerry Brown cooked a fantastic meal and Jackie, John Twine and I served the volunteers. Each volunteer was invited to bring a guest, especially if it was someone who supported them in their volunteering at Sunday Suppers. It was our way of thanking them and their family and friends for another good year.

PRAYER TEAMS
Early in 2024, 3 new teams of people started praying for Sunday Suppers while it was running from 5.30-to 7.00pm on a Sunday evening. We now have 'live' prayer cover for 3 out of 4 weeks.

FAITH & BIBLES
We continue to offer a short Christian faith talk every week. Currently 9 volunteers have chosen to deliver the talk at different times of the year. Volunteers have had faith conversations with, and prayed with, several guests over the year. The Coffee Tavern Trusts provided funding for 10 whole bibles and 10 New Testaments, all 'The Message' versions. All of these have been given away to guests.

VOLUNTEERS
4 volunteers left this year and 5 new volunteers have joined the regular team. This means we have a total of 32 volunteers, at present. This ensures that each volunteer only needs to participate once or twice a month, except for Jerry and Fran who each attend 3 or 4 times every month.

SUNDAY SUPPERS ADVISORY GROUP
This group meets once every 3 or 4 months to discuss issues and look at the way ahead for the work. I am very grateful for the support this group provides. Special thanks go to Geraldine, who stepped down from the Advisory Group this month.

THE YEAR AHEAD
2024 marks the 30th anniversary since Sunday Suppers began, in 1994. We plan to celebrate this fantastic achievement in some way, but plans have yet to be finalised.

8. Social Committee 2023– Dinah Walters

The Social Committee in 2023 comprised the following members of the congregation: Gail Chipperfield, Phil Gower, Andy Taylor, John Twine and from summer 2023 we were joined by Kate Aldous and Shade Wilson. I would like to thank them all for their support during the year and for organising the various events.

Activities in 2023 revolved mainly around going out to local cafes and restaurants to join in fellowship over meals together. Destinations included a curry night at the Balti House; lunches at the Brewhouse and Kitchen and at Café Fresco; men's breakfast at the Tenth Hole and a ladies' afternoon tea at the D-Day story café. The Midsummer Mystery Meal, an evening out by minibus to a secret destination for a pub meal, was the usual hit! We marked the King's Coronation by screening the occasion in church and had a very enjoyable Christmas Grub Club at Keppel's Head Hotel.

In April Andy organised another highly successful Quiz Night in the church, both a social event and a fundraiser for the church.

A new venture this year was a Southsea Treasure Hunt, organised by John Twine. John also set in motion a fortnightly group, Memory Lane, on a Wednesday morning. This is aimed at those over 70 who would like to come to share their memories and attracted a small number of enthusiastic seniors. We hope that numbers will increase during 2024. At the end of 2023 he initiated a monthly informal drinks evening for the men, which got off to a good start and is proving popular into 2024.

Thank you to everybody who supports our activities, by helping to organise or by attending our events.

9. Pastoral Ministry annual report 2023 - Michael Piper, Home group coordinator

The Pastoral team meets once a month, mainly to review any known pastoral needs amongst the Church Family. These might include bereavements, illnesses, hospital appointments or ongoing treatment. Depending upon individual circumstances, one of the team might follow up with a visit, a phone call, or enquiring after a member's wellbeing when next seen in Church. The team is committed to praying for members who have a health concern.

We also try to keep track on new members, and share with our Priest in Charge any recent arrivals that we become aware of, as it is difficult for her to make contact with all newcomers after a Sunday Service.

Our Anna Chaplain John gives us an update on his ministry over the previous month, for the support of the team.

Services have continued in the six care homes in the parish and seem to be much appreciated. Bob and Mel Mason look after St Ronan's and Regency care homes and Sue Bussey and John Twine have Braemar and Bluebell care homes. Michael Piper and Corinne Toma look after Clarendon and Alton Manor. Again, we would be interested to learn of anyone who would like to participate in this important ministry.

The five Home Groups continue, and the number of Home Group members has been growing. A new Home Group has started in Gains Road (Capital Gains), and John and Rosie Bazley have led an ad hoc short-term group as required.

10. Mission Team annual report 2022- Ruth Warner and Geraldine Poulter:

Hebrews 13: v 16.
"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased".

A record number of different charities were nominated by church members. From the 24 nominated the PCC voted for "Portsmouth City of Sanctuary" to replace "Faith and Football".
Portsmouth City of Sanctuary is a humanitarian organisation helping local asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. It is based in All Saints Church in Commercial Road.

The charities we are now supporting are:

- Flame International
- Frontline Debt
- Beyond the Streets
- Bereaved Families Holiday
- Joshua Radio
- Portsmouth City of Sanctuary.

Each has gratefully received £2028 from the Unrestricted Fund. The length of time each charity will be supported for is the decision of the PCC.

Many thanks to the following for sharing with us the work of their charities:

- Jan Ransome (Flame International)
- Maggie Golledge (Front Line Debt)
- Dina Mason (Joshua Radio).

We aim where possible to invite more speakers to come in 2024 and share their news

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Ruth, who with her heart for mission has steered this group for very many years, at least 20 years but is now stepping down.
Thank you to Sue Bussey who will take her place and work with Geraldine.
Please continue to pray for our charities especially in these challenging times. Prayer is something they always request, need, appreciate and value highly.

11. Friday Friendship Coffee Morning 2023 –Louise Roulston & Linda Jenkins

Friendship Friday coffee morning aims to be part of our church outreach mission and offers support for refugees & asylum seekers and for all those who are displaced and/or seeking sanctuary. We meet every Friday at St Simon's church lower hall. We offer a space to chat serving hot drinks, cake and biscuits and we play card games, table tennis or some art or craft activity. We have about 9 volunteers overall including two leaders/administrators of the group activity. We have on average about 10-15 people attending each week and have had guests from Afghanistan, Iran, Algeria, Eritrea, El Salvador, Colombia, Uganda.

Our induction booklet (based on the one used by the Sunday Suppers team) guides our activities and have had a training session with our safeguarding officer on aspects of safeguarding and managing the kitchen area for serving of refreshments.

We introduced cooking sessions this year to engage guests in showing us some of their traditional recipes and meals. In this way we can all learn from each other, improve English skills and develop

relationships. We feel this is a real blessing and see the sharing of food and conversation as a 'holy habit' based on modelling Christ's own sharing of food as we eat together.

We have been fortunate to be asked to collaborate with Portsmouth City of Sanctuary [PCoS] in a new project "Kitchen of Hope" that was launched in October 2023. This is supported by funding sourced by PCoS with a part time employed administrator John Ashlin, to take these activities forward. The added bonus of this project is that it provides income for the church form room/kitchen rental costs covered by project funds and the cost of ingredients for the meals cooked are also covered by project funds.

We continue to be blessed by the connections we make and are widening our understanding of wider issues faced by this group of vulnerable people.

12. Church Administrator's Report 2023 – Craig Fisher

- **Major activities**

Staff Changes: Jackie has now joined us, and we have changed the office environment.

Staff Team: Staff Team meetings and one to one meetings with Rev. Jackie Twine are held fortnightly and more concentrated. Also, on a Wednesday morning, the staff team hold a short Morning Prayer time (which includes prayer for St. Simon's).

Hall Lettings: We have gained two regular bookings both are in the lower hall. One being the Portsmouth Lindy Hop Group on a Thursday evening and Kitchen of Hope who are with us when required on Fridays and special events.

The upstairs regular booking has been temporarily reduced from 4 evenings a week to one but is being reviewed. Although there have been several enquiries for use of the upstairs hall this has proved challenging due to the lack of daylight & access. The prices are still competitive and have not been raised this year. Portsmouth City Council continues to use the premises as a Polling Station.

Events: The number of social events and activities continue to increase.

Finance: We have been working closely with the Treasurer regarding running costs and budgeting and setting up Bank Accounts with the Sunday Suppers team. Going forward this will reduce the need to re-imburse via the Church Office.

Energy Costs: We have moved to a different supplier, but costs are still running high. Some people are not turning lights off or leaving the heating on, which means that warning messages have to be sent out that these things need to be done in future.

Car Park: The car park was installed a year ago now and it has been very effective in reducing the number of vehicles parking without good reason. However, there have been a number of incidents with people contacting the office when they have received a ticket or failed to register their vehicle. This can be time consuming and confrontational.

AV: The computer set up in the Church Office has now been upgraded. This is a vast improvement on what we had. It does mean that one or two of the other computers will welcome an upgrade as well. Church Suite is now also being installed which will also improve some ways of working.

Building works: The Church Office has had a new boiler which is more energy efficient and makes it warmer in the Church Office space. When annual checks are done, for example the lightning

conductor, emergency appliances, etc. and there is a need for a higher cost repair, discussions as to how this should proceed must be activated quicker. Hopefully this will be implemented soon.

Rotas: Preparing the Sunday Rotas can still be challenging at times due to a shortage of volunteers. It should be noted that we place a large workload on a core number of volunteers. Announcements for more volunteers have been made at Sunday services & the Newsletter however the need is still there to encourage others to come forward.

13. Treasurer's Report 2023- Phil Gower Treasurer with Oyin Alonge

2023 was another learning curve. This year we have again paid our Parish share in full together with a further payment towards our Minister Jackie who is now permanent thanks to the Coffee Tavern Trust. We have also paid our 6 charities which now include Portsmouth City of Sanctuary together with a payment not made last year which was divided between all 6.

The kitchen has again been improved. Thanks to Sunday Suppers a new dish washer and fridges were installed.

This year Gas and Electricity bills have been high and we have transferred our Energy supply to The Parish Buying Scheme (Total Energy) to try and bring them down.
Once again Sunday Suppers has been well funded thanks to Jerry Brown and others who have obtained grants to keep this great work going. Other Churches and individuals have also been very generous.

We have now had Jack as our shared Youth Worker for over a year and we must thank the Coffee Tavern Trust for their help in paying for his salary.

With an old building to upkeep we have a large amount of church general maintenance which this year included:-

- large bill for re installation of the lightning conductor
- decoration and new lights in the Church Hall
- the edging of the roof at the rear.

I have to thank you all again who have given generously to help the Church pay for all the work done, salaries paid and energy bills paid. We are also grateful to the Coffee Tavern Trust and the Waverley Trust for their help.

I shall be handing over the Treasurers job to Oyin and Gail for 2024 and 1 thank you for all your help over the last 2 years.

14. Annual Accounts 2023-23 [Separate pdf attachment]

Annual Accounts 2022-3.pdf

- **Independent Auditor's report**

Examiners Report.pdf

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695
Fixed assets
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Type of transaction	FA31GR 31 Gains Road	FAS1 CBF CoE Investment Fund
Opening balance	***75,000.00***	***59,465.00***
Increase the value of a fixed asset	—	5,595.09
Movement	—	***5,595.09***
Closing balance	**75,000.00**	**65,060.09**

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
4002 - Gift Aid	32,145	—	1,685	—	33,830	31,970
4005 - Special Collections	218	—	378	—	597	207
4008 - collections	3,430	—	17	—	3,447	4,117
4012 - Sundry Donations	1,480	—	3,389	—	4,869	2,676
4014 - Wallsafe	178	—	—	—	178	125
4031 - Help Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
4060 - Youth Work Sundry Donations	—	—	—	—	—	—
4110 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	5,000
Donations and legacies Totals	37,453	—	5,470	—	42,923	44,096
Income from charitable activities						
4250 - Income from Charitable and Auxiliary Tra	337	—	—	—	337	165
Income from charitable activities Totals	337	—	—	—	337	165
Other trading activities						
4013 - Table top sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
4503 - Minibus Donations	—	—	—	—	—	—
4504 - Church Centre Lettings	14,175	—	—	—	14,175	14,932
8010 - Banns	102	—	—	—	102	144
Other trading activities Totals	14,277	—	—	—	14,277	15,076
Investments						
4401 - CBF-CCLA	7,373	—	—	—	7,373	1,768
4402 - Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investments Totals	7,373	—	—	—	7,373	1,768
Other income						
4123 - Waverley Trust	10,100	—	—	—	10,100	10,000
4003 - Parish Giving Scheme	14,192	—	—	—	14,192	14,832
4004 - Tax Recoverable	10,536	—	177	—	10,713	10,196
4009 - Sum Up payments	1,496	—	101	—	1,597	440
4015 - Regular givers non gift aid	5,046	—	100	—	5,146	3,360
4050 - Funeral/Wedding fees	1,045	—	—	—	1,045	2,147
4102 - Coffee Tavern Trust	550	—	46,581	—	47,131	11,648
4152 - Youth Work CTT	—	—	14,000	—	14,000	14,000
4251 - Youth Events	—	—	80	—	80	—
4502 - Gains Road Rental	9,748	—	—	—	9,748	10,562
4505 - Social Events	—	—	—	—	—	290
4509 - Insurance Claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
8001 - Transfer from Development Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
8002 - VAT	1,239	—	—	—	1,239	—
8003 - Sunday Supper Donations	—	—	32,465	—	32,465	16,468
8007 - Transfer from Breakthru	—	—	—	—	—	—
8011 - Fees to Diocese	—	—	—	—	—	—
8012 - Fundrasing in house	—	—	—	—	—	—
8013 - Transfer in from General Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
8014 - Open Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
8015 - Repayment from Waverley Trust	—	—	—	—	—	1,345
8016 - Deposits for hall hire	—	—	100	—	100	99
Other income Totals	53,954	—	93,607	—	147,561	95,390
Income and endowments Grand totals	113,395	—	99,077	—	212,472	156,497

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities						
7001 - Alms Funds plus others	160	—	13,248	—	13,408	8,207
7406 - Help Fund	—	—	—	—	—	72
7540 - Sunday Supper Expenses	—	—	21,758	—	21,758	14,959
7543 - Youth Events	—	—	161	—	161	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	160	—	35,168	—	35,328	23,239
Other expenditure						
7804 - Church Office printing	193	—	—	—	193	278
7086 - Church Office telephones	480	—	—	—	480	277
7202 - Alpha and other courses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7402 - Diocesan Quota	40,116	—	14,502	—	54,618	40,063
7403 - Deanery Fees	—	—	—	—	—	244
7410 - Vicar's Telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
7413 - Visting Speakers	40	—	—	—	40	—
7415 - Vicar's Equipment, Travelling etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
7420 - Vicarage Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7421 - Church Insurance	—	—	6,966	—	6,966	6,834
7435 - Church Water	88	—	—	—	88	82
7436 - Cleaner salary	7,381	—	—	—	7,381	7,063
7438 - Church Gas/Electricity	10,289	—	—	—	10,289	8,277
7443 - Church General Maintenance	13,332	—	8,794	—	22,126	10,386
7444 - Cleaning Materials	222	—	—	—	222	347
7445 - AV Equipment	112	—	—	—	112	349
7450 - Flowers and Christmas Tree	911	—	—	—	911	550
7451 - Copyright Licence	679	—	—	—	679	630
7452 - Refreshments	66	—	—	—	66	—
7453 - Church Services	47	—	—	—	47	298
7458 - Minibus costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
7459 - Minibus Depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	—
7466 - Pompey Chimes	—	—	—	—	—	—
7471 - Gains Road Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
7472 - Gains Road Insurance	529	—	—	—	529	494
7541 - Breakthru expenses	—	—	292	—	292	—
7542 - Youth Work Allocation	—	—	7,922	—	7,922	7,000
7590 - Youth Work salary NI and pension	—	—	17,318	—	17,318	15,003
7593 - Youth Work Expenses	—	—	112	—	112	712
7800 - Church Office general expenses	2,170	—	—	—	2,170	1,958
7802 - Church Office Expenses	705	—	—	—	705	540
7811 - Church Office PC expenses	507	—	—	—	507	—
7815 - Bank charges	208	—	—	—	208	166
7820 - Administrators salary, NI and pension	9,147	—	—	—	9,147	8,695
7821 - Architects Fees and expenses	2,168	—	999	—	3,168	4,784
7822 - Development work inc roof	500	—	—	—	500	36,249
8000 - Additional Expenses	4,263	—	—	—	4,263	2,167

