

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF PAIGNTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1128706

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-03-20

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Activities

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

Activities: Furtherance of Religious worship and practice in accordance with the beliefs and practices of 'The Church of England'.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£425,224	£144,378	-	-
2024-12-31	£176,645	£131,529	-	-
2023-12-31	£165,806	£162,406	-	-
2022-12-31	£355,841	£123,737	-	-
2021-12-31	£183,274	£119,767	-	-
2020-12-31	£114,532	£135,342	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Rennie Goble		2026-03-15
Christopher William Bridge		2022-04-03
Deborah Jane Hosking		2021-05-16
Edward Jones		2026-03-15
JAMES ROBERT DEVONPORT		
Jane Katharyn Lorna Goble		2026-03-15
Jill Annette Davies		2024-11-17
Karen Morris		2025-01-18
Moir Devonport		2014-04-27
Rev Laura McAdam		2024-09-10
Roger Rayner		2023-05-14
Ruth Jane Bridge		2019-04-28
Sandra Marjorie Crowcroft-Chappell		2025-05-18

Accounts

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Parish of Paignton
Registration Number: 1128706**

**Annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the
Year Ended 31ST December 2025**

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Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC), in accordance with the PCC (Powers) Measure, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Neil Knox, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Churches and church halls.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of the parish community. Committed to making Christ known, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. The services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, studying the scriptures and growing in faith and trust in Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Outreach work.
- Encouraging community life.

To facilitate this work, the PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance and fabric of its church's and church halls.

The PCC endeavours to maintain a level of giving to missionary or charitable causes both within and outside the parish.

Significant preparatory work has been completed in 2025 for the following activities that will be completed or initiated in 2026:

- Completion of survey, schedule of works and faculty submission by the parish architect to repair the failed vestry/sacristy roof (internally and externally) and the failing stonework and windows across the full south side of the church. Work estimated to be in the region of c.£250k expected to commence in summer 2026.
- Agreement by Ecclesiastical Insurance to provide legal support up to the value of £250k to address the failed church heating and deviation from regulatory and DAC faculty requirements in the 2018 reordering activity.
- The replacement of all internal lighting within St John's church and Coverdale Hall with LED lighting began in October 2025 and is expected to complete late spring 2026.
- The preparatory work for a major reordering of the west end of the church incorporating installation of a parish office in the church, enclosed areas for children and meeting rooms, viewing balcony accessed by glass lifts and stairwells with toilets on both the ground and first floor levels was explored as a key missional activity with the DAC. The reordering was to build on and extend greater access opportunities especially in the SEND/SEMH/Disability spaces with faculty submission anticipated in Q2 2026.

Some of the parish achievements in 2025 included:

- The successful completion of an extensive end-to-end parish Mission Action Plan that meets the developing needs of the parish and church within the wider community and incorporates the early missional explorations of the parish pioneer minister.
- The clearance and subsequent sale of the St Boniface building was completed in October 2025 for the sum of £337,973 into the parish accounts.

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- Delivery of very successful and well attended Advent and Lent study groups alongside 'Breakfast with the Bible' across during both liturgical seasons.
- Hosting many successful external events in church including for the RBL Poppy appeal with Torbay Police and Community Choir and Riviera Brass band.
- Successful launch of a motorcycle fellowship group attracting Christians and non-Christians from across Torbay who met fortnightly rides out in Devon and Cornwall across the summer and autumn 2025.
- 13 members of the parish completed the Church of England LLF course.

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Parish Electoral Roll

The Parish Electoral Roll for 2025 was 80. Number of participants (attending at least once a month) rose to 136; an increase of 21 from 2024. Attendance figures increased significantly at major festivals.

Financial Review

The total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £421,671 and are detailed in the financial statements: designated income was £Nil and restricted income amounted to £3,553. Total income £425,224. Total unrestricted expenditure was £137,764 showing an excess of unrestricted income over expenditure of £284,407.

At 31st December 2025, fixed assets were valued at £238,067, debtors and prepayments £15,000 short-term deposits £714,913, cash at bank and in hand £5,809 with liabilities of £17,409, giving total assets of £956,461.

The diocese completed an audit in November 2025 of parish finance submissions for Occasional Office's and found the parish to be fully compliant.

Fabric Report

In accordance with the requirements of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018, Section 50, the churchwardens completed an inspection of the fabric of the church and all articles appertaining to the church and reported it to the PCC.

