



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

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2023/4

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.

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

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 come 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 attendee 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

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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 I 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	FAS1
	31 Gains Road	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

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

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	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 - Fundraising in house	—	—	—	—	—	—
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	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	113,395	—	99,077	—	212,472	156,497
Grand totals						

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	—	—	6,966	—	6,966	6,834
7421 - Church Insurance	—	—	—	—	88	82
7435 - Church Water	88	—	—	—	7,381	7,063
7436 - Cleaner salary	7,381	—	—	—	10,289	8,277
7438 - Church Gas/Electricity	10,289	—	—	—	22,126	10,386
7443 - Church General Maintenance	13,332	—	8,794	—	222	347
7444 - Cleaning Materials	222	—	—	—	112	349
7445 - AV Equipment	112	—	—	—	911	550
7450 - Flowers and Christmas Tree	911	—	—	—	679	630
7451 - Copyright Licence	679	—	—	—	66	—
7452 - Refreshments	66	—	—	—	47	298
7453 - Church Services	47	—	—	—	—	—
7458 - Minibus costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
7459 - Minibus Depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	—
7466 - Pompey Chimes	—	—	—	—	—	—
7471 - Gains Road Maintenance	—	—	—	—	529	494
7472 - Gains Road Insurance	529	—	292	—	292	—
7541 - Breakthru expenses	—	—	7,922	—	7,922	7,000
7542 - Youth Work Allocation	—	—	17,318	—	17,318	15,003
7590 - Youth Work salary NI and pension	—	—	112	—	112	712
7593 - Youth Work Expenses	—	—	—	—	2,170	1,958
7800 - Church Office general expenses	2,170	—	—	—	705	540
7802 - Church Office Expenses	705	—	—	—	507	—
7811 - Church Office PC expenses	507	—	—	—	208	166
7815 - Bank charges	208	—	—	—	9,147	8,695
7820 - Administrators salary, NI and pension	9,147	—	999	—	3,168	4,784
7821 - Architects Fees and expenses	2,168	—	—	—	500	36,249
7822 - Development work inc roof	500	—	—	—	4,263	2,167
8000 - Additional Expenses	4,263	—	—	—	—	—

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	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

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2023 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
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<u>13,248</u>	<u>8,207</u>
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	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<u>3,114</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income and endowments		3,114	—
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Church General Maintenance		7,258	740
Breakthru expenses		292	—
Additional Expenses		—	180
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<u>7,550</u>	<u>920</u>
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
<i>Total Other income</i>		<i>13,800</i>	<i>5,648</i>
Total income and endowments		13,800	5,648
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Church Insurance		6,966	6,834
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>6,966</i>	<i>6,834</i>
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
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>2,250</i>	<i>3,186</i>
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
<i>Total Other income</i>		<i>33,093</i>	<i>16,875</i>
Total income and endowments		35,343	20,061
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Sunday Supper Expenses		21,758	14,959
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>21,758</i>	<i>14,959</i>
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

Income and endowments

Coffee Tavern Trust

Youth Events

Total income and endowments

Expenditure

Youth Events

Other expenditure

Youth Work salary NI and pension

Youth Work Expenses

Conferences, Away Days etc

Total Other expenditure

Total expenditure

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

pastors - pastors from ctt (Restricted) Fund

Other income

Coffee Tavern Trust

Total Other income

Total income and endowments

29,000

Expenditure

Other expenditureDiocesan Quota

Total Other expenditure

Total expenditure

14,502

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

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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
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>160</i>	<i>72</i>
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
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>99,055</i>	<i>79,891</i>
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

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Devcam - Development Campaign Fund (Restricted) Fund**Income and endowments**

Donations and legacies

Special Collections	78	—
collections	17	—
Sundry Donations	10	—

<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>—</i>
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Other income

Sum Up payments	101	—
Coffee Tavern Trust	3,031	—

<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>3,132</i>	<i>—</i>
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Total income and endowments	3,238	—
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Expenditure

Other expenditure

Church General Maintenance	1,536	7,416
Architects Fees and expenses	999	4,784
Development work inc roof	—	36,249

<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>2,535</i>	<i>48,449</i>
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Total expenditure	2,535	48,449
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	703	(48,449)
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Brought forward balance	833	49,283
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Total carried forward balance	1,536	833
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There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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	Restricted	449.23	(253.95)
Campaign Fund			
		72,227.13	56,825.88
6502: Development Campaign Bank Account - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	198.16	198.16
Development	Restricted	1,087.20	1,087.20
Campaign Fund			
		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



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:

Margaret v ✓

Date:

4 April 2024

Name:

Margaret Burke ACMA CGMA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Chartered Institute of Management Accounts

(if any):

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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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