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
8004 - Printing Expenses The Source	—	—	—	—	—	—
8005 - VAT	—	—	—	—	—	—
8006 - Payroll Expenses	501	—	—	—	501	360
8008 - Transfers to cash box/ flower fund etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
8009 - Breakthru wages	—	—	—	—	—	—
8111 - CTT	—	—	—	—	—	—
8112 - Repayment of Loan to CTT for Gains Road	—	—	—	—	—	—
8113 - Transfer to General Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
8114 - Fees to Diocese	581	—	—	—	581	962
8115 - Conferences, Away Days etc	—	—	184	—	184	206
8116 - Staff costs hospitality etc	95	—	—	—	95	127
8117 - HMRC payroll payments	3,116	—	—	—	3,116	1,719
8118 - Open Church Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
8119 - Repayment of deposits	600	—	—	—	600	2,013
Other expenditure Totals	99,055	—	57,092	—	156,147	158,844
Expenditure Grand totals	99,215	—	92,260	—	191,475	182,084

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St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets			
	31GR: 31 Gains Road	75,000.00	75,000.00
	M1: Minibus	—	—
	S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund	65,060.09	59,465.00
	Total Fixed assets	**140,060.09**	**134,465.00**
Current assets			
	6501: General Fund Bank Account	72,227.13	56,825.88
	6502: Development Campaign Bank Account	1,285.36	1,285.36
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	**73,512.49**	**58,111.24**
Liabilities			
	Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**213,572.58**	**192,576.24**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	20,996.34	(25,586.88)
	Z01: Starting balances	192,576.24	217,545.12
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	—	618.00
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	—	—
	Total Reserves	**213,572.58**	**192,576.24**

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	357,229.66	343,050.23
Designated	—	—
Restricted	(143,657.08)	(150,473.99)
Endowment	—	—
Total	**213,572.58**	**192,576.24**

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Note		From 01 January 2023 To 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Alms - Alms Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Alms Funds plus others	13,248	8,207
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities	*13,248*	*8,207*
Total expenditure		**13,248**	**8,207**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(13,248)	(8,207)
	Brought forward balance	(74,831)	(66,624)
Total carried forward balance		**(88,079)**	**(74,831)**
Breakthru - Breakthru (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
	Sundry Donations	3,114	—
	Total Donations and legacies	*3,114*	—
Total income and endowments		**3,114**	—
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
	Church General Maintenance	7,258	740
	Breakthru expenses	292	—
	Additional Expenses	—	180
	Total Other expenditure	*7,550*	*920*
Total expenditure		**7,550**	**920**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(4,436)	(920)
	Brought forward balance	5,197	6,117
Total carried forward balance		**761**	**5,197**

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Note		From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Help - Help Fund (Restricted) Fund				
	Brought forward balance		282	282
	Total carried forward balance		**282**	**282**
Insurance - Insurance (Restricted) Fund				
	Income and endowments			
	Other income			
	Coffee Tavern Trust		13,800	5,648
		Total Other income	*13,800*	*5,648*
	Total income and endowments		**13,800**	**5,648**
	Expenditure			
	Other expenditure			
	Church Insurance		6,966	6,834
		Total Other expenditure	*6,966*	*6,834*
	Total expenditure		**6,966**	**6,834**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		6,834	(1,185)
	Brought forward balance		(8,202)	(7,016)
	Total carried forward balance		**(1,367)**	**(8,202)**
OC - Open Church (Restricted) Fund				
	Brought forward balance		108	108
	Total carried forward balance		**108**	**108**
Suppers - Sunday Suppers (Restricted) Fund				
	Income and endowments			
	Donations and legacies			
	Gift Aid		1,685	1,520
	Special Collections		300	—
	Sundry Donations		265	—
	Legacies		—	1,666
		Total Donations and legacies	*2,250*	*3,186*
	Other income			
	Tax Recoverable		177	52
	Sum Up payments		—	4
	Regular givers non gift aid		100	—
	Coffee Tavern Trust		350	350
	Sunday Supper Donations		32,465	16,468
		Total Other income	*33,093*	*16,875*
	Total income and endowments		**35,343**	**20,061**
	Expenditure			
	Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Sunday Supper Expenses		21,758	14,959
		Total Expenditure on charitable activities	*21,758*	*14,959*
	Total expenditure		**21,758**	**14,959**

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Note		From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		13,585	5,101
	Brought forward balance		23,144	18,043
	Total carried forward balance		**36,729**	**23,144**

Youth - Youth Fund (Restricted) Fund

	Income and endowments			
	Other income			
	Coffee Tavern Trust		400	400
	Youth Work CTT		14,000	14,000
	Youth Events		80	—
		Total Other income	*14,480*	*14,400*
	Total income and endowments		**14,480**	**14,400**
	Expenditure			
	Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Youth Events		161	—
		Total Expenditure on charitable activities	*161*	—
	Other expenditure			
	Youth Work Allocation		7,922	7,000
	Youth Work salary NI and pension		17,318	14,936
	Youth Work Expenses		112	712
	Conferences, Away Days etc		184	99
		Total Other expenditure	*25,537*	*22,748*
	Total expenditure		**25,699**	**22,748**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(11,219)	(8,348)
	Brought forward balance		(82,511)	(74,163)
	Total carried forward balance		**(93,731)**	**(82,511)**

pastors - pastors from ctt (Restricted) Fund

	Income and endowments			
	Other income			
	Coffee Tavern Trust		29,000	—
		Total Other income	*29,000*	—
	Total income and endowments		**29,000**	—
	Expenditure			
	Other expenditure			
	Diocesan Quota		14,502	—
		Total Other expenditure	*14,502*	—
	Total expenditure		**14,502**	—
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		14,498	—
	Brought forward balance		—	—
	Total carried forward balance		**14,498**	—

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Note		From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
rep - Repayment Fund (Restricted) Fund				
Income and endowments				
Other income				
Deposits for hall hire			100	99
	Total Other income		*100*	*99*
Total income and endowments			**100**	**99**
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure			100	99
Brought forward balance			(501)	(600)
Total carried forward balance			**(401)**	**(501)**
windows - Windows (Restricted) Fund				
Brought forward balance			(13,993)	(13,993)
Total carried forward balance			**(13,993)**	**(13,993)**
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund				
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies				
Gift Aid			32,145	30,450
Special Collections			218	207
collections			3,430	4,117
Sundry Donations			1,480	2,676
Wallsafe			178	125
Legacies			—	3,334
	Total Donations and legacies		*37,453*	*40,910*
Income from charitable activities				
Income from Charitable and Auxiliary Tra			337	165
	Total Income from charitable activities		*337*	*165*
Other trading activities				
Church Centre Lettings			14,175	14,932
Banns			102	144
	Total Other trading activities		*14,277*	*15,076*
Investments				
CBF-CCLA			7,373	1,768
	Total Investments		*7,373*	*1,768*
Other income				
Waverley Trust			10,100	10,000
Parish Giving Scheme			14,192	14,832
Tax Recoverable			10,536	10,144
Sum Up payments			1,496	435
Regular givers non gift aid			5,046	3,360
Funeral/Wedding fees			1,045	2,147
Coffee Tavern Trust			550	5,250
Gains Road Rental			9,748	10,562
Social Events			—	290
VAT			1,239	—
Repayment from Waverley Trust			—	1,345
	Total Other income		*53,954*	*58,367*
Total income and endowments			**113,395**	**116,288**
Expenditure				

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Note		From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
	Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Alms Funds plus others		160	—
	Help Fund		—	72
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities		*160*	72
	Other expenditure			
	Church Office printing		193	278
	Church Office telephones		480	277
	Diocesan Quota		40,116	40,063
	Deanery Fees		—	244
	Visting Speakers		40	—
	Church Water		88	82
	Cleaner salary		7,381	7,063
	Church Gas/Electricity		10,289	8,277
	Church General Maintenance		13,332	2,230
	Cleaning Materials		222	347
	AV Equipment		112	349
	Flowers and Christmas Tree		911	550
	Copyright Licence		679	630
	Refreshments		66	—
	|Church Services		47	298
	Gains Road Insurance		529	494
	Youth Work salary NI and pension		—	66
	Church Office general expenses		2,170	1,958
	Church Office Expenses		705	540
	Church Office PC expenses		507	—
	Bank charges		208	166
	Administrators salary, NI and pension		9,147	8,695
	Architects Fees and expenses		2,168	—
	Development work inc roof		500	—
	Additional Expenses		4,263	1,987
	Payroll Expenses		501	360
	Fees to Diocese		581	962
	Conferences, Away Days etc		—	106
	Staff costs hospitality etc		95	127
	HMRC payroll payments		3,116	1,719
	Repayment of deposits		600	2,013
	Total Other expenditure		*99,055*	*79,891*
Total expenditure			**99,215**	**79,963**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		14,179	36,324
	Brought forward balance		343,050	306,107
	Gains & losses		—	618
Total carried forward balance			**357,229**	**343,050**

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Note		From 01 January 2023 To 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Devcam - Development Campaign Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
	Special Collections	78	—
	collections	17	—
	Sundry Donations	10	—
	Total Donations and legacies	*106*	—
Other income			
	Sum Up payments	101	—
	Coffee Tavern Trust	3,031	—
	Total Other income	*3,132*	—
Total income and endowments		**3,238**	—
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
	Church General Maintenance	1,536	7,416
	Architects Fees and expenses	999	4,784
	Development work inc roof	—	36,249
	Total Other expenditure	*2,535*	*48,449*
Total expenditure		**2,535**	**48,449**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	703	(48,449)
	Brought forward balance	833	49,283
Total carried forward balance		**1,536**	**833**

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St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2023

			Balance	Previous balance
Investments				
S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		65,060.09	59,465.00
			65,060.09	**59,465.00**
		Investments	**65,060.09**	**59,465.00**
Tangible assets				
31GR: 31 Gains Road - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		75,000.00	75,000.00
			75,000.00	**75,000.00**
		Tangible assets	**75,000.00**	**75,000.00**
Cash at bank and in hand				
6501: General Fund Bank Account - Asset				
Alms Fund	Restricted		(88,079.80)	(74,831.80)
Breakthru	Restricted		761.00	5,197.55
Help Fund	Restricted		(8.87)	(8.87)
Insurance	Restricted		(1,367.56)	(8,202.43)
Open Church	Restricted		108.69	108.69
Repayment Fund	Restricted		(401.00)	(501.00)
Sunday Suppers	Restricted		36,729.63	23,144.59
Windows	Restricted		(13,993.35)	(13,993.35)
Youth Fund	Restricted		(93,731.25)	(82,511.62)
pastors from ctt	Restricted		14,498.00	—
General fund	Unrestricted		217,262.41	208,678.07
Development Campaign Fund	Restricted		449.23	(253.95)
			72,227.13	**56,825.88**
6502: Development Campaign Bank Account - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		198.16	198.16
Development Campaign Fund	Restricted		1,087.20	1,087.20
			1,285.36	**1,285.36**
		Cash at bank and in hand	**73,512.49**	**58,111.24**
Debtors				
Z05: Accounts Receivable - Asset				
Help Fund	Restricted		291.00	291.00
General fund	Unrestricted		(291.00)	(291.00)
			—	—
		Debtors	—	—
		Grand Total	**213,572.58**	**192,576.24**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint Simon Southsea		
On accounts for the year ended	31 Dec 2023	**Charity no (if any)**	1128695
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]~~]. ~~*Delete* [ ] *if not applicable*~~.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	4 April 2024
Name:	Margaret Burke ACMA CGMA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	Chartered Institute of Managmement Accounts		

(if any):	
Address:	41 Ophir Road Portsmouth PO2 9EL

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT SIMON, SOUTHSEA

England & Wales - Charity number 1128695

Accounts

St SIMON'S CHURCH, WAVERLEY ROAD, SOUTHSEA PO5 2PW

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2022

PCC Annual report for APCM April 2023: Rev Jackie Twine [Chair PCC]; Fran Sherren [Church Warden] & Paul Jenkins [Church Warden]

FOREWORD

Over the past year our services have largely returned to their customary format and many other church activities have continued and new ones grown.

Rev Jackie Twine was appointed as interim minister of St Simon's from July 2022 until June 2023. Responsibility for the management of the church has been shared between Rev. Jackie Twine, the two churchwardens and the PCC. We continue to be extremely grateful for the support of the St Jude's team particularly Rev Adam Tams.

We maintain a thriving children's ministry and have joined with St Jude's in supporting a new Youth Worker. Whilst we continue to face financial challenges, our situation has improved with an increase in regular room lettings, donations and contributions from the congregation. This includes some further generous funding for the running of Sunday Suppers. This has helped this ministry to continue to support many vulnerable people within our community. From March 2022, St Simon's has hosted a Friday Friendship coffee morning aimed initially at supporting asylum seekers who are temporarily housed by the UK Home Office at the Royal Beach Hotel. This is within the parish and so offers a good opportunity to connect with and support a vulnerable population. The coffee morning was also able to offer support to those fleeing the war in Ukraine as refugees who sought a safe place to stay locally in hosted homes.

Our church building continues to require frequent attention. The long delayed work on the roof is finally beginning, which will hopefully address a longstanding problem. We are still considering projects to improve our heating and to renovate the lower hall.

GDPR

We have had no data protection or privacy issues during this period.

Introduction – Rev Jackie Twine Interim Minister

I would like to thank you so much for the incredible welcome you've given to John and me. It's hard to believe we've only been here for 9 months. In that time we've had quiet mornings; Away Days; short Bible courses; events such as Empty Bowls and Maundy Thursday celebrations and Crib services as well as heaps of well attended social events. We've welcomed new members into the church in the form of births and baptisms, and we've also welcomed our new youth minister, Jack, and our Anna Chaplain, John. Sadly too, we have shared our sadness as some of our long standing and much loved members of the congregation have moved on to be with the Lord. We've explored our beliefs as a church with the help of Honest Church material. And our Friday Friendship group is moving in an exciting new direction. We've rebuilt our friendship with Southsea Infant school. We've reformed our once disbanded band. And we've opened up a new cosy corner for prayer times and chats. And this doesn't even include any of the extremely busy ongoing work from our various staff, groups and committees and our wonderful children's work.

With a great deal of work in the background (thank you to all who have played a part in this- and in particular all who made the visit by our Bishop Jonathan so special) a priest in charge will be restored to St Simon's with hopefully an induction service before July.

And we have so much to look forward to in the future- with a new evening service, new signage and plenty more plans besides- far too many to mention.

None of this could have happened without your joy, enthusiasm, prayerfulness and faithfulness. And of course none of this could even have been dreamt of without the beautiful grace, and power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you so much for being such a faithful, hardworking and encouraging congregation. And thank you to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us, with the hope and expectation of many more blessings to come.

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1. Annual Report from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2022

This is the annual report of the PCC proceedings and activities for St Simon's Church PCC for 2022. This report covers the whole of the 2022 year.

-Administrative information

St Simon's Church is situated on Waverley Road in Southsea. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to the church office, St. Simon's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PW.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council powers Measure. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission (2009) as Charity no. 1128695 within the meaning of the charities Act 1993.

The PCC is required to provide an annual report on proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally for discussion at the annual meeting.

PCC Annual report for APCM April 2023: Rev Jackie Twine [Chair PCC]; Fran Sherren [Church Warden] & Paul Jenkins [Church Warden]

-PCC Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Simon's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge [when in post], in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical

In the absence of a Priest in Charge, the leadership of the church falls to the church wardens and PCC.

-PCC Structure, governance and management

Normal membership of the PCC consists of certain ex-officio members: the priest in charge, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM). All church members are encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC or to nominate others, and we aim to have a balance of skills, background and experience where possible.

The PCC is responsible for a wider range of matters affecting the work and ministry of the church, including compliance with health and safety and equalities and diversity legislation and with due regard to the Church of England House of Bishops safeguarding guidance in relation to children and vulnerable adults.

In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC hold a legal responsibility to promote its charitable purpose and for the stewardship of funds including appropriate accounting and reporting of the parish finances. The PCC works to ensure that each member is equipped to fulfil their role. Upon election, new members of the PCC are given an induction which includes their roles and responsibilities, the PCC's agreed policies and procedures, and the most recent minutes. At the first meeting of the new PCC, the vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer are elected. The churchwardens, secretary and treasurer are encouraged to attend courses run by the diocese on their particular work and all PCC members must attend the relevant diocesan safeguarding training. Regular mailings from the diocese keep the officers up to date with changes in church regulation and financial procedure and these are reported to the whole PCC as appropriate.