The building failures on the south side of the parish, heating system failures and Coverdale building issues and St Boniface sale delayed the commencement of planned works to address ongoing fabric deterioration, items reaching end of life status and general equipment failure including tackling the extensive urgent items listed on the Quinquennial Inspection reports. It is planned to focus on these over Summer/Autumn 2026 as well as a completing the scheduled new Quinquennial Inspection report in autumn 2026.

Furniture and Fittings

St John's Church

- A temporary heating solution to reduce the impact of heating loss created by the failed heating system was installed under List B Faculty in November 2025.
- A List B faculty submission for the Home Office supplied replacement church burglar alarm was submitted for installation in Spring 2026. The faculty for the Home Office supplied permanent iron fence to replace the temporary iron fence is expected in early 2026.
- The church clock remains broken with no update on the repair timetable from Torbay Council.

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- The organ has suffered a significant electrical component failure which makes 7 of the 54 stops unplayable. Willis Organ builder's have indicated repair to what was already a temporary solution is impractical and a new solution is now required. Water is also leaking through the roof into several of the pipes.
- There remain several main altar frontals and several chasubles that are in need urgent repair. The PCC have approved repairs using funds from a restricted account.

St John's Vicarage

The issues of ongoing ASB in and around the Vicarage alongside the ongoing high maintenance requirements and poor insulation nature of the building led to a decision by the diocesan asset committee to sell the Vicarage and acquire a new rectory for the incumbent of St John's parish. This is expected to complete during 2026

Coverdale Hall

Options around the potential future use of the Coverdale Hall with Historic England and the local council and the possibility of potential joint venture using shared funding faltered alongside Historic England's funding of the repairs to the Vicarage Scheduled Monument Walls. Consequently, the parish determined to relocate the Parish Office from the Vicarage to the Coverdale in February 2026. Coordin8 were found new premises and ceased using the Coverdale Hall in October 2025 and AA were given notice to leave at the end of January 2026.

Churchyard and Grounds Maintenance

St John's Church

- The PCC agreed to let the churchyard areas which had been allowed to grow wild since 2023/24 to be repeated in 2025/26 in an attempt to further deter the drink/drug use and anti-social behaviour encountered in the church and churchyard during 2024. The churchwardens also used 'soft engineering tactics placing grass, ivy and hedge cuttings with fallen apples where such individuals usually congregate to good effect reducing yet further ASB incidents.
- Replacement noticeboards were erected at the front and rear of the churchyard to replace the old broken and unrepairable ones.

Safeguarding

During the period covered by this report the PCC has fully complied with its duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC endorses the Exeter Diocesan Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, appoints a Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) and requires DBS disclosure for all persons working with children or involved in regular visiting to the sick or elderly.

Deanery Synod

- There have been 3 Deanery Synod meetings all in person in April, July and November 2025.
- The first occasion was held at St Mary's Church, Brixham on Tuesday, 8th April 2025 and the meeting focussed around the help the church offers others and ourselves centred mainly around a presentation given by Revd Sam Leach and what he does in the Living Room at his church St Mags in Torquay Town Centre.
- The second occasion was on Wednesday, 23rd July 2025 at St John the Apostle, Torquay. Where in groups synod considered Bishop Mike's Five Strategic Priorities for Growth for the diocese: Missional Leadership, Missional DNA, Vocations, Children and Young People and Mixed Ecology.

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- The third occasion was on Thursday, 27th November 2025 at St George's, Goodrington with a presentation on Anna Chaplaincy followed by an opportunity for reflection, responses and questions.
- As the parish electoral roll has dropped to 80 the parish is now entitled to only two deanery synod members; we currently have one.
- The Deanery has been without a Treasurer for 36 months and is still looking for volunteers.

Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council 2024

The full PCC met 7 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%.

Worship and Prayer

- At St John's the celebration of the eucharist was reduced from daily within the Parish to Wed, Thu, Sat and Sun to accommodate reduced resources and increased financial constraints.
- Morning & Evening Prayer continues to be offered on weekdays.
- At the Parish Church of St John the Baptist: Sunday Services included:
 - 8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)
 - 10am Family Communion service.
 - Evening services (Evensong, Benediction or Compline) take place at 6pm on several Sundays throughout the year.
- The 10am service and festival services are usually live-streamed.
- A comprehensive offering of study courses for Lent and Advent alongside bible study is offered in the Parish.