During the year 2022 the following served as members of the PCC:-

Priest in Charge: Vacancy until July 2022 when Rev Jackie Twine was appointed on an interim basis for one year
Churchwardens: Fran Sherren and Paul Jenkins [Vic Chair until appointment of interim minister]
Deanery Synod Representatives: Dr Hugh Mason; Paul Jenkins

-Elected Members:
Phil Gower (Treasurer)
Oyin Alonge (Treasurer/Director of finance from November 2019)
Jerry Brown
Bethan Fogell (from November 2019)
Linda Jenkins (secretary from November 2019)
Patrick Jolly
Louise Roulston
Elly Mulvany
Michael Piper

John Bazley continued as Parish Safeguarding Officer

At the May 2022 Annual Meeting the following posts in the PCC were confirmed:

- Paul Jenkins was re-elected Church Warden [acting as Chair of PCC and Vice Chair of PCC until Rev Jackie Twine was appointed in July 2022]
- Fran Sherren was re-elected as Church Warden
- Hugh Mason was re-elected as Deanery Synod representative
- Paul Jenkins was elected as Deanery Synod representative
- Linda Jenkins was re-elected PCC Secretary
- Paul Jenkins was re-elected as Health and Safety Officer
- Phil Gower was officially elected onto PCC as Treasurer
- Oyin Alonge was re-elected assistant treasurer/director of finance Bethan Fogell resigned from the PCC March 2023
- Louise Roulston Thomas was re-elected onto the PCC
- Elly Mulvany was re-elected onto the PCC
- Michael Piper was re-elected onto the PCC

Meetings of the PCC were held in church with the PCC Standing Committee meetings held via Zoom, following relevant government and Church of England guidance. The PCC welcomed regular reports from the Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Fabric Committee and the children's ministry work.

The PCC delegates a number of its functions to sub committees which include the following:

-Standing committee

The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with dependent on the number of names on the church electoral roll. The standing committee consists of the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and at least two other members of the PCC. It may transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC .This committee meets prior to each PCC meeting to consider outstanding issues and plan the PCC agenda. The standing committee met every other month between the PCC meetings to set the PCC agenda and deal with any urgent items.

-Fabric committee

The Fabric committee exists to ensure that the fabric of the church building is properly maintained and that the findings of the quinquennial inspection are acted upon. It was formed several years ago and reports to the PCC as appropriate. The committee has overseen work such as roof repairs, planning internal improvements and regular church cleaning and is now under the leadership of the chairperson Mick Walters.

-Mission Team

Each year the church gives at least 10% of its unrestricted income to home and overseas mission work. The committee canvassed the congregation for ideas on which charities should be supported and six were identified; two each of a local, national and international focus in their work.
These are: Flame International; Joshua Radio (Uganda); Beyond the Streets; Frontline Debt Advice; Bereaved Families Holiday Fund; Faith in Football. Five of which were supported in 2021[see treasurers report] These will be reviewed in 2023.

-Risk assessment

The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the council has been exposed have been identified by a risk analysis exercise carried out by PCC members. The risks identified and steps taken to mitigate these risks are as follows:

• Property fire or theft: Insurance cover continues against both these risks. Fire inspections are carried out annually by a suitably qualified and experienced professional and fire extinguishers are tested and replaced and advised.

• Misappropriation of funds: The budgeted expenditure for each year is approved by the full PCC. The PCC has a "fiduciary duty" to operate with due regard to the Church of England Legal Advisory Commission guidance which highlights "…the duty to protect the assets of the charity". The PCC operates a system of controls including analytical reviews and segregation of duties that are designed to militate against any potential for the misappropriation of funds.

Two signatories are required for all cheques and these have been reviewed with the new treasurer's appointment. All matters involving unbudgeted expenditure in excess of £1,000 are put to the full PCC.

• Revenue falling below committed expenditure: The level of giving was monitored throughout the year, and the financial situation (income and expenditure) was reviewed by the PCC. The current financial plan includes a budget for the next financial year with the provision of separate accounting processes for church finances separated from the two main trusts that support the church (Coffee Tavern Trust and Waverley Trust). The PCC plans to monitor any shortfall now that church lettings are increasing and continues to encourage members of the congregation to use the parish giving scheme.

-Electoral roll and attendance

The electoral roll stood at **105 on 5th April 2023**.

2. Deanery Synod annual report 2022- Hugh Mason, Deanery Synod representative

The Portsmouth Deanery Synod has held three meetings during the year: at St James' in June, at the Cathedral in October and at St Jude's in February.

The June meeting had a very full agenda. It was agreed to make a donation of £1000 to the Diocese of Ho in Ghana (our linked diocese) to support clergy salaries. After a presentation on 'eco-church' outlining ways in which the carbon footprint of churches could be reduced and presentations from both Harbour Church and St Jude's on some of their current plans, the main part of the meeting was devoted to considerations of the revised deanery plan. After an initial presentation, synod split into groups to consider various aspects of the plan. After they had reported back it was emphasised that each church would remain a church community, recognising the diversity within clusters of churches, but that we should seek to share resources and work together. It was then agreed that 'the deanery endorses the revision of the Deanery Plan for submission to Bishop Jonathan'.

The October meeting of Synod received an update report on the Deanery Plan and then spent some time considering the diocesan budget for 2023. Contributions from the floor emphasised that in the post Covid period and in the current economic conditions the budget would have to take account of the financial difficulties which are facing most churches. Synod then received presentations on parish projects; on Pompey Sunday's (sic) - a young person's ministry at the Cathedral; on youth ministry at St Jude's and St Simon's; on the Garifuna (ethnic culture of St Vincent and the Grenadines) Ministry at Farlington; and on Black History month at St Mary's. Synod also received a report on work being done to ensure warm spaces in the coming winter and on the homeless voucher scheme.

I am told that the February Synod passed off without incident, insult or injury. I cannot confirm that this was true and that blood was not shed because I was locked out. Due to an earlier engagement, of which I had informed the Synod secretary, I arrived ten minutes late to St Jude's and after some

ten minutes of fruitlessly ringing bells and knocking on windows, I decided that a better use of my time would be to spend it in a pub; which I did.

3. Churchwardens' Report -2022 – Paul Jenkins and Fran Sherren

Following the church's last APCM in May last year, we continued to face the great challenge of securing clergy leadership for St Simon's, in a context where, due to major financial constraints, many other parishes were also in vacancy. The churchwardens and the PCC had explored various options including seeking a Pioneer Curate or making a House for Duty appointment. The Coffee Tavern Trust had generously offered its financial support if these options were pursued. The churchwardens continued their dialogue with the leadership of the diocese, notably the Archdeacon, on this crucial matter.

In June 2022, the Archdeacon approached the churchwardens to inform them of the possibility of an appointment to St Simon's of an Interim Minister, for a period of twelve months. The Archdeacon and churchwardens met and interviewed the candidate and duly agreed to the candidate's appointment. The Rev. Jackie Twine joined us in July.

We recognise how wonderfully God has answered our prayers for spiritual leadership at St Simon's. Jackie has been a great blessing to our church family and to the wider parish. She has prayerfully sought to heal the wounds of the turmoil we faced during the past few years. She has brought new ideas and energy to inspire us all to fulfil our purpose to plant hope and grow disciples in our community. Most of all, she has loved us as a church family.

As we have come to know Jackie more, we have realised as churchwardens, how vital it is to ensure that she has the chance to continue God's work in this parish. We know that God has brought her to St Simon's for a purpose and this purpose will not be fulfilled in twelve months. We have therefore maintained a dialogue with the leadership of the diocese, to try and secure Jackie's position at St Simon's. This has not been easy, in a context where the diocese continues to face serious financial challenges. However, following meetings between the churchwardens with both the Bishop and Archdeacon, it was agreed that the permanent appointment of a Priest-in Charge would be made to St Simon's.

The PCC met with the Archdeacon in April to consider whether the post should be advertised and open to other candidates, or whether to request the Bishop to make a direct nomination of a candidate to St Simon's. The PCC was unanimous in agreeing to ask the Bishop to make a nomination, so that a long-term appointment could be made as Priest-in-Charge of St Simon's without delay. The PCC has again sought the financial support of the Coffee Tavern Trust towards this appointment. This process of recruitment in now in motion and we hope to be able to communicate positive news to the church family shortly.

We look forward in faith and with great hope and anticipation, to continuing our support for Jackie in her leadership of St Simon's. We must all always remember to show her our love and support, particularly in challenging times and there will be many. Jackie needs to be surrounded by people willing to give practical and prayerful support to our mission as a church. We have the foundation now to build something great for God in our community. Let's embrace this God given opportunity together.

One major issue that we have engaged with as a church family over the past twelve months is the issue of human sexuality. The Church of England published "Living in Love and Faith" (LLF) in 2020, which explores Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Churches were encouraged to engage with the issues raised in LLF, with Synod meeting to discuss the issue in February 2023.

Jackie organised a series of meetings, open to everyone in the church, to discuss these issues. The discussions focussed on a process known as "Honest Church", which seeks to identify where as a church we stand on these issues and where we would seek to stand in the future. Many of the issues discussed centred on our church as a place of welcome for all, which is clearly at the heart of St Simon's.

Jackie led these discussions with great sensitivity, helping us all to identify and understand different perspectives and approaches to these issues. Whilst there will clearly be many different approaches and understandings of these issues within our church family, we hope that these discussions have strengthened our identity and unity as a church and will ensure that we remain a church that is open to welcoming and sharing God's love with everyone.

Our partnership with St Jude's and St Margaret's continues to flourish. We have been greatly blessed with the appointment of our Youth Pastor, Jack Cross, who works to support young people in St Simon's, St Jude's and more widely in the Southsea area. Jack's appointment has been generously supported by the Coffee Tavern Trust. Whilst with Jackie's appointment we have seen less of preachers from St Jude's on Sundays, there are very many ways in which we continue to collaborate with our sister churches in Southsea. The churchwardens will always be grateful for the invaluable support provided by St Jude's during the most recent period of vacancy, particularly from the Rev. Adam Tams. His advice, practical and prayerful support helped steer us as a church through some challenging times.

Perhaps the most exciting thing to include in this annual report is our joy as churchwardens in seeing how our worship together has grown. We have shared in some wonderful, inspiring services of Morning Praise, as well as some innovative special services during the Advent, Lent and Easter periods. We have seen new families joining with us and old friends returning. We cannot doubt that God is working in St Simon's. Let's all take the time to listen to God and ask him to direct the next steps on our journey. Then let's have the courage and faith to take those steps together, in unity, as one church, trusting in His faithfulness.

4. Fabric Committee annual report 2022 – Mick Walters, Chair

The Committee addressed the following major items of work on the building during 2022:

- replacement of the south east roof area
- considering a new heating system for the nave, the side aisles and the Prayer Room
- refurbishment of the Lower Hall, including entrance porches and toilets

Regrettably the roof replacement has still left some leaks over the Chancel and Prayer Room from another area. Repairs or, more likely replacement, of this area is under consideration.
Debates about the new heating system continue into 2023.

Progress with the lower hall refurbishment was slow although the north porch has now been completed.

Work Mornings continued to be held on an occasional basis.

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in August, having been delayed by Covid. This identified one urgent matter (repairs over the flat roof areas above the Office and Lounge) which is in hand. The report also informed us of other needs and we are now working to an agreed set of priorities for 2023 and beyond.

Several items of maintenance and other small problems have been addressed throughout the year. Many of these have been carried out by church members resulting in considerable financial savings.

Particular thanks are due to Gorik Melikian, Michael Piper and Ken Slater along with several others who are often unseen.

5. Children's Ministry (Shipmates) annual report 2022 - Andrea Grainger Children and Families Pastor

2022 was a year of growth and development.

Our Play and Praise groups grew and I approached the PCC to ask for funding to run a third one on a Wednesday morning. As a result of that meeting my hours were increased from 19 to 27.5 / week to be worked 30 hours / week term time and 19 during school holidays. This came into effect on May and 1st allowed both the expansion of the 3rd group and to cover the other work I had already been doing beyond my hours. Many thanks to the PCC for this decision.

I am continuing to run;
-Little Shipmates Stay and Play Toddler Group
-Three Play and Praise groups
-Shipmates Café After-school Drop in for school age children and their families.
And these continue to run on a weekly booking basis through our Facebook group.

We also continue to offer our facilities to the local childminders for a self-led group between our groups on a Tuesday. They are very appreciative and enjoy a soft play session followed by lunch.

On a Sunday we continue with Shipmates at 9.30 on a first Sunday and the 'soft start' allowing the two congregations to mix between the services has worked really well for the families. They no longer feel they are being shushed and asked to leave as the 10.30 service begins.

The All Age Service on the 3rd Sunday and Café Church on a fifth Sunday continues to receive positive feedback, and it's been pleasure to start working alongside Jackie on these.

Our Easter Garden event was successful and I'm happy to report that on Easter Sunday one of our Little Shipmates families joined us for the first time on a Sunday and have been attending Shipmates Services regularly throughout the year.

Over the Sumner we had 3 events as part of the Summer Fun series along with St Jude's and St Mags. We hosted a Summer Celebration Picnic at Cumberland House and Play and Praise and Shipmates Cafe Taster sessions which were well received.

2022 came to an end in a flurry of activity as I'm sure you can imagine. A new activity this year was inviting Southsea Infants into the church to look around and hear the Nativity Story. We had 60 year R children for 1 session, 60 year 1 for another and 6 children from their Special Needs Language Unit on the final afternoon. We were able to tailor our provisional for each class and teachers, parent helpers and the children all responded very enthusiastically.

Christmas at St Simon's consisted of Christmas Parties at our 5 children's groups where thanks to the generosity of the CCT the children all received a gift.

We hosted a Wreath Making Workshop for parents who attend Shipmates Groups and the children's ministry volunteers led by our own talented Chris Teuten and Christmas Craft Morning for families both of which gave great opportunities for conversation and relationship building. Jackie attended both which was great and reinforced the feeling that our community groups are part of the church family.

The children and congregation enjoyed our traditional Nativity Service and the plan to do 2 Crib Services on Christmas Eve was really successful with an even split of about 80 people at each service.

I have attended local Scripture Union Retreat and Gather Days at St Mary's Portchester across the year. I have also had the opportunity to attend the two-day South East Gathering at the London School of Theology and the Care for the Family Playtime Conference in Cardiff.

Both offered lots of opportunities to reflect and share ideas and information alongside worship and seminars.

I have also updated my Safeguarding and First Aid Training and have attended joint quiet days with St Jude's and St Mags.

With John's support we have safely recruited a couple more volunteers and ensured that all current volunteers have the correct training. Without their help and support the ministry would not be able to operate and I would like to pass on my grateful thanks to everyone who helps with Shipmates.

6. Sunday Suppers annual report for 2022- Francesca Sherren

NUMBERS of GUESTS
This year we have seen a steady increase in the numbers of guests attending each week. These guests are almost all living in poverty, recovering from or living with addiction or living in temporary accommodation. Very few of our guests are street-homeless. This year we regularly fed between 55 and 70 guests each Sunday, an increase from 40-50 last year. Most of our guests come every week and we have built up friendly relationships with many guests. The volunteers know many of the guests by first name.

FOOD
We continue to offer our 'signature' dish – baked potatoes usually with a freshly cooked beef or chicken stew/curry/casserole, which is very popular. We always offer a vegan alternative.
We offer a smaller goody bag to each guest with higher priced items they might not choose to buy for themselves, e.g. tinned meat, tinned fruit and puddings.
The procurement team continues to work brilliantly and ensures the supplies never run out. This team comprises Dinah Walters, Dave Howell, Anthea Howell, Mel Mason and Jerry Brown.

FUNDING
We are so grateful for God's provision for Sunday Suppers. We have been blessed with significant funds to allow this work to continue. Special thanks go to Jerry Brown for the immense time, effort and work he has done in this area.

EQUIPMENT
This year we purchased an instant water boiler and the fantastic new oven with induction hob was installed. Jerry Brown also secured funding to replace the aluminium pans for high-quality stainless-steel ones, suitable for the induction hob.
(Next year's annual report will show that in April 2023, a replacement dishwasher and new fridge were purchased and installed)

TEAM TRAINING
We held a very successful training session in January 2023 focusing on our aims and what attributes and behaviour we hope guests see in us. We also discussed Safeguarding issues. It was a very useful time and was a great opportunity for most of the volunteers to meet and discuss issues with each other.

FAITH & BIBLES
We continue to offer a short Christian faith talk every week. Currently 7 volunteers have chosen to

deliver the talk at different times of the year. Volunteers have had faith conversations with, and prayed with, several guests over the year. Bibles and New Testaments are always available for guests to take. Three bibles have been given away this year.

VOLUNTEERS
2 volunteers left this year, 2 previous volunteers returned, and 4 new volunteers have joined the regular team including the Interim Priest-in-charge Jackie and her husband John. This means we have a total of 31 volunteers. This ensures that each volunteer only need to participate once or twice a month, with the exception of Jerry and me who attend 3 or 4 times every month.

7. Social Committee 2022– Dinah Walters

The Social Committee in 2022-23 comprised the following members of the congregation: Gail Chipperfield, Phil Gower, Andy Taylor and myself as Chairman. Michelle McGannan and Louise Roulston took a break from the Committee and I would like to thank them for their contributions over several years of membership. We have been fortunate that John Twine has readily agreed to join our group.

Activities in 2022 revolved mainly around going out to local cafes and restaurants to join in fellowship over meals together. Destinations included a curry night at the Balti House; lunch at the Brewhouse and Kitchen; men's breakfast at the Tenth Hole and a ladies' afternoon tea at the D-Day story café. We also held, on separate days, a men's and ladies' crazy golf evening. We also had a Christmas Grub Club at the Spice Island Inn.

In April Andy organised a highly successful Quiz Night in the church, in conjunction with the Sam's Place, the charity shop which supports the work of the Portsmouth Samaritans group. The proceeds were split between that charity and our church funds.

In October we started a new initiative, "Souper Seniors", led by John, to try to encourage seniors to come along to a warm space on Friday lunchtimes and share not only fellowship but a light lunch. However there was little take-up of this and so we called a halt before Christmas. John is working on ways to support senior members of our church by way of social opportunities.

Though not exactly a happy social event, we opened the church in September for people to join together to watch the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II. This was much appreciated by those who attended and has inspired us to do a similar event for the forthcoming coronation of King Charles III.

So far in 2023 we have had our traditional New Year's Day walk along the sea front, a men's breakfast, a ladies' afternoon tea, a curry Grub Club and lunch at Café Fresco.

Thank you to everybody who supports our activities, by helping to organise or by attending our events.

8. Pastoral Ministry annual report 2021 - Michael Piper, Home group coordinator

The Pastoral Team has met monthly to consider and pray for church members in any special need and for any recent newcomers to the church. The team is chaired by Rev Bob Mason, and has included Rev Jackie Twine, Michael and Sue Piper, Phil and Julie Gower and Diane Melikian. As we have been able to meet face to face again, the effectiveness of the group has grown, enhanced by Jackie's presence and Bob's very helpful notes each month. A further blessing was when John Twine became an Anna Chaplain and accordingly joined the group.

After a considerable interval when visiting care homes was prevented, the provision services of worship have picked up again, although not to the extent and frequency that the homes would appreciate. We are grateful for Percy and Gill's faithful cover of Braemar Care home over many months, which have now sadly come to an end because of their ill health. Bob and Mel Mason, Michael Piper and Sue Bussey have picked up the responsibility of taking services again, and now Corinne Toma and John Twine have strengthened the team. We would be interested to learn of anyone who would like to participate in this important ministry.

The 5 Home Groups continue, now enjoying being able to meet in person. Millie French was a great supporter of a home group in Tudor Rose Court, but sadly her illness and recent death brought that to a close for the time being. There is a need for one or two more groups to provide for newcomers to the church, and it would be good to learn of anyone who would be willing to lead a group, for which training could be provided.

9. Mission Team annual report 2022- Ruth Warner and Geraldine Poulter:

'God loves a Cheerful Giver' (2 Corinthians ch. 9 v 7)

- From March 2022 to March 2023 our support in alms giving (unrestricted fund) and prayer has been greatly appreciated and thankfully received by the following five charities.
- Flame international
- Joshua Radio
- Beyond the Streets
- Frontline Debt
- Bereaved Families Holiday

Each charity received £1621.

- Unfortunately despite our efforts we were unable to contact 'Faith and Football' therefore they have not been in receipt of any funding.
- On September 25th 2022 we had the greatest pleasure of welcoming Jan Ransom from 'Flame International'. Jan has a long standing connection with St Simon's and as always her preaching was inspirational.
- A description of each charity is displayed on the notice board in the church centre.
- 'Mission' is at the heart of St Simon's so your prayers and encouragement are appreciated.

10. Friday Friendship Coffee Morning 2022 – Linda Jenkins & Louise Roulston

In March 2022 St Simon's started a Friday Friendship coffee morning in response to two main international events. The UK Home Office had temporarily housed a number of people who were seeking asylum, fleeing their home countries through fear of persecution and other events, and they have since been living within St Simon's parish at the Royal Beach Hotel. Secondly, the onset of the war in Ukraine meant the arrival in Portsmouth of people seeking refuge, some of whom were hosted by local families. Both prompted us to offer a compassionate welcome to anyone seeking asylum or refuge thorough simple coffee and chat.

Friendship Friday coffee morning aims to be part of our church outreach mission and offers support for refugees & asylum seekers and for all those who are displaced and/or seeking sanctuary. We meet every Friday at St Simon's church lower hall. We offer a space to chat serving hot drinks, cake and biscuits and we play card games, table tennis or some art or craft activity. We offered conversational English sessions which were supported by an English tutor. We have about 10 volunteers overall and two leaders/administrators of the group activity. We have on average about 12-15 people attending each week and have had guests from Afghanistan, Iran, Algeria, Eritrea, El Salvador and Ukraine.

We have developed an induction booklet based on the one used by the Sunday Suppers team which guides our activities and have had a training session with our safeguarding officer on aspects of safeguarding and managing the kitchen area for serving of refreshments. So far we have been using the tea and coffee resources of the general church and Sunday Suppers stores, and funded our own cakes and biscuits etc.

As we are now starting a new year and the project is proving to be successful, we would like to build on this. We are planning to include simple cooking sessions for 2023 and engage guests in showing us some of their traditional recipes and meals. In this way we can all learn from each other, improve English skills and develop relationships. We are seeking funding to take these activities forward. We have joined the national Christian initiative 'Welcome Churches' network who provide resources and we will be contributing to the refugee Sunday services in future. We continue to be blessed by the connections we make and are widening our understanding of wider issues faced by this group of vulnerable people.

11. Church Administrator's Report 2022– Craig Fisher

- Major activities over recent months

Staff changes: We welcomed Rev. Jackie Twine. Andrea increased number of hours after introducing Wednesday 'Play & Praise'.

Staff Team: Staff Team meetings and one on one meetings with Rev. Jackie Twine are held fortnightly and more concentrated.

Hall lettings: Loss of 'Local Vocals' regular fortnightly booking. Portsmouth City Council agreed and signed to use St. Simons as a polling station for the next two years. Mayville School have increased from coming to St. Simon's for exam times & Harvest Festival & Christmas, and will now be using St. Simon's for Easter services. The number of requests for use for private 'one off' bookings has shown an increase although many have not resulted in concrete bookings. Some have quoted costs, although we are competitive with our pricing

Events: Arrangements for Standing Committee, PCC, Staff Team Meetings and social events are all now held in the Church building. More social events and increase with church use and activities

Finance: Moving all Room Hire payments to BACS has been successful.

Car Park: After a lot of misuse of the church car park the management has now been handed over to Creative Car Parks with a camera vehicle recognition system. This is a recent installation and is already showing to be a positive acquisition with less confrontation and misuse.

- Future plans

Energy Costs: Noticeable increase in costs which with the help of Elly Mulvany, Oyin Alonge and Phil Gower we are moving to a different supplier and addressing cost of room hire and savings.

AV: The computer set up in the Church office needs an upgrade along with the printers as it has become slow and struggles with updates. We are also looking at Church Suite software and spending time with St. Jude's to familiarise ourselves with it.

Website: The new church website, whilst a vast improvement on our previous website is still cumbersome and doesn't show all edited and added entries. This can be frustrating, whilst also trying to get more people to engage with it.

Building works: A number of repairs and improvements have been made to the building with some ongoing. We continue to be indebted to Ken, Gorik and Michael and others for a large number of minor repairs around the building.

Rotas: Preparing the Sunday rotas can still be challenging at times due to a shortage of volunteers. It should be noted that we place a large work load on a core number of volunteers although in recent weeks we have had more people come forward for refreshment duties & welcoming and we have asked for people to read prayers, which has made it easier to cover this task. Perhaps a volunteer day to thank and encourage others to come forward may help.

12. Treasurer's Report 2022- Phil Gower Treasurer with Oyin Alonge

2022 was a very interesting year learning so much as treasurer in a short time with the help of Gail Chipperfield (previous treasurer) and things are now getting back to normal after lockdown the previous year.

This year we have again paid our Parish Share in full to the Diocese and are grateful to have had Rev Jackie Twine as our temporary minister.

Lettings have increased over the year to above pre Covid levels, thanks to the hard work of our church administrator Craig Fisher.

Unfortunately this year we only paid five of the six nominated charities from our unrestricted income as we had trouble contacting the sixth (Faith in Football). This amount will be paid to a new charity in 2023 once chosen.

The south roof works were completed and fully paid for from the Coffee Tavern Trust.

The kitchen has seen some improvements and with thanks to the Sunday Suppers team a new cooker and water heater were installed.

This year we have been under pressure with an increase in gas and electricity costs but the bills have always been paid despite a very large direct debit in November 2022. The Diocese also helped us with a special payment from government. We have been considering securing a new power supplier in 2022 and this will happen in 2023.

Once again Sunday Suppers has been well funded thanks to the efforts of Jerry Brown and others who have obtained grants to keep this great work going. Other churches and individuals have also been generous.

We also received a generous bequest in the will of Thelma Winchester, partly for the work of Sunday Suppers and for a new lectern.

Thank you to all who give to the church whether through standing order, direct debit or the Parish Giving scheme.

Everyone has been generous and made my job as treasurer easier. We are grateful to the Coffee Tavern Trust and the Waverley Trust for their support. Also thanks to Gail Chipperfield for getting me thorough this first year as treasurer.

13. Annual Accounts 2022

[see attached]

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Note		From 01 January 2022 To 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Alms - Alms Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Alms Funds plus others		8,207	9,906
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities	*8,207*	*9,906*
Total expenditure		**8,207**	**9,906**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(8,207)	(9,906)
	Brought forward balance	(66,624)	(56,718)
Total carried forward balance		**(74,831)**	**(66,624)**
Breakthru - Breakthru (Restricted) Fund			
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Church General Maintenance		740	—
Breakthru expenses		—	132
Additional Expenses		180	—
	Total Other expenditure	*920*	*132*
Total expenditure		**920**	**132**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(920)	(132)
	Brought forward balance	6,117	6,249
Total carried forward balance		**5,197**	**6,117**
Help - Help Fund (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance	282	282
Total carried forward balance		**282**	**282**
Insurance - Insurance (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other income			
Coffee Tavern Trust		5,648	5,441
	Total Other income	*5,648*	*5,441*
Total income and endowments		**5,648**	**5,441**
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Church Insurance		6,834	5,648
	Total Other expenditure	*6,834*	*5,648*
Total expenditure		**6,834**	**5,648**

PAUL JENKINS
23.4.23

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Note		From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(1,185)	(207)
	Brought forward balance		(7,016)	(6,808)
	Total carried forward balance		**(8,202)**	**(7,016)**
	OC - Open Church (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance		108	108
	Total carried forward balance		**108**	**108**
	Suppers - Sunday Suppers (Restricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments			
	Donations and legacies			
	Gift Aid		1,520	1,880
	Sundry Donations		—	20
	Legacies		1,666	—
	Total Donations and legacies		*3,186*	*1,900*
	Other income			
	Tax Recoverable		52	648
	Sum Up payments		4	—
	Coffee Tavern Trust		350	400
	Sunday Supper Donations		16,468	25,178
	Total Other income		*16,875*	*26,226*
	Total income and endowments		**20,061**	**28,126**
	Expenditure			
	Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Sunday Supper Expenses		14,959	19,038
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities		*14,959*	*19,038*
	Total expenditure		**14,959**	**19,038**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		5,101	9,088
	Brought forward balance		18,043	8,955
	Total carried forward balance		**23,144**	**18,043**
	Youth - Youth Fund (Restricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments			
	Other income			
	Coffee Tavern Trust		400	400
	Youth Work CTT		14,000	—
	Total Other income		*14,400*	*400*
	Total income and endowments		**14,400**	**400**
	Expenditure			
	Other expenditure			
	Youth Work Allocation		7,000	—
	Youth Work salary NI and pension		14,936	12,270
	Youth Work Expenses		712	899
	Conferences, Away Days etc		99	172
	Total Other expenditure		*22,748*	*13,341*
	Total expenditure		**22,748**	**13,341**

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Note		From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(8,348)	(12,941)
	Brought forward balance		(74,163)	(61,221)
	Total carried forward balance		**(82,511)**	**(74,163)**
	rep - Repayment Fund (Restricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments			
	Other income			
	Deposits for hall hire		99	—
	Total Other income		*99*	—
	Total income and endowments		**99**	—
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		99	—
	Brought forward balance		(600)	(600)
	Total carried forward balance		**(501)**	**(600)**
	windows - Windows (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance		(13,993)	(13,993)
	Total carried forward balance		**(13,993)**	**(13,993)**
	General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments			
	Donations and legacies			
	Gift Aid		30,450	28,080
	Special Collections		207	—
	collections		4,117	2,557
	Sundry Donations		2,676	7,982
	Wallsafe		125	18
	Legacies		3,334	—
	Total Donations and legacies		*40,910*	*38,637*
	Income from charitable activities			
	Income from Charitable and Auxiliary Tra		165	—
	Total Income from charitable activities		*165*	—
	Other trading activities			
	Church Centre Lettings		14,932	5,113
	Banns		144	180
	Total Other trading activities		*15,076*	*5,293*
	Investments			
	CBF-CCLA		1,768	1,710
	Total Investments		*1,768*	*1,710*
	Other income			
	Waverley Trust		10,000	11,500
	Parish Giving Scheme		14,832	10,627
	Tax Recoverable		10,144	7,917
	Sum Up payments		435	—
	Regular givers non gift aid		3,360	4,530
	Funeral/Wedding fees		2,147	—
	Coffee Tavern Trust		5,250	5,200
	Gains Road Rental		10,562	10,830
	Social Events		290	—
	Fees to Diocese		—	1,007
	Repayment from Waverley Trust		1,345	—
	Total Other income		*58,367*	*51,611*

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Note		From 01 January 2022 To 31 December 2022	From 01 January 2021 To 31 December 2021
	Total income and endowments	**116,288**	**97,252**
	Expenditure		
	Expenditure on charitable activities		
	Help Fund	72	—
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities	72	—
	Other expenditure		
	Church Office printing	278	—
	Church Office telephones	277	533
	Alpha and other courses	—	180
	Diocesan Quota	40,063	39,577
	Deanery Fees	244	98
	Visting Speakers	—	15
	Church Water	82	77
	Cleaner salary	7,063	6,773
	Church Gas/Electricity	8,277	1,605
	Church General Maintenance	2,230	5,214
	Cleaning Materials	347	254
	AV Equipment	349	78
	Flowers and Christmas Tree	550	485
	Copyright Licence	630	600
	|Church Services	298	432
	Gains Road Insurance	494	453
	Youth Work salary NI and pension	66	—
	Church Office general expenses	1,958	3
	Church Office Expenses	540	886
	Church Office PC expenses	—	171
	Bank charges	166	127
	Administrators salary, NI and pension	8,695	7,636
	Architects Fees and expenses	—	3,826
	Additional Expenses	1,987	5,410
	Payroll Expenses	360	356
	Fees to Diocese	962	1,010
	Conferences, Away Days etc	106	—
	Staff costs hospitality etc	127	—
	HMRC payroll payments	1,719	1,188
	Repayment of deposits	2,013	764
	Total Other expenditure	*79,891*	*77,763*
	Total expenditure	**79,963**	**77,763**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	36,324	19,488
	Brought forward balance	306,107	286,618
	Gains & losses	618	—
	Total carried forward balance	**343,050**	**306,107**

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Note		From 01 January 2022 To 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Devcam - Development Campaign Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other income			
Coffee Tavern Trust		—	45,000
	Total Other income	—	*45,000*
Total income and endowments		—	**45,000**
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Church General Maintenance		7,416	—
Architects Fees and expenses		4,784	—
Development work inc roof		36,249	—
	Total Other expenditure	*48,449*	—
Total expenditure		**48,449**	—
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(48,449)	45,000
	Brought forward balance	49,283	4,283
Total carried forward balance		**833**	**49,283**

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St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 31 December 2021 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	40,910	—	3,186	—	44,096	40,537
Income from charitable activities	165	—	—	—	165	—
Other trading activities	15,076	—	—	—	15,076	5,293
Investments	1,768	—	—	—	1,768	5,387
Other income	58,367	—	37,023	—	95,390	128,678
Total income and endowments from:	**116,288**	**—**	**40,209**	**—**	**156,497**	**179,897**
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	72	—	23,167	—	23,239	28,944
Other expenditure	79,891	—	84,602	—	164,493	97,369
Total expenditure on:	**79,963**	**—**	**107,769**	**—**	**187,733**	**126,313**
Net income / (expenditure)	**36,324**	**—**	**(67,560)**	**—**	**(31,235)**	**53,583**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure)	**36,324**	**—**	**(67,560)**	**—**	**(31,235)**	**53,583**
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	618	—	—	—	618	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**36,942**	**—**	**(67,560)**	**—**	**(30,617)**	**53,583**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	**306,107**	**—**	**(82,913)**	**—**	**223,194**	**163,961**
Total funds carried forward	**343,050**	**—**	**(150,473)**	**—**	**192,576**	**217,545**

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of St. Simon's Church, Southsea

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 **Charity no (if any)** 1128695

Set out on pages 1 - 5

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.12.2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Margaret A. **Date:** 15/4/23

Name: MARGARET ANNE BURKE CGMA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CHARTERED GLOBAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT SIMON, SOUTHSEA

England & Wales - Charity number 1128695

Accounts

ST SIMON’S CHURCH,

WAVERLEY ROAD

SOUTHSEA

ANNUAL REPORT

AND ACCOUNTS

2021

FOREWORD

PCC Annual report - 20 April 2022: Fran Sherren [Church Warden] & Paul Jenkins [Chair PCC & Church Warden]

Over the past year the Covid pandemic has continued to impact on our church life. However, as Covid restrictions were gradually lifted, our services have largely returned to their customary format and many other church activities have resumed.