Other activities within the worshipping life of the parish include:

- A pastoral visiting team;
- A prayer group;
- A Ladies group;
- A Men's Breakfast group;
- A craft group;
- Bell ringers (including hand bells);
- Flower arrangers;
- A music group and choir;
- A monthly fabric maintenance group (Labour of Love)

Staffing

- The parish continues to be wonderfully supported each month by 4 x retired clergy with PTO.
- Revd Neil Knox resigned on 31st December 2025 and will leave post on the 31st March 2026.

Pastoral

- The church experienced the deaths of six of its long standing and active members during 2025 in addition to many more experiencing significant loss of mobility or becoming housebound which, had a noticeable impact on weekly worshipping numbers and very significant reduction in the amount regular giving.
- The parish pastoral visiting has been severely impacted by the death of one member and poor health of the three others. An attempt to recruit, authorise and train more lay people will take place in 2026 to assist the two clergy who regularly visit 11 people with Sick or Home Communion.

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Parish Communication Media and Socials

- We have an active presence on Facebook. This includes the live streaming of Zoom for the main Parish Sunday service and other Festival services as well as the posting of notifications about forthcoming events. We also report on events that have taken place to actively encourage the reader to come to future events.
- The website is updated weekly with the Parish Pew Sheet together with information about past and forthcoming events.

Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship

At St John's Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship activities included some of the following:

- Bishop Mike led worship for the Pentecost service on 8th May 2025 meeting with several members of the parish over lunch afterwards.
- Revd Neil led a service to rededicate the renovated Paignton Town War Memorial in a service organised by the RBL and town council.
- The Torbay RNA Standard was laid up in church.
- Advent & Lent Study groups and Breakfast with the Bible took place in Advent and Lent.
- Bible study as a result of the completed MAP outcomes ran during the day and evenings mid-week in October and November incorporating the completion of the Cofe LLF course
- Barn dances in the church were initiated and regular quiz nights, etc continued.
- A very successful new Christmas Fayre format was introduced alongside several very popular Christmas wreath and tree workshops.
- The new and very successful Bikers Fellowship Ride Out group was launched
- The church led the ecumenical 'Walk of Witness' throughout Paignton town.
- Ecumenical men's breakfast continued to occur and grow led by the Parish representatives.
- RBL events in church to place and led by the incumbent as RBL Chaplain.
- The monthly Labour of Love venture which maintains the fabric and beauty of the church continued to grow.

Schools

- Revd Laura McAdam has developed deeper relationships with Kings Ash, Hayes, Curledge Street and St Michael's primary schools attending each school a minimum of once a month. This has noticeably extended and increased our interaction with each school with several year groups from most schools also visiting St John's parish church each term.
- Revd Laura also assisted St Michaels in their SIAM's preparation and inspection.
- All primary schools came to St John's at Christmas, two at Easter and two at Harvest.
- Plans are underway to help several of the primary school in lesson planning to meet the demands of the RE syllabus through workshops with teachers.

Paignton Parish Choir

The choir continue to actively support and lead the singing for worship on Sundays as well as on principal feasts and festivals with Simon Dunbavand continuing as Music Director and organist and Andrew Teague acting as both Choral Director for Paignton Parish Church as well as continuing as an organist for the parish.

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Bell ringers

- The parish is blessed with an active group of and highly competent and dedicated bell ringers who always seek to build their numbers, welcome visitors and play an active part in the liturgical pattern of worship as well as contributing to events on a national basis.
- They work actively to maintain the bells and bell tower as well as contribute to its ongoing development most recently in the acquisition and installation of a new training bell system to encourage new ringers to get involved and train alongside the ringers when the practice weekly on Tuesday nights. The training bell has reduced time spent in training before participating as a fully-fledged ringer by 2-3 months.
- At the end of 2025 the bell ringers had 15 regular adult members and 2 junior members three of whom had joined at the start of 2025.

Flowers

- The wonderful and sometime spectacular contribution of the flower team across all the major church festivals is always of particular note in supporting and advancing our worship as well as showcasing God's house for the many occasional visitors we receive at Paignton parish. Parishioners and visitors alike frequently commented how it added to their appreciation of the church building.
- The team are always seeking to make new volunteers welcome.