St Simon’s remains in vacancy, with no prospect of a vicar or priest-in-charge being appointed in the medium-term. Responsibility for the management of the church has therefore fallen to the churchwardens and the PCC. The Rev. Bob Mason has played a key role, particularly in preaching and officiating at communion services, baptisms and funerals. The commitment and dedication of our staff has also been crucial in ensuring that St Simon’s continues to play a central role in the life of our community.

Whilst we continue to face financial challenges, our situation has improved with the easing of Covid restrictions. Several generous donations have been received towards the running of Sunday Suppers. This has helped this ministry to continue to support many vulnerable people within our community.

Our church building continues to require frequent attention. The long delayed work on the roof is finally beginning, which will hopefully address a longstanding problem. We are still considering projects to improve our heating and to renovate the lower hall.

GDPR

We have had no data protection or privacy issues during this period.

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1.Annual Report from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2021 – Linda Jenkins PCC Secretary

This is the annual report of the PCC proceedings and activities for St Simon's Church PCC for 2021.
This report covers the whole of the 2021 year.

-Administrative information

St Simon's Church is situated on Waverley Road in Southsea. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to the church office, St. Simon's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PW.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council powers Measure. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission (2009) as Charity no. 1128695 within the meaning of the charities Act 1993.

The PCC is required to provide an annual report on proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally for discussion at the annual meeting.

-PCC Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Simon's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge [when in post], in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical

In the absence of a Priest in Charge, the leadership of the church falls to the church wardens and PCC.

-PCC Structure, governance and management

Normal membership of the PCC consists of certain ex-officio members: the priest in charge, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General

Synods and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM). All church members are encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC or to nominate others, and we aim to have a balance of skills, background and experience where possible.

The PCC is responsible for a wider range of matters affecting the work and ministry of the church, including compliance with health and safety and equalities and diversity legislation and with due regard to the Church of England House of Bishops safeguarding guidance in relation to children and vulnerable adults.

In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC hold a legal responsibility to promote its charitable purpose and for the stewardship of funds including appropriate accounting and reporting of the parish finances. The PCC works to ensure that each member is equipped to fulfil their role. Upon election, new members of the PCC are given an induction which includes their roles and responsibilities, the PCC's agreed policies and procedures, and the most recent minutes. At the first meeting of the new PCC, the vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer are elected. The churchwardens, secretary and treasurer are encouraged to attend courses run by the diocese on their particular work and all PCC members must attend the relevant diocesan safeguarding training. Regular mailings from the diocese keep the officers up to date with changes in church regulation and financial procedure and these are reported to the whole PCC as appropriate.

During the earlier part of the year 2021 the following served as members of the PCC:-

Priest in Charge: Vacancy
Churchwarden: Fran Sherren and Paul Jenkins [Vice Chair PCC in absence of Priest in Charge]
Deanery Synod Representatives: Dr Hugh Mason; Lorna Sandland

-Elected Members:
Gail Chipperfield (Treasurer)
Oyin Alonge (Treasurer/Director of finance from November 2019)
Jerry Brown
Bethan Fogell (from November 2019)
Linda Jenkins (secretary from November 2019)
Patrick Jolly
John Bazley continued as Parish Safeguarding Officer

At the May 2021 Annual Meeting the following posts in the PCC were confirmed:

- Paul Jenkins was re-elected Church Warden [acting as Chair of PCC and Vice Chair of PCC in absence of Priest in Charge]
- Fran Sherren was re-elected as Church Warden
- Hugh Mason was re-elected as Deanery Synod representative
- Paul Jenkins was elected as Deanery Synod representative
- Linda Jenkins was re-elected PCC Secretary
- Paul Jenkins was re-elected as Health and Safety Officer
- Oyin Alonge was re-elected assistant treasurer/director of finance with Gail Chipperfield as treasurer
- Bethan Fogell was re-elected onto the PCC

- Louise Roulston Thomas was re-elected onto the PCC
- Elly Mulvany was re-elected onto the PCC
- Michael Piper was re-elected onto the PCC
- Phil Gower was co-opted onto PCC [pending election as Treasurer as Gail Chipperfield resigns]
- Lorna Sandland resigned as Deanery Synod representative
- Gerry Lightup resigned from PCC

- John Bazley was re- appointed Safeguarding officer

- Ken Slater is our designated responsible person in regard to fire and safety and ensures that the fire extinguishers are inspected regularly.

Meetings of the PCC were held online [using the Zoom meeting facility] and as the year progressed we held some meetings in person in church, following relevant government and Church of England guidance. The PCC welcomed regular reports from the Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Fabric Committee and Andrea Grainger on the children's ministry work.

The PCC delegates a number of its functions to sub committees which include the following:

-Standing committee

The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with dependent on the number of names on the church electoral roll. The standing committee consists of the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and at least two other members of the PCC. It may transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC .This committee meets prior to each PCC meeting to consider outstanding issues and plan the PCC agenda. The standing committee met every two months ahead of the PCC to set the PCC agenda and deal with any urgent items.

-Fabric committee

The Fabric committee exists to ensure that the fabric of the church building is properly maintained and that the findings of the quinquennial inspection are acted upon. It was formed several years ago and reports to the PCC as appropriate. The committee has overseen work such as roof repairs, planning internal improvements and regular church cleaning and is now under the leadership of the chairperson Mick Walters.

-Mission Team

Each year the church gives at least 10% of its unrestricted income to home and overseas mission work. The committee canvassed the congregation for ideas on which charities should be supported and six were identified; two each of a local, national and international focus in their work.
These are: Flame International; Joshua Radio (Uganda); Beyond the Streets; Frontline Debt Advice; Bereaved Families Holiday Fund; Faith in Football. All of which were supported in 2021. These will be reviewed in 2022.

-Risk assessment

The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the council has been exposed have been identified by a risk analysis exercise carried out by PCC members. The risks identified and steps taken to mitigate these risks are as follows:

 Property fire or theft: Insurance cover continues against both these risks. Fire inspections are carried out annually by a suitably qualified and experienced professional and fire extinguishers are tested and replaced and advised.

 Misappropriation of funds: The budgeted expenditure for each year is approved by the full PCC. The PCC has a “fiduciary duty” to operate with due regard to the Church of England Legal Advisory Commission guidance which highlights “…the duty to protect the assets of the charity”. The PCC operates a system of controls including analytical reviews and segregation of duties that are designed to militate against any potential for the misappropriation of funds.

Two signatories are required for all cheques and these have been reviewed with the new treasurer’s appointment. All matters involving unbudgeted expenditure in excess of £1,000 are put to the full PCC.

 Revenue falling below committed expenditure: The level of giving was monitored throughout the year, and the financial situation (income and expenditure) was reviewed by the PCC. The current financial plan includes a budget for the next financial years with the provision of separate accounting processes for church finances separated from the two main trusts that support the church (Coffee tavern Trust and Waverley Trust). The PCC plans to monitor the shortfall now that church lettings are returning following Covid restrictions and continues to encourage members of the congregation to use the parish giving scheme.

-Electoral roll and attendance

The electoral roll stood at 107 on 11 April 2022.

2. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT Hugh Mason Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod is a representative body and is part of the governance structure of the church. It has members, both lay and clergy from every parish in the Portsmouth Deanery, which is virtually coterminous with the City. The synod has met three times this year.
The June meeting was held by Zoom and was mainly concerned with a paper from the diocese which made suggestions for the future operation of parishes in the deanery. In particular it advocated the grouping of parishes into team ministries covering three or four parishes with a team rector, leading a small group of clergy and the merging of most parish functions, including parish finances, into a super parish. This did not meet with approval and it rejected any blanket move to such structures except where there are compelling missional or pastoral reasons. I expressed the view that the parish structure works sufficiently well that there is no compelling reason to require mergers between parishes in this deanery.
The October meeting was held at St Andrews, Farlington. It was mainly concerned with two matters. On the first, the ‘Living in Love and Faith’ working document on sexuality and gender issues, there was, as might be expected a wide variety of views. It was noteworthy, however, that people sought to appreciate each other’s views and were willing to continue both prayer and debate about the issues. There was also an update on the Deanery Plan which did not move matters on to any extent. Despite the pressures of diminishing finances and the gap left

by Covid, the diocese and the deanery are moving forward very cautiously on any re-organisation.
The February 2022 meeting was held in a bitterly cold St Mary's Church and the attendance on a very cold evening was low. The business was mainly updates on matters of local concern. The deanery has sufficient funds to carry on the youth chaplaincy for another two years. The deanery is linked to the Diocese of Ho in Ghana. Concern was expressed over the Ghanaian Bishops support for a bill before the Ghana Parliament which would criminalise homosexuality. Reports were also given on the growth in attendance at St Margaret's especially among families and the Bridgeway project for teenagers at St, Luke's. As important as the business of the meetings is the fact that synod provides an opportunity for lay leaders across the deanery to talk to each other and share ideas for the growth, and sometimes survival of the parishes.

3. Churchwardens' Report -2021 – Paul Jenkins and Fran Sherren

St Simon's has seen another year in vacancy. Due to the severely challenging financial situation in the diocese, the appointment of a new vicar or priest-in-charge has not been possible. This has had a very considerable impact on the role of the churchwardens, who have assumed many of the responsibilities normally undertaken by the vicar. In the absence of a vicar, Rev. Bob Mason has continued to provide invaluable support to the church, regularly leading worship and officiating at several baptisms and funerals during the year.

Discussions are continuing with the diocese regarding the situation at St Simon's, as we explore options to strengthen the leadership of the church. This will become increasingly important in the coming year, as Rev. Bob Mason will be withdrawing in 2023 from leading many of the activities he currently supports. Our need for a clergy-person to assume these responsibilities is clear. However, several constraints will have to be overcome before the recruitment of an ordained person for St Simon's can take place.

Our partnership with St Jude's and St Margaret's has flourished and we continue to explore opportunities for the three churches to work together and support each other. St Jude's now provides regular preachers for our Morning Praise service. St Jude's vicar, Rev. Adam Tams, regularly joins our fortnightly staff meetings and has also attended a PCC meeting during the year.

Important work was undertaken by the PCC to develop St Simon's purpose, values and vision. This work was sustained by the prayerful support of the church family. We have met regularly together to pray about God's direction for the church and to seek to discern his will for us. Developing our purpose, values and vision is an important step in helping us to plan our activities. We are a church that seeks to contribute to the building of God's kingdom in our city. However, we have limited resources and we therefore need to ensure that we use these as effectively as possible. Our purpose, values and vision will help us to prioritise how we use our resources, to have the greatest impact. Six working groups have been developed, covering many key aspects of the life of our church. The groups will be developing plans that will hopefully make us more creative, resourceful and resilient in doing God's work in this city.

St Simon's, like all other churches in the UK, has continued to face the challenges of Covid restrictions during the year, which constrained some activities.

However, as these restrictions were gradually lifted, many activities recommenced. It is a great blessing to see our church building welcoming so many children and families every week, for a diverse range of activities. The church building is also used by many external groups and organisations, which not only makes an important contribution to our income, but helps us to be an important focal point for our community.

Managing the affairs of the church during this period of vacancy creates demands on many people. Our staff have been exceptional in their commitment and patience, even when the organisational wheels have turned more slowly than they would have liked. It is at difficult times like this, when the work of the many volunteers in the church becomes apparent. We are blessed as a church with so many dedicated and talented volunteers, who have quietly undertaken countless tasks, which ensures that we can continue to worship and serve God comfortably, creatively and securely. We are deeply grateful to all our staff and volunteers for their wonderful service.

4. Fabric Committee annual report 2021 – Mick Walters, Chair

The Committee addressed the following three major items of work on the building during 2021:

- replacement of the south east roof area
- considering a new heating system for the nave, the side aisles in particular, together with the Prayer Room
- refurbishment of the Lower Hall

For a number of reasons, progress on all three items was frustratingly slow during the year. At the time of writing (March 2022), the roofing work is expected to be carried out in April 2022. The other two items will be discussed with the Diocesan Advisory Committee and Architect in late March 2022 when it is hoped that definite progress will be made.

An exercise to prioritise future Capital Projects (both Development and Maintenance) was carried out and recommendations passed to the PCC.

Work Mornings continued to be held on an occasional basis, subject to Covid restrictions.

The Quinquennial Inspection was due to be held in 2020 but had to be deferred due to Covid. This is now expected to be carried out during 2022.

Several items of maintenance and other small problems have been addressed throughout the year. Many of these have been carried out by church members resulting in considerable financial savings. Particular thanks are due to John Diani, Gorik Melikian, Michael Piper and Ken Slater along with several others who are often unseen.

5. Children's Ministry (Shipmates) annual report Jan – Dec 2021 - Andrea Grainger Children and Families Pastor

Shipmates Annual Report 2021

2021 has been a year of 2 halves,
We started much as we had been for 2020, online with weekly Stay and Play, Play and Praise and Shipmates Services going out online.
In May we invited Families to the All Age Services with prebooked family tables.

Starting in June we ran a number of Little Shipmates Out and About sessions meeting in different local parks as a halfway house leading to reintroducing groups in the building.

In September we reintroduced our Shipmates Service in Church on the first Sunday and Sunday Groups on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
We also restarted Stay and Play, Play and Praise and Shipmates Cafe using a prebooking system on Facebook which has worked well.
We limited the Stay and Play numbers to 30 family which worked so well that we are maintaining the limit, as we are now able to form stronger relationships and offer bible based crafts which we were unable to do in previous years. We still have approximately 50 people who attend but most come 3 weeks out of 4.

Play and Praise quickly filled up and we started a second group in November.

December took a down turn, as we cancelled most of our Christmas activities due to the worsening situation with Covid. We were still able to have our Nativity Service which was St Simon's most watched YouTube service of the year with 231 'views'. And we pulled together a last minute online Crib Service after cancelling the live one, which got 70 'views'

6. Sunday Suppers annual report for January to December 2021- Francesca Sherren

ADVISORY GROUP

The Sunday Suppers advisory group met 3 times in 2020/2021, online and in person. The current group comprises:

- Francesca Sherren
- Jerry Brown
- John Bazley
- Paul Jenkins
- Louise Roulston
- Margaret Geary
- Geraldine Poulter

All members of the group are current Sunday Suppers volunteers, except Geraldine. She is included in the advisory group to offer an outside perspective.

CHANGE OF DIRECTION

During the pandemic 2020/2021, we were only able to offer a Take-away service and increased the amount of food we gave away to include freshly cooked burgers, fried onions, freshly cooked oven chips, fresh raw vegetables, fruit, cakes and bread, much of which came from Tesco through Fareshare. As the guidance changed, the advisory group agreed that we change our focus to align more closely with our original purpose. There was some thought that the large amounts of food we were offering may have caused the high demand. We decided to move away from a ‘food bank’ provision to back to a ‘sit down’ meal with a faith-based talk. We continue to offer a ‘goody bag’ of food to take-away.
FUNDRAISING Funding raising efforts by Jerry Brown and a legacy from a member of St Simon’s congregation have secured more than £8,000 for this year, 2021/2022. Jerry Brown has developed links with food a manufacturer which has significantly reduced our costs whilst helping them with excess food supply. We also received £2,800 from Portsmouth city council in 2021.

FOOD

We have cancelled our subscription to Fareshare. We needed to be able to rely on knowing what was going to arrive. We now have sufficient funds to enable us to choose which food to provide and buy it ourselves, as required. We offer a smaller goody bag to each guest with higher priced items they might not choose to buy for themselves, e.g. tinned meat, tinned fruit and puddings. We developed a 'signature' dish – beef or chicken curry and baked potatoes, which is very popular. We offer beans on a baked potato as a vegan alternative. We still have strong links with other food banks and food provision in Portsmouth, and regularly give and receive from each other. The procurement team, led by Dinah Walters, works well and ensures the supplies never run out.

EQUIPMENT

This year we purchased 3 hotplates when the oven failed its gas safety inspection. We have continued to operate even under these difficult circumstances.

NUMBERS of GUESTS

We are regularly feeding between 40-60 guests each Sunday. Most of our guests are on low income and/or live in insecure housing. A few guests are homeless, living on the streets.

FAITH COVERSATIONS

We offer a short faith-based talk every week. Several volunteers have had faith conversations with guests and 3 guests have requested prayer. 2 guests have been given bibles. VOLUNTEERS In 2020 we had 32 volunteers. We now have total of 29 volunteers, which includes 2 new volunteers going through the recruitment process. The volunteers' handbook was updated for 2021 to show the changes from Pandemic Takeaway service to sit-down meal.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Funds are being sought for improvements to the kitchen, which may expand the menu we are able to offer guests at Sunday Suppers. Improvements to the kitchen may also have a positive impact on lettings of the church hall.

7. Social Committee – Dinah Walters

The Social Committee in 2021 comprised six members of the congregation: Gail Chipperfield, Cliff Golledge, Phil Gower, Michelle McGannon, Louise Roulston and I as Chairman. Cliff resigned from the Committee towards the end of the year and I would like to thank him for his contributions over several years of membership.

We had our first meeting post-lockdown in October 2021 and were able to put together a reduced programme of social activities. These included the ever-popular Christmas Grub Club, returning to the Duke of Buckingham, where nearly 20 church members enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner together. We also held a lunch club at the Kitchen and Brewhouse, attended by seven of us.

From November a new initiative was put into place, a Coffee Morning in the church on the first Wednesday of the month, which has taken place three times now and is growing in popularity. Sue Piper and Kathy Richardson have kindly taken on the arrangements for this, both hosting and providing refreshments. They also operate a book exchange whereby those attending are invited to bring a book and then to take one away to read.

In December Louise organised a highly successful Empty Bowls evening, which raised just over £1800 to be split between Hope into Action and the Salvation Army.

Unfortunately the Covid figures started to rise again from mid-December, so the planned events of an evening concert in the church and the Burns Night Supper in January had to be cancelled.
I am hopeful that normal service will be resumed for 2022 and we will be able to offer a range of activities in due course.

8. Pastoral Ministry annual report 2021 - Michael Piper, Home group coordinator

The Pastoral Team has 'met' monthly on zoom to consider and pray for church members in any special need and for any recent visitors to the church. The team is chaired by Rev Bob Mason, and includes Michael and Sue Piper, Phil and Julie Gower and Diane Melikian.
Several aspects of pastoral ministry have been curtailed by the current restrictions. The services were not taken in the local care homes for some time, but are slowly getting going again. Those involved in leading Care Home services are Bob and Mel Mason, Percy and Gill Critchett, Michael Piper, and Sue Bussey.

It has been difficult to keep Home Groups going, largely because of the lack of leaders, but some have persevered enthusiastically.

During the year a small group of 'Prayer Warriors' prayed for the needs of the church via zoom. This has been succeeded by a short time of prayer after the morning service on the first Sunday of each month.
Michael Piper – April 2022

9. Mission Team annual report 2021- Ruth Warner and Geraldine Poulter:

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. **Acts ch 2 v44-45**

During 2021 St Simon's continued to support in prayer and from the unrestricted fund (Alms Giving), the following charities.
1. Joshua Radio
2. Beyond the Streets
3. Flame International
4. Faith and Football
5. Frontline Debt
6. Bereaved Family Holiday

In 2021 the first 5 listed charities each received a gift of £1677.
Beyond the Streets also received £102-60p from the Christmas collection as the chosen Christmas charity.
Bereaved Family Holiday
This charity was in receipt of a gift of £1531 which was carried over from 2020 for the holiday which was cancelled due to the pandemic. They were able to go to the centre in Wales in 2021.This gift helped towards funding the 2021 holiday.

For various reasons affecting the church and the charities, organising for guest speakers to visit and share proved difficult. However, we were able to welcome Nikki McNeil from Beyond the Streets in September 2021.She gave us a powerful presentation about their work which was well received.
We ask for your prayers for the Mission Support Team, the PCC and the future of the Alms Giving

10. Church Administrator's Report 2021– Craig Fisher

Major activities over recent months

- Staff changes.

Church Cleaner who was on flexi-furlough returned to normal working end of June. Andrea (children's ministry) is increasing her number of hours.

- Hall lettings.

After the lifting of Covid restrictions, with the exception of the retirement group & drumming class all regular bookings have returned. Three other regular bookings have been added along with Portsmouth City Council agreeing to use St. Simons as a polling station for the next two years and Mayville School for exam times & Harvest Festival & Christmas. The number of requests for use for private & Church social functions has also increased.

- Events.

Arrangements for Standing Committee, PCC, Staff Team Meetings and social events which were conducted by Zoom due to Covid Lockdown restrictions have returned the Church building. There are still the occasional Zoom meetings.

- Finance.

We have moved all Room Hire payments to BACS payment with the exception of one group who now pay by cheque thus reducing the amount of cash handling & banking.

- AV: The camera has been replaced due to theft.
- Staff Team: Staff Team meetings via Zoom have now ended & are held fortnightly in Church.
- Website: The old church website, while functional, needed some re-design to improve the image that we present. It has now been replaced by a new updated website.

Future plans

Payroll: Payroll is outsourced to a professional company & should continue however. I will however be visiting St. Jude's church in the coming months to have a look at how they approach their HR operation.

AV: To discuss updating the computer set up in the Church office at some point especially the printers.

Website: I feel that the new church website, whilst a vast improvement on our previous website has the odd glitch which only becomes apparent when trying to do a task on it. More training maybe required or website itself is amended.

Building works: A number of repairs and improvements have been made to the building with some ongoing. We continue to be indebted to Ken, Gorik and Michael for a large number of minor repairs around the building.

Rotas: Preparing the Sunday rotas can still be challenging at times due to a shortage of volunteers. It should be noted that we place a large work load on a core number of volunteers although in recent weeks we have had more people come forward for refreshment duties & welcoming.

11. Treasurer's Report 2021- Gail Chipperfield

We have come to the end of 2021 a year which has seen the easing of lockdown and some small return to normality. We began 2021 with a lockdown which lasted until the end of June. This affected us in several ways. We were unable to let the Church Centre and the upstairs rooms. All groups stopped meeting, thus causing a large dent in our income. We began lettings again in August 2021 and Craig has done a sterling job managing the old existing bookings and new ones as well. We hope to return to the level were we at in 2019 at the end of this year. Another result of the pandemic was that as we were unable to meet in Church, we lost money which would normally have been given in the offering boxes on Sundays.

However, thanks to our loyal congregation of faithful givers, we were able to pay our Parish Share in full, (albeit receiving no tangible benefits for our contribution to the Diocese) We continue to be thankful for all those who give in various ways, through direct giving, through the Parish Giving Scheme and other ways. There is now a facility to give online through the website.

We also paid 10% of our unrestricted income to the 6 charities we support, a total of just under £10k, admirable in these hard times I believe. We maintained our staff salaries, receiving some help from the Government under the Furlough Scheme.

We continue to be grateful to the Coffee Tavern Trust and the Waverley Trust, whose help in invaluable.

We face challenges in 2022. Presently the South Roof is being repaired and we thank the Coffee Tavern Trust for their help. We are looking at ways to heat the Church and also to freshen up the Church Centre. Our two Churchwardens Paul Jenkins and Fran Sherren, together with the PCC are keeping us up and running in spite of not having a leader.

Sunday Suppers continues to be well funded, thanks to fundraising efforts by Jerry Brown and others. Many diverse groups have been generous in supporting that mission.

It has been my privilege to have served as Treasurer for the last seven years. I have handed over to Phil Gower with Oyin Alonge acting as oversight and planning. I am sure they will serve St Simon's well in the future

12. Annual Accounts 2021

[see attached]

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets			
	31GR: 31 Gains Road	75,000.00	75,000.00
	M1: Minibus	—	—
	S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund	59,192.00	58,847.00
	Total Fixed assets	**134,192.00**	**133,847.00**
Current assets			
	6501: General Fund Bank Account	82,412.76	32,023.50
	6502: Development Campaign Bank Account	1,314.49	1,285.36
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	**83,727.25**	**33,308.86**
Liabilities			
	Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	**—**	**—**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**217,919.25**	**167,155.86**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	50,763.39	—
	Z01: Starting balances	167,155.86	167,155.86
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	—	—
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	—	—
	Total Reserves	**217,919.25**	**167,155.86**

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	306,452.59	286,618.71
Designated	—	—
Restricted	(88,533.34)	(119,462.85)
Endowment	—	—
Total	**217,919.25**	**167,155.86**

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
4002 - Gift Aid	28,080	—	1,880	—	29,960	31,630
4005 - Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	180
4008 - collections	2,557	—	—	—	2,557	1,597
4012 - Sundry Donations	7,982	—	49	—	8,031	6,331
4014 - Wallsafe	18	—	—	—	18	14
4031 - Help Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
4060 - Youth Work Sundry Donations	—	—	—	—	—	—
4110 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
Donations and legacies Totals	38,637	—	1,929	—	40,566	39,753
Income from charitable activities						
4250 - Income from Charitable and Auxiliary Tra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income from charitable activities Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other trading activities						
4013 - Table top sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
4503 - Minibus Donations	—	—	—	—	—	550
4504 - Church Centre Lettings	5,113	—	—	—	5,113	1,959
8010 - Banns	180	—	—	—	180	90
Other trading activities Totals	5,293	—	—	—	5,293	2,599
Investments						
4401 - CBF-CCLA	1,710	—	—	—	1,710	5,328
4402 - Bank Interest	—	—	0	—	0	1
Investments Totals	1,710	—	0	—	1,710	5,330
Other income						
4123 - Waverley Trust	11,845	—	—	—	11,845	10,000
4003 - Parish Giving Scheme	10,627	—	—	—	10,627	11,302
4004 - Tax Recoverable	7,917	—	648	—	8,565	12,108
4009 - Sum up paymenst	—	—	—	—	—	—
4015 - Regular givers non gift aid	4,530	—	—	—	4,530	4,170
4102 - Coffee Tavern Trust	5,200	—	51,241	—	56,441	12,058
4152 - Youth Work CTT	—	—	—	—	—	500
4251 - Youth Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
4502 - Gains Road Rental	10,830	—	—	—	10,830	10,869
4505 - Social Events	—	—	—	—	—	70
4509 - Insurance Claims	—	—	—	—	—	1,485
8001 - Transfer from Development Fund	—	—	—	—	—	3,074
8002 - VAT	—	—	—	—	—	—
8003 - Sunday Supper Donations	—	—	25,178	—	25,178	2,599
8007 - Transfer from Breakthru	—	—	—	—	—	—
8011 - Fees to Diocese	1,007	—	—	—	1,007	1,270
8012 - Fundrasing in house	—	—	—	—	—	200
8013 - Transfer in from General Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
8014 - Open Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
8015 - Repayment from Waverley Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
8016 - Deposits for hall hire	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other income Totals	51,956	—	77,067	—	129,023	69,709
Income and endowments Grand totals	97,597	—	78,996	—	176,594	117,392

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities						
7001 - Alms Funds plus others	—	—	9,906	—	9,906	11,850
7406 - Help Fund	—	—	—	—	—	17
7540 - Sunday Supper Expenses	—	—	19,038	—	19,038	7,903
7543 - Youth Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	—	—	28,944	—	28,944	19,770
Other expenditure						
7804 - Church Office printing	—	—	—	—	—	—
7086 - Church Office telephones	533	—	—	—	533	432
7202 - Alpha and other courses	180	—	—	—	180	—
7402 - Diocesan Quota	39,577	—	—	—	39,577	40,629
7403 - Deanery Fees	98	—	—	—	98	—
7410 - Vicar's Telephone	—	—	—	—	—	119
7413 - Visting Speakers	15	—	—	—	15	—
7415 - Vicar's Equipment, Travelling etc	—	—	—	—	—	316
7420 - Vicarage Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	345
7421 - Church Insurance	—	—	5,648	—	5,648	5,441
7435 - Church Water	77	—	—	—	77	75
7436 - Cleaner salary	6,773	—	—	—	6,773	6,826
7438 - Church Gas/Electricity	1,605	—	—	—	1,605	4,775
7443 - Church General Maintenance	5,214	—	—	—	5,214	6,695
7444 - Cleaning Materials	254	—	—	—	254	261
7445 - AV Equipment	78	—	—	—	78	42
7450 - Flowers and Christmas Tree	485	—	—	—	485	360
7451 - Copyright Licence	600	—	—	—	600	580
7452 - Refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	73
7453 - |Church Services	432	—	—	—	432	118
7458 - Minibus costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
7459 - Minibus Depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	2,250
7466 - Pompey Chimes	—	—	—	—	—	—
7471 - Gains Road Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
7472 - Gains Road Insurance	453	—	—	—	453	413
7541 - Breakthru expenses	—	—	132	—	132	5,862
7542 - Youth Work Allocation	—	—	—	—	—	—
7590 - Youth Work salary NI and pension	—	—	12,270	—	12,270	12,115
7593 - Youth Work Expenses	—	—	899	—	899	265
7800 - Church Office general expenses	3	—	—	—	3	11
7802 - Church Office Expenses	886	—	—	—	886	500
7811 - Church Office PC expenses	171	—	—	—	171	444
7815 - Bank charges	127	—	—	—	127	163
7820 - Administrators salary, NI and pension	7,636	—	—	—	7,636	5,719
7821 - Architects Fees and expenses	3,826	—	—	—	3,826	3,074
7822 - Development work inc roof	—	—	—	—	—	—
8000 - Additional Expenses	5,410	—	—	—	5,410	2,733

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
8004 - Printing Expenses The Source	—	—	—	—	—	—
8005 - VAT	—	—	—	—	—	—
8006 - Payroll Expenses	356	—	—	—	356	360
8008 - Transfers to cash box/ flower fund etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
8009 - Breakthru wages	—	—	—	—	—	2,017
8111 - CTT	—	—	—	—	—	—
8112 - Repayment of Loan to CTT for Gains Road	—	—	—	—	—	—
8113 - Transfer to General Fund	—	—	—	—	—	3,074
8114 - Fees to Diocese	1,010	—	—	—	1,010	215
8115 - Conferences, Away Days etc	—	—	172	—	172	38
8116 - Staff costs hospitality etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
8117 - HMRC payroll payments	1,188	—	—	—	1,188	2,164
8118 - Open Church Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
8119 - Repayment of deposits	764	—	—	—	764	600
Other expenditure Totals	77,763	—	19,122	—	96,886	109,117
Expenditure Grand totals	77,763	—	48,067	—	125,831	128,888

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St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	38,637	1,929	—	40,566	39,753
Income from charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—
Other trading activities	5,293	—	—	5,293	2,599
Investments	1,710	0	—	1,710	5,330
Other income	51,956	77,067	—	129,023	69,709
Total income	**97,597**	**78,996**	**—**	**176,594**	**117,392**
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	—	28,944	—	28,944	19,770
Other expenditure	77,763	19,122	—	96,886	109,117
Total expenditure	**77,763**	**48,067**	**—**	**125,831**	**128,888**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**19,833**	**30,929**	**—**	**50,763**	**(11,495)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**19,833**	**30,929**	**—**	**50,763**	**(11,495)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**286,618**	**(119,462)**	**—**	**167,155**	**178,651**
Total funds carried forward	**306,452**	**(88,533)**	**—**	**217,919**	**167,155**