Ecumenical Relationships

- Fr Neil continued to regularly meet with other church leaders and representatives both formally at scheduled group meetings and informally throughout the year.
- Paignton Parish initiated and continue to lead the ecumenical Men's Breakfast at Paignton Rugby club through Chris Bridge.
- The parish continues to lead/share in other joint missional outreach activities with Paignton Community Larder, Paignton Community Supermarket and Paignton Parish Charity where Fr. Neil is a Trustee in all. Revd Laura will become a Trustee in all these when Fr. Neil leaves in 2026
- Revd Laura has taken a lead in building a partnership across all socially orientated charities in Paignton and is also leading work in both The Haven and Paignton Community Larder to ensure their ongoing viability into the future.
- Revd Laura is planning to support assistant curates from Bay Church and St Mag's in their curacy by offering opportunities to assist in forms of liturgy and occasional offices readily available in Paignton Parish but not their own by virtue of their ecclesiology and churchmanship.

Volunteers

- The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In addition, we would wish to highlight our gratitude towards the church officers who give so generously of their time, energy and funds as they work tirelessly for the benefit of the Gospel and church itself.

Administrative Information

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Paignton includes the Parish Church of St John the Baptist situated in Church Street, Paignton and the daughter church of St Boniface situated in Belfield Road, Paignton. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, The Vicarage, Palace Place, Paignton, TQ3 3AQ. The working address for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is Paignton Parish Church, Church Street, Paignton.

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Principal Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. E19 4JQ.

Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett, Barretts Chartered Accountants, 22 Union Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2JS.

PCC members (trustees) who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members

1. Incumbent: Revd Neil Knox
2. Associate Priest (Pioneer) Revd Laura McAdam
3. Robert Scarrott (Churchwarden)
4. John Jackson (Churchwarden until 18th May 2025)
5. Chris Bridge (Churchwarden from 18th May 2025)
6. Jill Davies (Deputy Churchwarden)
7. Luke Appleton (General and Diocesan Synod Rep) (Resigned 18th May 2025)

Elected Members

1. James Devonport (Lay Vice Chair and Treasurer)
2. Ruth Bridge
3. Moira Devonport
4. Jennie Litt (Died 15th February 2025)
5. Debbie Hosking
6. Roger Rayner (Deanery Synod)
7. Juliet Trapp (Resigned 24th June 2025)
8. Karen Morris (Appointed 18th January 2025)
9. Sandra Crowcroft-Chappel (Appointed 18th November 2025)

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC was a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission prior to formal registration on 20th March 2009.

Churchwardens are elected annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners which precedes the Annual Parish Church Meeting. PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR) 2022. All Church attendees at the two Churches in the Parish are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

At the Annual Church Meeting up to two Deputy Church Wardens (under CRR M15 (1) (e) & M34) are appointed at the Parish Church. The PCC officers including the Secretary, Treasurer, an Electoral Roll Officer and Standing Committee are elected at the first PCC meeting following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The PCC endorses the Exeter Diocesan Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, appoints a Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) and requires DBS disclosure for all PCC members, persons working with children or involved in regular visiting to the sick or elderly.

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The PCC meets regularly through the year. A Standing Committee, consisting of Vicar, Churchwardens Deputy Churchwarden and the Treasurer is empowered to deal with any urgent matter between meetings of the PCC.



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Paignton**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Church 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of The Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & 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.

Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts
Chartered Accountants
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

Dated 5th March 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Income and Endowments from						
Voluntary receipts	2a	42,399	-	3,553	45,952	122,448
Activities for generating funds	2b	2,947	-	-	2,947	3,460
Church activities	2c	20,107	-	-	20,107	31,666
Investment income	2d	18,245	-	-	18,245	19,071
Other Income	2e	337,973	-	-	337,973	-
Total Income		421,671	-	3,553	425,224	176,645
Expenditure on						
Raising Funds	3a	1,127	-	-	1,127	943
Church activities	3b	136,137	-	7,114	143,251	130,586
Total Expenditure		137,264	-	7,114	144,378	131,529
Net Income/(Expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		284,407	-	(3,561)	280,846	45,116
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	2,656	-	(416)	2,240	5,394
Net Income/(Expenditure)		287,063	-	(3,977)	283,086	50,510
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		487,063	-	(3,977)	283,086	50,510
Total funds brought forward		480,065	-	193,310	673,375	622,865
Total funds carried forward		767,128	-	189,333	956,461	673,375

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Note		£	£	£	£
	FIXED ASSETS				
	Tangible Assets	2,100	-	2,100	3,149
	Investments	225,967	10,000	235,967	233,727
		228,067	10,000	238,067	236,876
	CURRENT ASSETS				
	Debtors and prepayments	15,000	-	15,000	21,696
	Cash on deposit	535,580	179,333	714,913	408,692
	Cash at bank and in hand	5,890	-	5,890	11,405
		556,470	179,333	735,803	441,793
	CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	(17,409)	-	(17,409)	(5,294)
	NET CURRENT ASSETS	539,061	179,333	718,394	436,499
	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	767,128	189,333	956,461	673,375
	NET ASSETS	767,128	189,333	956,461	673,375

**REPRESENTED BY
PARISH FUNDS**

Unrestricted		767,128	480,065
Restricted	8	189,333	193,310
		956,461	673,375

Approved by the PCC on 14th February 2026 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable standards and the Charities (SORP 2019).

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The Accounts include all the transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

Income

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

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocese parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not included in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Due to the age of the building, no cost information is available for the St John's Church Hall, or St Andrews Community Centre, so both properties are included at a deemed cost of £1.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2025.

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2. Income and Endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
2a Voluntary receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	30,247	-	-	30,247	37,576
Income tax recovered	674	-	-	674	7,717
Collections at services	7,270	-	-	7,270	5,262
Legacies	-	-	-	-	7,000
Non-recurring donations and appeals	4,208	-	3,553	7,761	64,893
	42,399	-	3,553	45,952	122,448
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising	2,947	-	-	2,947	3,460
	2,947	-	-	2,947	3,460
2c Church activities					
Statutory fees- weddings, funerals etc.	3,246	-	-	3,246	4,880
Gross Income - Church Centre lettings	16,861	-	-	16,861	26,786
	20,107	-	-	20,107	31,666
2d Investment income					
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund Interest	18,245	-	-	18,245	19,071
	18,245	-	-	18,245	19,071
2e Other Income					
Sale of St Boniface Church	337,973	-	-	337,973	-
	337,973	-	-	337,973	-
TOTAL INCOME	421,671	-	3,553	425,224	176,645

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3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
3a Raising funds					
Cost of fetes	1,127	-	-	1,127	943
	1,127	-	-	1,127	943
3b Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Home :					
Choral Tradition	-	-	600	600	585
St Boniface Outreach	-	-	-	-	60
British Legion	-	-	291	291	235
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	6
Mummy and Me	-	-	-	-	690
Christian Aid	-	-	277	277	39
Flower Fund	-	-	1,070	1,070	664
Christingle (Children's Society)	-	-	16	16	-
CHSW	-	-	450	450	-
Bishops'/Archdeacon Discretionary	-	-	55	55	223
General Outreach	-	-	108	108	96
NightShelter	-	-	-	-	1,530
Churchwarden Gift	-	-	-	-	81
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	53,529	-	-	53,529	54,148
Other ministry costs	12,733	-	-	12,733	13,217
Maintenance	32,193	-	4,247	36,440	22,041
Printing and stationery	2,070	-	-	2,070	2,210
Insurance	11,831	-	-	11,831	11,861
Light, heat and water	11,990	-	-	11,990	16,608
Honorarium/admin costs	10,082	-	-	10,082	4,153
Depreciation	1,049	-	-	1,049	1,049
Examination of annual accounts & legal costs	660	-	-	660	1,090
	136,137	-	7,114	143,251	130,586
Total Expenditure	137,264	-	7,114	144,378	131,529

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4. Tangible Assets

	St John's Parish Hall	St Andrews Community Centre	Office Equipment	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Accrued/deemed cost				
At 1 January 2025	1	1	5,245	5,247
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	1	1	5,245	5,247
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	-	-	2,098	2,098
Withdrawn on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	1,049	1,049
At 31 December 2025	-	-	3,147	3,147
Net book value at 31 December 2025	1	1	2,098	2,100
Net book value at 31 December 2024	1	1	3,147	3,149

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5. Investments

	Market Value at 1 January 2025	Purchases	Disposals	Market revaluation	Market value at 31 December 2025
5682.35 Investment fund	131,393	-	-	(5,253)	126,140
3689 M & G Charitable fund	54,316	-	-	9,412	63,728
26 shares CBF investment fund	601	-	-	(24)	577
450.47 Investment fund	10,416	-	-	(416)	10,000
1375 CBF Inc Shares	31,793	-	-	(1,271)	30,522
225.23 shares Fabric Fund	5,208	-	-	(208)	5,000
	233,727	-	-	2,240	235,967

450.47 investment fund is restricted and is for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of St John the Baptist Church and churchyard. The market revaluation has been shown as restricted.