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St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Alms - Alms Fund	(56,718)	—	9,906	—	—	(66,624)
Breakthru - Breakthru	6,249	—	132	—	—	6,117
Help - Help Fund	282	—	—	—	—	282
Insurance - Insurance	(6,808)	5,441	5,648	—	—	(7,016)
OC - Open Church	108	—	—	—	—	108
rep - Repayment Fund	(600)	—	—	—	—	(600)
Suppers - Sunday Suppers	8,955	28,126	19,038	—	—	18,043
windows - Windows	(13,993)	—	—	—	—	(13,993)
Youth - Youth Fund	(61,221)	400	13,341	—	—	(74,163)
General - General fund	286,618	97,597	77,763	—	—	306,452
Devcam - Development Campaign Fund	4,283	45,029	—	—	—	49,312
Totals	**167,155**	**176,594**	**125,831**	—	—	**217,919**

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St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2021

			Balance	Previous balance
Investments				
S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund - Asset				
	General fund	Unrestricted	59,192.00	58,847.00
			59,192.00	**58,847.00**
Investments			**59,192.00**	**58,847.00**
Tangible assets				
31GR: 31 Gains Road - Asset				
	General fund	Unrestricted	75,000.00	75,000.00
			75,000.00	**75,000.00**
M1: Minibus - Asset				
	General fund	Unrestricted	—	—
			—	**—**
Tangible assets			**75,000.00**	**75,000.00**
Cash at bank and in hand				
6501: General Fund Bank Account - Asset				
	Alms Fund	Restricted	(66,624.20)	(56,718.20)
	Breakthru	Restricted	6,117.55	6,249.55
	Help Fund	Restricted	(8.87)	(8.87)
	Insurance	Restricted	(7,016.48)	(6,808.56)
	Open Church	Restricted	108.69	108.69
	Repayment Fund	Restricted	(600.00)	(600.00)
	Sunday Suppers	Restricted	18,043.03	8,955.03
	Windows	Restricted	(13,993.35)	(13,993.35)
	Youth Fund	Restricted	(74,163.05)	(61,221.35)
	General fund	Unrestricted	172,353.43	152,864.55
	Development Campaign Fund	Restricted	48,196.01	3,196.01
			82,412.76	**32,023.50**
6502: Development Campaign Bank Account - Asset				
	General fund	Unrestricted	198.16	198.16
	Development Campaign Fund	Restricted	1,116.33	1,087.20
			1,314.49	**1,285.36**
Cash at bank and in hand			**83,727.25**	**33,308.86**

				Balance	Previous balance
Debtors					
Z05: Accounts Receivable - Asset					
	Help Fund	Restricted		291.00	291.00
	General fund	Unrestricted		(291.00)	(291.00)
				—	—
			Debtors	—	—
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year					
Z04: Accounts Payable - Liability					
	General fund	Unrestricted		—	—
				—	—
			Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	—
			Grand Total	**217,919.25**	**167,155.86**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: ST SIMON'S PCC

On accounts for the year ended 31/12/2021

Charity no (if any) 1128695

Set out on pages 1 – 8 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilties and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Margaret L **Date:** 28/3/2022

Name: MARGARET BURKE

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT SIMON, SOUTHSEA

England & Wales - Charity number 1128695

Accounts

ST SIMON'S CHURCH
WAVERLEY ROAD
SOUTHSEA

ANNUAL REPORT

AND ACCOUNTS

2020

FOREWORD

This has been a challenging year for St Simon's in many ways, not least in the context of the Covid 19 pandemic. This impacted on holding services in church, joining in fellowship and in the outreach and pastoral care we would normally deliver. It has also had a significant impact on income due to lack of lettings and from lower attendances and therefore giving. We do promote regular donations via bank transfers, Gift Aid and the parish giving scheme which protect the income in some measure.

We also lost our priest in charge Andy Finn who resigned in June 2020, leaving a leadership gap and only one church warden, until new officers and PCC members were elected in October 2020. We wish Andy Finn, Tamar and family every blessing in his new post in Kent.

Despite this we have managed to plan activities as far as these were permitted under the Church of England and government guidance on church worship in the context of Covid 19 restrictions.

We have a full new PCC and two new church wardens, Francesca Sherren and Paul Jenkins, who took up post in November 2020. Following the retirement of the dedicated and long serving previous administrator Mick Walters, we also welcomed a new church administrator Craig Fisher. We thank Mick Walters for all his tireless efforts and welcome the fact he will continue to serve as a valuable volunteer in future.

GDPR

We have had no data protection or privacy issues during this period.

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1.Annual Report from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2020 – Linda Jenkins PCC Secretary

This is the annual report of the PCC proceedings and activities for St Simon's Church PCC for 2020. This report covers the whole of the 2020 year. Although there was an Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25th October 2020, which should have covered 2019-20, due to the Covid 19 pandemic this meeting was a shortened one held in order to elect a new PCC and did not deal with a full set of reports for 2020. Due to unusual circumstances of the Covid pandemic, and the resignation of our priest in charge half way through 2020, this report will also include a report from incoming new church wardens Francesca Sherren and Paul Jenkins. We also did not have a PCC secretary for some of the period January – June 2020 due to the resignation of Linda Jenkins in June 2020. Linda Jenkins was re-elected as PCC secretary in November 2020.

-Administrative information

St Simon's Church is situated on Waverley Road in Southsea. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to the church office, St. Simon's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PW.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council powers Measure. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission (2009) as Charity no. 1128695 within the meaning of the charities Act 1993.

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-PCC Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Simon's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The Main objectives of the PCC were summed up under the heading "Outreach, Discipleship and Celebration":

- to share the good news of Jesus through any appropriate means including personal witness, public preaching, Alpha courses, and service to the community; also by our gifts and our prayers to equip and encourage others who are called to share the gospel;
- to encourage and challenge one another to grow in our personal walk with God, through personal prayers and Bible study, through church attendance and membership of home groups; through giving, service and ministry to others;
- to have fun together as the people of God, coming together for social activities and events which are enjoyable and at which outsiders can feel welcome.

-PCC Structure, governance and management

Normal membership of the PCC consists of certain ex-officio members: the priest in charge, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM). All church members are

encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC or to nominate others, and we aim to have a balance of skills, background and experience where possible.

The PCC is responsible for a wider range of matters affecting the work and ministry of the church, including compliance with health and safety and equalities and diversity legislation and with due regard to the Church of England House of Bishops safeguarding guidance in relation to children and vulnerable adults. In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC hold a legal responsibility to promote its charitable purpose and for the stewardship of funds including appropriate accounting and reporting of the parish finances. The PCC works to ensure that each member is equipped to fulfil their role. Upon election, new members of the PCC are given an induction which includes their roles and responsibilities, the PCC's agreed policies and procedures, and the most recent minutes. At the first meeting of the new PCC, the vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer are elected. The churchwardens, secretary and treasurer are encouraged to attend courses run by the diocese on their particular work and all PCC members must attend the relevant diocesan safeguarding training. Regular mailings from the diocese keep the officers up to date with changes in church regulation and financial procedure and these are reported to the whole PCC as appropriate.

In 2020 the Covid 19 pandemic had a significant impact on church life. The lockdown from March 2020 restricted activities and led to a late and shortened Annual Parochial Church meeting 25th October.

The Priest in Charge Andy Finn also resigned in June 2020. Therefore the details of the PCC members and changes in 2020 are as follows:

During the earlier part of the year 2020 the following served as members of the PCC:-

Priest in Charge: The Revd Andy Finn (Chair) [resigned June 2020]
Churchwarden: Dr Hugh Mason (Vice Chair)
Deanery Synod Representatives: Dr Hugh Mason; Sue Piper

-Elected Members:
Gail Chipperfield (Treasurer)
Oyin Alonge (Treasurer/Director of finance from November 2019)
Jerry Brown
Vicky Bell (safeguarding officer: resigned October 2020)
Bethan Fogell (from November 2019)
Cliff Golledge (resigned October 2020)
Phil Gower (resigned October 2020)
Linda Jenkins (secretary from November 2019)
Patrick Jolly

During early 2020 Vicky Bell acted as Parish Safeguarding Officer to ensure we were compliant with the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults [with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.]

John Bazley was appointed as Parish Safeguarding Officer in October 2020.

In October at the postponed Annual Meeting on 25th October 2020 the following posts in the PCC were confirmed:

- Hugh Mason was elected Chair of PCC and as Deanery Synod representative
- Fran Sherren was elected as Church Warden

- Paul Jenkins was elected Church Warden
- Linda Jenkins was re-elected PCC Secretary
- Paul Jenkins was re-elected as Health and Safety Officer
- Oyin Alonge was re-elected assistant treasurer/director of finance with Gail Chipperfield as treasurer
- Bethan Fogell was elected onto the PCC
- Gerry Lightup was elected onto the PCC
- Louise Roulston Thomas was elected onto the PCC
- Elly Mulvaney was elected onto the PCC
- Michael Piper was elected onto the PCC
- Lorna Sandland was elected as Deanery Synod representative
- John Bazley was appointed Safeguarding officer

- Ken Slater is our designated responsible person in regard to fire and safety and ensures that the fire extinguishers are inspected regularly.

Meetings of the PCC were held online using the Zoom meeting facility. The PCC welcomed regular reports from the Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Fabric Committee and Andrea Grainger on the children's ministry work.

The PCC delegates a number of its functions to sub committees which include the following:

-Standing committee

The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with dependent on the number of names on the church electoral roll. The standing committee consists of the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and at least two other members of the PCC. It may transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC .This committee meets prior to each PCC meeting to consider outstanding issues and plan the PCC agenda.

-Fabric committee

The Fabric committee exists to ensure that the fabric of the church building is properly maintained and that the findings of the quinquennial inspection are acted upon. It was formed several years ago and reports to the PCC as appropriate. The committee has overseen work such as roof repairs, the renewal of tables and regular church cleaning and updating under the leadership of the chairperson Michael Piper.

-Mission Team

Each year the church gives at least 10% of its unrestricted income to home and overseas mission work. The committee canvassed the congregation for ideas on which charities should be supported and six were identified; two each of a local, national and international focus in their work.
These are: Flame International; Joshua Radio (Uganda); Beyond the Streets; Frontline Debt Advice; Bereaved Families Holiday Fund; Faith in Football which were supported in 2020-21. These will be reviewed in 2021.

-Risk assessment

The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the council has been exposed have been identified by a risk analysis exercise carried out by PCC members. The risks identified and steps taken to mitigate these risks are as follows:

•*Property fire or theft:* Insurance cover continues against both these risks. Fire inspections are carried out annually by a suitably qualified and experienced professional and fire extinguishers are tested and replaced and advised.

•*Misappropriation of funds*: The budgeted expenditure for each year is approved by the full PCC. The PCC has a "fiduciary duty" to operate with due regard to the Church of England Legal Advisory Commission guidance which highlights "…the duty to protect the assets of the charity". The PCC operates a system of controls including analytical reviews and segregation of duties that are designed to militate against any potential for the misappropriation of funds.

Two signatories are required for all cheques and these have been reviewed with the new treasurer's appointment. All matters involving unbudgeted expenditure in excess of £1,000 are put to the full PCC.

•*Revenue falling below committed expenditure*: The level of giving was monitored throughout the year, and the financial situation (income and expenditure) was reviewed by the PCC. The current financial plan includes a budget for the next financial years with the provision of separate accounting processes for church finances separated from the two main trusts that support the church (Coffee tavern Trust and Waverley Trust). The PCC plans to address the shortfall between giving income and costs with a talk to the congregation on the need for increased giving.

-Electoral roll and attendance

The electoral roll stood at 109 on 30th April 2021. Average weekly attendance counted during October and November 2020 (during a brief period of lifting of Covid 19 restrictions) fluctuated between 56 and 85 adults, with an average of 71. During the Covid 19 lockdown from November 2020 onwards (with in person attendance affected by government and Church of England guidance) there were restrictions on attendance. Since some partial lifting of restrictions, attendance has settled to an average of 28 attendees in the building with more viewers online either simultaneously or watched later on YouTube streaming.

-Conclusion

Overall despite the challenges of having Covid restrictions in place over most of 2020, it has been encouraging to have online services and some online home groups.

Children's ministry has also been supported with Shipmates and children's activities recorded and delivered online. There have been no in church activities, nor any youth group meetings such as the Fusion Café Friday group. Each month there has been an All-age Service online/recorded which continues to integrate the worship experience of both adults and children.

Our musical worship has been mainly online due to Covid restrictions with occasional worship led by a musicians and singers with use of recorded worship songs where needed which has worked well. The PCC may need to discuss how to manage music worship in future and to plan a restarting of in person services as Covid restrictions and guidance allows.

2. Deanery Synod annual report 2020- Lorna Sandland, Deanery Synod representative

On the whole the main points of discussion in Deanery Synod in recent months have related to the structure of the Deanery. The Deanery is a term describing a grouping of churches in a particular area. There have also been discussions about the future organisation of the local church. From these

discussions, we have had encouragement from Archdeacon Jenny, who in a recent meeting described St Simon's as, 'An active and thriving church'.

St Simon's, alongside all the other churches in the area has actively taken part in these discussions through Deanery Synod and through our church Wardens. In particular we are actively strengthening our partnerships and links with other churches such as St Jude's and St Margaret's. We do this with an awareness of our distinctiveness as individual churches and within our own local contexts.

The diocese continues to actively support these discussions and St Simon's through prayer and support through Archdeacon Jenny amongst others

3. Churchwardens' Report October 2020 - May 2021 – Paul Jenkins and Fran Sherren

We were appointed as new churchwardens at the APCM in October 2020. The APCM was delayed due to Covid restrictions. The formal period covered by the churchwardens' report should therefore only include the months of November and December. However, we felt that in these usual circumstances, it would be helpful to provide an update on our activities as churchwardens from our election until the APCM for 2021.

The past 8 months have been a steep learning curve for us both. Neither of us has previously served as churchwardens and we assumed these leadership roles without the support of a priest in charge. However, we have been greatly supported by many members of the church family, particularly the retiring church warden and members of the PCC. These are extraordinary times and we have been responsible for leading a church, many of whose members have had little direct contact with each other for many months. This situation has created many challenges. But we are greatly encouraged by the way our church has worked resourcefully, to ensure that we can continue to show God's love and care for each other and those in our community. It is this commitment to showing God's love, even in the most challenging circumstances that we believe is the heart of St Simon's

-Covid restrictions

St Simon's, as with all churches in the country, has been required to operate under strict Covid restrictions. This has involved restricting the use of the church building to Sunday worship only. Strict Covid protocols have been observed during Sunday services. This has included social distancing of the congregation at all times, sung worship restricted to recorded music with no congregational singing, restrictions relating to communion and no gathering permitted after services. No other activities have been permitted on the church premises, including those of church and external groups. This has inevitably impacted on life of the church. The only exception has been Sunday Suppers, which has continued to provide a takeaway service every Sunday.

We have been blessed with the resources to provide live streaming of all Sunday services, which has allowed many members of the church family to continue to participate in Sunday worship. Some church groups have been able to meet remotely. This has also been the case for some church meetings, including those of the PCC and Standing Committee. Staff meetings have also been conducted remotely. The closure of the church to external groups has also had a considerable impact on church income.

As government Covid restrictions are reduced, we anticipate a relaxing of the current Church of England restrictions on church activities. However, it is important that restrictions are relaxed through a planned approach and that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken at each stage. We hope that we can soon return to a situation where there is full and open access to the church

premises and that Sunday services will resume a more normal form. However, we need to continue to prioritise the safety of all those individuals and groups using the church.

-Deanery Consultation Process

In January the churchwardens, supported by the Rev Bob Mason, were invited to participate in a deanery consultation process. The aim of this process was to examine how churches in the diocese could develop more effective partnerships. These discussions were partly motivated by the extremely fragile financial situation of the diocese. The Covid crisis has resulted in a drastic reduction in income for the diocese. There is therefore a need to consider whether restructuring of the diocese could provide greater impact and efficiency.

The consultation process was organised through clusters of churches meeting together across the diocese. St Simon's met in a cluster of churches which included St Jude's, St Margaret's, Holy Spirit and St James' Milton. The churches explored ideas of working together, supporting each other and sharing resources. Following the wider consultation process, the churchwardens have continued to discuss and pray with the leadership of St Jude's and St Margaret's.