6. Debtors and Prepayments

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid to claim	15,000	18,000
Other debtors	-	3,696
	15,000	21,696

7. Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees due to Exeter Diocese	1,996	2,526
Sundry accruals	15,413	2,768
	17,409	5,294

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8. Restricted Funds

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment gains/ (losses)	At 31 December 2025
Fabric	33,244	1,600	(4,247)	-	(416)	30,181
Outreach	110,384	221	(708)	-	-	109,897
Legacies	5,700	-	-	-	-	5,700
Youth	23,201	-	-	-	-	23,201
Sundry	1	1,089	(1,070)	-	-	20
Other charitable appeals	3,627	643	(1,089)	-	-	3,181
Mission	524	-	-	-	-	524
Friends of Paignton Parish Church	16,629	-	-	-	-	16,629
	193,310	3,553	(7,114)	-	(416)	189,333

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9. Staff Costs

Average number of employees

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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2024 Nil)

10. Transactions with Trustees

During 2025 the PCC received £4,656 in donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

One of the charity's trustees, Karen Morris, received remuneration from employment with the charity in their capacity as the Parish Administrator. The purpose of this arrangement is to ensure the efficient day-to-day administration of the charity's activities, which was deemed to be in the charity's best interests after due consideration of alternative options and the management of potential conflicts of interest by the unconflicted trustees. The amount paid was determined to be reasonable and proportionate to the work carried out. The aggregate amount paid including salaries fees and other benefits during the year was £10,081. No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the reporting period for their services as a trustee.

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Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC), in accordance with the PCC (Powers) Measure, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Neil Knox, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Churches and church halls.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of the parish community. Committed to making Christ known, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. The services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, studying the scriptures and growing in faith and trust in Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Outreach work.
- Encouraging community life.

To facilitate this work, the PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance and fabric of its church's and church halls.

The PCC endeavours to maintain a level of giving to missionary or charitable causes both within and outside the parish.

Significant preparatory work has been completed in 2024 for the following activities that will be completed or initiated in 2025:

- The completion of an end-to-end parish review to produce a new Mission Action Plan that meets the emerging needs of the parish, wider community and church, incorporates the explorations of the parish pioneer minister and aligns with the Diocesan Next Steps vision and plan.
- The replacement of all internal lighting within St John's church with LED lighting.
- The initiation of works identified and specified by the parish architect inspection to repair the failed vestry/sacristy roof and the failing stonework across the full south side of the church.
- The initiation of works or legal action to address the failed church heating and deviation from regulatory and DAC faculty requirements in the 2018 reordering activity.
- Completion of the St Boniface sale

Some of the parish achievements in 2024 included:

- Successful recruitment of a new Associate Priest Pioneer minister and parish administrator.
- Church warden John Patten being awarded a Companion of St Boniface Award in June 2024.
- Completion of the west gallery room refurbishment.
- Completion of a camera based live-stream facility in St John's church.
- Completion of multiple external security features installations including external CCTV cameras and associated signage fully funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office.
- Successful completion of a fund-raising initiative to replace of all internal lighting within St John's church with LED lighting through 'Give to Go-Green' achieving 100% fund requirement.
- Delivery of very successful and well attended Advent and Lent study groups alongside 'Breakfast with the Bible' across during both liturgical seasons.

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- Hosting many successful external events in church including for the RBL Poppy appeal with Torbay Police and Community Choir and Riviera Brass band as well as South Devon choir recitals.
- Successfully secured a Home Office grant to replace the existing church burglar alarm with a police monitored one as well as replace temporary Heras fence with an iron one on the north side of the church.
- Closed the parish 'Outlook' shop and completed the process of closing St Boniface church.

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Parish Electoral Roll

The Parish Electoral Roll for 2023 was 103. Number of participants (attending at least once a month) was 115. Attendance figures increased significantly at major festivals.

Financial Review

The total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £120,829 and are detailed in the financial statements: designated income was £Nil and restricted income amounted to £55,816. Total income £176,645. Total unrestricted expenditure was £120,817 showing an excess of unrestricted income over expenditure of £12.

At 31st December 2024, fixed assets were valued at £236,876, debtors and prepayments £16,336, short-term deposits £408,692, cash at bank and in hand £11,405 with liabilities of £5,294, giving total assets of £673,375.

Fabric Report

In accordance with the requirements of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018, Section 50, the churchwardens completed an inspection of the fabric of the church and all articles appertaining to the church and reported it to the PCC.

During 2024 the parish had no churchwardens from 31st August - 17th November 2024. Whilst considerable work had been completed during the first 6 months of the year, ongoing fabric deterioration, items reaching end of life status and general equipment failure resulted in many scheduled fabric repairs or replacements being temporarily paused including tackling the extensive urgent items listed on the Quinquennial Inspection reports; all will need addressing in Summer/Autumn 2025.

Furniture and Fittings

St John's Church

- Following significant engagement with Historic England (HE) around the failed vestry and sacristy roof as well as the collapsed fall pipes, brickwork, south aisle porch roof, leadwork and slate tiles all along the south side of the church building they agreed to place the church on the national 'At Risk' register such that when work to remedy these takes place, the parish can apply to access additional sources of funding.
- The west gallery room that was closed off during the 2018 reordering and used as a storeroom was cleared, the flooring re-laid and shelving erected to enable it to be used once again for children's ministry and other meetings. Plans to reinstall the stairs are being explored for installation in 2025.
- A new statue of St Michael to replace the one destroyed in the Kirkham chapel in July 2023 was blessed by the Bishop of Plymouth during its installation on 15th September 2024.

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- A camera based live-stream facility was installed and is used for every main Sunday service, major festivals and occasional offices where possible. When, the system proves to be fully stable the PCC may introduce charges for its use during occasional offices.
- The installation of a new bell ringing training bell and system funded by a generous donation was completed.
- The church floor was given its first major deep clean over a one week period in September 2024.
- A new mount for military standards was installed in the All Souls chapel in August 2024 to mark the receipt of the Burma Star Standard on the occasion of the final closure of the Torbay branch.
- The church heating system developed a serious leak and as part of the action to identify the source, it was established there appeared to be a large deviation from regulatory and DAC faculty requirements when it was installed as part of the 2018 reordering activity. DAC and professional advice was sought by the PCC and subsequent action initiated to seek remedy through the architect/main contractor or seek legal redress during 2025.
- The church clock remains broken with no update on the repair timetable from Torbay Council.
- The organ requires a service and repair with several digital stops no longer working.
- There are several main altar frontals and several chasubles which need urgent repair. The PCC have approved repairs using funds from a designated account.

Coverdale Hall

The PCC obtained reports from the fire service and architects which all indicated the hall was considered to be beyond realistic economic repair and the PCC agreed to close it to hirers from July 2025. Different options for its future use and potential demotion and rebuild, as previously approved in 2006, will be explored during 2025 in consultation with Historic England and the local council for potential joint venture using shared funding.

St Boniface Church

- In January 2024, following extensive an review, the PCC determined the only appropriate course of action for the future of St Boniface was to close and sell the building.
- Voncap vacated the ST Boniface building in June 2024 and a final thanksgiving and celebration for all the ministry undertaken there since its opening took place on the 17th August. Thereafter, the building was closed for any further ecclesiastical use and the clearance activity started.
 - Revd Stephen West (PTO) retired from active ministry with effect of the same date.
- A charity compliant tender process was undertaken and a preferred bidder accepted by the PCC on the 24th November 2024. The Diocesan Registrar was asked to enact the sale.
 - As St Boniface was a parish daughter church all sale proceeds (less fees) will be returned to the PCC as the building was owned by them, rather than the Church Commissioners.
- Ken Nichols transferred the gardening ministry he initiated at St Boniface to across to Church 180 in November 2024 thus remaining in the Foxhole estate. The PCC's thanks Ken for all he had accomplished during his time at St Boniface and now sought to continue in a new Christian setting.

Churchyard and Grounds Maintenance

St John's Church

- In April 2024 the council's grounds maintenance representatives (Westerleigh) undertook major a major crown and flank reduction activity to make safe the Silver Lime tree in the south area of the churchyard which had suffered catastrophic damage the previous June.

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- In September 2024 the Police and Crime Commissioners Office (P&CCO) installed new metal CCTV signage with D&C Police and P&CCO logo's at each entrance in an attempt to further deter the drug use and anti-social behaviour encountered in the church and churchyard during 2024.
- The PCC agreed to let the churchyard areas which had been allowed to grow wild since 2022/23 to be repeated in 2024/25.