One of the outcomes of the consultation process across the diocese is that the model of church leadership will in future be increasingly based on a team ministry approach. The model of one vicar for one church is generally no longer sustainable in the diocese. This will of course impact on the situation of the priest in charge vacancy at St Simon's. However, we remain very positive that by working together with the other churches in Southsea, St Simon's can continue to be a vibrant and growing church, seeking to be part of the exciting work of building God's kingdom in this city.

-Diocese

In March 2021, the Archdeacon of Portsdown, Rev Jenny Rowley, participated in our PCC meeting. She was accompanied by Rev Andrew Hargreaves from Harbour Church. The Archdeacon's presence was greatly welcomed by all. She recognised the challenges St Simon's has faced in recent years and provided words of support and encouragement. She introduced Rev Andrew Hargreaves, who offered to support the healing process in the St Simon's church family, following the painful disruption and uncertainty caused by the unanticipated and abrupt loss of the past two incumbents.

The churchwardens later met again with the Archdeacon and the Rev Allie Kerr, Vicar of St Cuthbert and St Aidan, Copnor. The meeting provided great encouragement to the churchwardens and emphasised the Archdeacon's support for St Simon's at this challenging time. The Archdeacon has agreed to lead the service at Simon's on 18 July 2021.

Rev Andrew Hargreaves has continued his support for healing work at St Simon's. An extraordinary meeting of the PCC was held in April, facilitated by Andrew, to identify some of the hurt amongst church members and to look for ways to overcome this pain and learn from our experiences. Further work on healing is continuing with Andrew, which will include a healing service in July.

-Church website

Work is currently taking place on redesigning the church website. The website is a crucial tool for sharing information about St Simon's, both to the church family and to a wider audience. It needs to be a tool that is both attractive and simple to use. The church has therefore engaged a consultant, at no cost to St Simon's, to advise us on this process and provide possible new design for the site. A small group has been established to support this work. We hope that the new website will not only help keep church members informed about church activities, but will encourage new visitors and hopefully members to the church.

4. Fabric Committee annual report 2020 – Michael Piper, Chair

South East Area Roof
The work to repair the Prayer Space roof and the East end of the South aisle roof was put out to tender and awarded to the lower bid from DR Roofing Services for £45,000. However further costs were incurred in obtaining a faculty, resulting from the need to have a bat certificate and the support of the church architect in supervising the work. It was also necessary to add a £1,000 contingency sum to cover the possibility of additional insulation in the prayer space roof.

Quinquennial Inspection
The QI is postponed until it can be done in conjunction with the roof repairs.

Aisle Heating
Our heating consultant, Chris Reading, has produced a scheme for supplementary heating and is ready to put it out to tender to determine the funds needed. He reports that as DAC advisor to Winchester and Salisbury, he is acquainted with the current direction of the C of E to reduce carbon emissions, and has gone through the options related to carbon emissions. He is satisfied that the current proposal offers the best all round solution, given the type of building.

IT
Work was done to upgrade the IT system to a high standard for streaming services.

Routine testing
During 2020, a number of regular checks were carried out. The lightning conductor was inspected and had some remedial work carried out. A satisfactory certificate for this was issued and accepted by the insurers, subject to an annual re-inspection. All gas appliances were serviced and a gas safety certificate issued. At the request of our insurers a full fixed electrical installation inspection was undertaken. This necessitated some remedial work to be carried out in 2021, and a completion certificate to be issued. The twice-yearly service and inspection of the fire extinguishers, the fire alarm and the emergency lighting were carried out.

5. Children's Ministry (Shipmates) annual report Jan – Dec 2020 - Andrea Grainger Children and Families Pastor

The year began like any other, with regular groups in church and Sunday sessions. By March we were adding extra hygiene measures, hand gels, 'Catch it, Bin it' bins and notices and sterilising toys before and after groups. Then the world changed.

Our first Sunday of Lockdown Shipmates did a children's service based on Andy's sermon which, being was Genesis 1, worked well but we obviously couldn't continue to adapt adult sermons. So I started doing Facebook live Shipmates Services each Sunday from home, which later changed to You Tube live. I've endeavoured to make these 45 min services as interactive as possible with singing, crafts, bible stories and conversation where possible through he comments.

One parent comments "We haven't been regular watchers of the Sunday Shipmates and all age services because our 2 year old hasn't always been in the mood for screen time and listening (!!) but when we have joined in, she has really enjoyed listening to and watching the stories and particularly the interactive parts when we make a craft together. I think it's incredibly hard to keep the momentum going after a whole year of worshipping and connecting with people online and I think you've done a wonderful job of making us all still feel part of our church family and not forgotten!" Other families have watched live each week and others have 'caught up' later.

The weekday groups have also continued through live sessions, taking requests for songs for Stay (at home) and Play and continuing the 'Praise' sessions for Play and Praise

Parents have said;

"Your weekly sessions have been like a ray of light for us, especially in the first hard weeks of lockdown with a new baby and slightly shell shocked big brother."

"We were so grateful for the weekly Monday and Tuesday Shipmates sessions online and they made us feel we were still part of the church family even though we weren't seeing each other"

"We thoroughly enjoy watching the stay and play singing sessions and the play and praise story time! My son especially loves the 'box with the lid' and it has been nice to have this continuity whilst we have been unable to go to any groups in person for such a long time. "

"My daughter loves hearing her name when you sing the song she has requested."

Most parents were already attending groups.

"It has been fantastic; we were attending before at the church before lockdown. Has been a great way to introduce ethical and religious stories to young children; a great support during for my toddler. Thank you."

Others discovered us online.

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for all you are doing with your at home sessions! I have 3 children under 3 so hadn't been able to attend your sessions at St. Simons so it has been lovely to see you online. My little girl loves watching you, thank you for all you are doing, God bless you abundantly"

Over the summer rather than live sessions I shared various videos from Spring Harvest, New Wine etc. and delivered 4 themed Activity packs to 50 children in 30 families, these included bible stories, prayer ideas, crafts and gifts. After the success of the summer packs, I continued with Jesus Light of the world pack at October Half Term and an Advent pack.

> "The activity packs have always brought a smile to my son's face and have helped me too because it was a way to get him engaged in various activities I didn't have to plan. We appreciate all the wonderful work you do, Andrea! Thank you!! "

"We really enjoyed the holiday packs. There was a lot for the girls to do which they enjoyed and this led on to some learning as we read related stories on our children's bible."

"We have really appreciated all the activity packs we've been given over the year and the effort you have gone to provide them for us. They have helped us to think about how we can explore our faith at home and even though my daughter is only little, we always manage to find something in them that we can engage with.

Christmas came and although plans for a socially distanced Christingle service had to be abandoned the Online Socially Distanced Nativity Service was a huge success with children from week day groups as well as Sunday worshippers taking part. The Children loved seeing their friends on the screen and it has been St Simon's most viewed video on YouTube.

Through a difficult year my main aim has been to keep in touch with our families and let them know that they are loved. The online platforms have offered an opportunity for conversation and I've been able to answer both prayer requests and practical requests for help as well as 'chat' with families. Delivering the packs (with a 72 hour quarantine period and lots of hand sanitising) has also offered a great opportunity to meet families on the doorstep. One child was amazed to meet in the flesh "The little lady from Mummy's phone!" I have also received messages from Grandmas and Aunties telling extended families and generations have been joining together.

"Our mums Facebook group has also been really helpful to remind me that we're not alone and that other people are thinking of us and praying for us."

6. Sunday Suppers annual report for January to December 2020- Francesca Sherren

In January and February 2020, Sunday Suppers ran as a sit-down meal with a short, faith-based talk in the middle of the evening. Sunday Suppers was operated by two separate teams of four people; one team in the kitchen and one team in the church centre. At that time, volunteers were recruited specifically to one role only and were not permitted to move to the other team. We had to close on one Sunday (08/03/20) due to lack of leadership in place. Throughout those months we regularly catered for 40+ guests.

In March 2020, Sunday Suppers closed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The priest-in-charge, Andy Finn, liaised with Portsmouth city council HIVE, who were coordinating support across the city, and we donated the entire collection of supplies in the North room to HIVE, approx. two tonnes of food. During lockdown the North room had a complete re-fit with strong, purpose-built shelving making food storage safer and easier to use. My heartfelt thanks go to Dave Howell and Jerry Brown for accomplishing this mammoth feat!

In the summer of 2020, we made a plan to provide a Sunday Suppers Takeaway service within the government rules for food provision. The new Activity Plan, Risk Assessment and role descriptions were drawn up and the recruitment and induction process was agreed with John Bazley, the Safeguarding officer. We restocked by spending approx. £1,750 and, when we reopened on 17th August 2020 as a 'door-only' service, we planned for 30 people… 36 arrived. The following week we planned for 40 and 42 arrived. Since then, we have increased the food on offer, created a 'walk-through' Takeaway and regularly cater for 60+ people. We have never run out of food! In the 5 months from August to December 2020 we estimate that we have provided more than 900 freshly cooked, hot meals.

Although there is a generous annual budget from St Simon's to fund this work, we have raised an additional £2,200 for new equipment (coffee grinder, food processor, larger freezer). We have also been given approx. £1,400 towards the cost of food via Mark Sage, (Portsmouth city council's 'Tackling Poverty' coordinator) and had some donations from personal friends. Generous funding has also come from the Coffee Tavern Trust. We pay for a regular delivery from Fare Share as well as receiving donated food from Tesco, Sainsbury, Waitrose and an independent local shop called Handy Stores in Newcombe Road, Fratton. Partly due to the work with HIVE, we have developed strong links with other food banks and food provision in Portsmouth, giving and receiving from each other. Every week, we continue to offer a friendly welcome to all guests, along with freshly cooked hot food, tea and coffee, fruit, vegetables, cakes, bread and a bag of groceries to takeaway. In the coldest weeks we gave out new hats and gloves to those in need, donations which had been collected by one volunteer. We were unable to provide other clothing to avoid multiple guests handling clothes during the pandemic.

We have recently created a Sunday Suppers committee to guide and support the future direction and management of Sunday Suppers. Several volunteers stepped forward during the pandemic. In March 2020 we had a team of 19 volunteers. Now we have 32, a mixture of Christians from our own congregation, from other Portsmouth churches and some non-Christian volunteers who share our values. We have created a 'procurement team' led by Dinah Walters, who ensures the supplies never run out.

When the pandemic is over and social activities are allowed to start again, we will re-launch Sunday Suppers in a slightly different format, but with God's word and message at its heart.

7. Social Committee – Dinah Walters

Unfortunately due to the Covid pandemic restrictions there have not been many social activities but members have met outside following appropriate Covid guidance.

8. Pastoral Ministry annual report 2020 - Michael Piper, Home group coordinator

From Jan to March 2020 the Pastoral Team, consisting of Andy Finn, Bob and Melanie Mason, Phil Gower, Ruth Warner, Kathy Richardson, Sue and Michael Piper, met on three Wednesday mornings a month to share and pray about pastoral matters, including the Home Groups and the Care Home services. Because of Covid-19 restrictions this ceased after March as did the provision of Care Home services in the parish. Instead, the Pastoral Team took on the responsibility of keeping in contact with church members by phone, except for those who said they did not wish to have this link. After March, Home Groups were unable to meet in person. Of the 7 groups 4 continued to 'meet' via Zoom. Following the Priest-in-Charge's resignation in July, one or two of the Pastoral Team withdrew, and the contacting of members of the church continued ad hoc.
In June, on Andy Finn's advice, a small group was formed to test a 'Word' for the church from Revelation 3. 7-13. It was considered that this was indeed a 'Word from God', and the evaluation group became a prayer group, seeking to discern the way ahead and vision for the church. The group, named Prayer Warriors, met thereafter fortnightly by zoom.

9. Mission Team annual report 2020- Ruth Warner and Geraldine Poulter:

Philippians ch. 2 v 4 (NIV)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others".

Generally 2020 was a challenging year for charities although some found creative ways of sustaining and even moving forward in their work.
During 2020 St Simon's supported six charities.

- Beyond the Streets
- Faith and Football
- Flame International
- Frontline Debt
- Joshua Radio
- Bereaved Family Holiday

The first five were each blessed with a gift of £2370 from the unrestricted fund. Sadly, Bereaved Family Holiday, because of the pandemic, had to cancel their plans for their stay at the outdoor centre in Wales. They therefore did not receive funding for 2020, but the PCC decided the funding will still be sent to them for future use.

Each year we welcome someone from the charities to come and share their work, its impact and how St Simon's can support them. We found this to be the best way to interest and engage the congregation in the work of the charities. Because of the pandemic, we were restricted to inviting just one of the charities and express our grateful thanks to Maggie Golledge for her presentation of work with Frontline Debt.

We ask for your prayers for all our charities to continue and flourish in the coming year!

10. Church Administrator's Report – Mick walters/Craig Fisher

-Staff changes: Mick Walters retired. Craig Fisher appointed.
-Energy: Renewal of contract with the supplier Good Energy for a fixed term of 12 months.
-Hall lettings: There have only letting in the last 12 months is for use as a Polling Station on the 6th May. This was after a risk assessment by Portsmouth City Council where all Covid safety measures could be met.
-Events: Arrangements for Standing Committee, PCC, Staff Team Meetings and social events have been conducted by Zoom & continue until Covid Lockdown restrictions
-Payroll: Payroll is outsourced to a professional company & should continue.
-Finance: We are using online banking. Perhaps look at a contactless payment device for ease of future payments or donations.
-ISP: Nearing the end of contract with Virgin Media cable service; negotiated a new contract to include a mobile phone and a faster up & download speed for a reasonable increase in cost.
-AV: While the nave flooring works were in progress we made provision for future audio changes. We now have some improved visual facilities. Thanks are due to City Life Church, Mark Crawley and Cliff Golledge for help with this.
-Staff Team: I have attended the new Staff Team meetings via Zoom.
-Future plans:
AV: To discuss updating the computer set up in the Church office at some point.
Website: I feel that the church website, while functional, needs some re-design to improve the image that we present.
Building works: A number of repairs and improvements to the building are ongoing. We continue to be indebted to Ken, John, Gorik and Michael for a large number of minor repairs around the building.
Rotas: Preparing the Sunday rotas can be challenging due to a shortage of volunteers, Covid guidelines and complicated "rules" about when some volunteers are or are not available. It should be noted that we place a large work load on a core number of volunteers.
Cleaner: The PCC has ended the church cleaner flexi-furlough contract. He will resume normal activities ready for reopening of church once Covid guidance allows.

11. Treasurer's Report 2020- Gail Chipperfield

I am sure you will all agree with me that 2020 has been possibly the strangest year that most of us can remember. With the first lockdown in March, St Simon's, in common with all other places of worship, had to close. We re-opened again in August. The impact on us financially was drastic. We lost all Church Centre lettings and collections. Collections were not too awful as money given on a Sunday morning has been steadily declining. Most of our faithful givers donate through the Gift Aid Scheme, the Parish Giving Scheme, and Charities Aid Foundation and directly into the bank. The lack of Church Centre income had more of an impact. We went from almost £13,000 in 2019 to only £2000 in 2020, a big drop as you can see. Collections halved in 2020 from £3787 in 2019 to £1600 in 2020. We decommissioned the Minibus in 2020, losing the small income we received from that.

Thanks again to our generous donors; we managed to pay our way in 2020. The Waverley Trust gave us £10k in December and the rental from 31 Gains Road remained constant. We paid 5 out of our 6 nominated charities, the sixth Charity did not receive any money from us as they did not need it, but we hope to give them funds this year should they need them.

Our Priest in charge, Andy Finn, left us in July but this did not make any significant change to our finances as all incumbents are paid by the Diocese.

We continued our work with Sunday Suppers, once we had permission to open again. That ministry is largely cost neutral thanks to fundraising by members of that team. We repaid the Coffee Tavern Trust the residue of the money given for the Community Worker's salary as Breakthru was disbanded in 2019. We still hold some restricted funds for Breakthru which cannot be used for general purposes.

We are grateful to the Coffee Tavern Trust for supporting us in various ways, including paying the Church Insurance and help given to Sunday Suppers, and other smaller donations.

We can look to 2021 as a better year financially than 2020 but I do believe that God will meet our needs as He has always done.

12. Annual Accounts 2020

The annual accounts are included here as a hyperlink or individual pdf files for information.

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There is an independent auditor's report of the annual accounts on this link

https://www.dropbox.com/s/aabzviy22rm9mmw/Independent%20examiners%20report%20on%20the%20accounts%20page%201.pdf?dl=0

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of: PCC ST SIMON'S CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended: 31/12/2020 **Charity no (if any)**: 1125695

Set out on pages: 1 – 8

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

Responsibilties and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date**: 1 May 21

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A