Safeguarding

During the period covered by this report the PCC has fully complied with its duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC endorses the Exeter Diocesan Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, appoints a Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) and requires DBS disclosure for all persons working with children or involved in regular visiting to the sick or elderly.

Deanery Synod

- There have been 3 Deanery Synod meetings all in person in March, July and November 2024.
- The first occasion was held at St Luke's Church, Torquay on Thursday, 7th March 2024 and attended by Bishop James Grier. Fr Peter March was commissioned as Rural Dean, along with Fr Gary Deighton, Rev Sam Leach and Rev Samantha Stayte as Assistant Rural Deans. The archdeacon encouraged parishes to pay more to help fund the diocese because they had larger reserves than the diocese.
- The second occasion was on Wednesday, 17th July from 7 – 9pm at St George's Church, Goodrington with a presentation from Diocesan Mission Enabler a report from Diocesan Synod and General Synod and more encouragement offered to contribute to Common Fund and Deanery Finances.
- The third occasion was on the Wednesday, 27th November at Bay Church with a presentation by Rev Claire Reynolds on Disabilities, additional needs and neurodivergence.
- The parish is entitled to have three deanery synod members, we currently have two with one casual vacancy.
- The Deanery has been without a Treasurer for 24 months and is still looking for volunteers.

Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council 2023

The full PCC met 11 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%.

Worship and Prayer

- At St John's the celebration of the eucharist was reduced from daily within the Parish to Wed-Sun to accommodate reduced resources and increased financial constraints.
- Morning & Evening Prayer continues to be offered on weekdays.
- At the Parish Church of St John the Baptist: Sunday Services included:
 - 8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)
 - 10am Family Communion service.
 - Evening services (Evensong, Benediction or Compline) take place at 6pm on several Sundays throughout the year.
- The 10am service and festival services are usually live-streamed.
- A comprehensive offering of study courses for Lent and Advent is offered in the Parish.

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Other activities within the worshipping life of the parish include:

- A Pastoral visiting team,
- A Prayer Group,
- A Ladies Group
- A Craft Groups
- Gardening Group – Little Green Fingers (children) and Big Green Thumbs (adults),
- Bell Ringers (including hand bells),
- Mother and Toddler Group (Mummy & Me),
- Flower Arrangers,
- A Music Group and Choir.
- A monthly fabric maintenance group (Labour of Love)

Staffing

- On 10th September a new Associate Priest (Pioneer) Revd Laura McAdam was licenced into the parish.
- August 2024 saw the arrival of a new parish administrator after a 12-month vacancy; Mrs Karen Morris.
- March 2024 saw the departure of Fr Simon Bloxham-Rose to be the interim chaplain of HM Chapel Royal Hampton Court Palace
- No new churchwardens were elected at the AMP and the casual vacancies were not filled until the 17th November 2024 by Mr Robert Scarrott and Mr John Jackson.

Pastoral

- The church experienced the deaths of twelve of its long standing and active members during 2024 in addition to many more experiencing significant loss of mobility or becoming housebound which, had a noticeable impact on weekly worshipping numbers and very significant reduction in the amount regular giving.
- The parish has an active pastoral visiting team of 5 authorised and trained lay people alongside three clergy who regularly visit 18 people with Sick or Home Communion.

Parish Communication Media and Socials

- We have an active presence on Facebook. This includes the live streaming of Zoom for the main Parish Sunday service and other Festival services as well as the posting of notifications about forthcoming events. We also report on events that have taken place to actively encourage the reader to come to future events.
- The website is updated weekly with the Parish Pew Sheet together with information about past and forthcoming events.

Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship

At St John's Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship activities included some of the following:

- A Confirmation service saw nine individuals confirmed by the Bishop of Plymouth on 15th September 2024.
- Advent & Lent Study groups and Breakfast with the Bible took place in Advent and Lent.
- Summer Fete, regular quiz nights, etc continued.
- Three Parish Walks were completed as part of the 'Give to Go Green' campaign funding campaign.
- The church led the ecumenical 'Walk of Witness' throughout Paignton town.

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- Ecumenical men's breakfast continued to occur and grow led by the Parish representatives.
- RBL events in church to place and led by the incumbent as RBL Chaplain.
- A new monthly Labour of Love venture was initiated to maintain the fabric and beauty of the church.
- Parish MAP planning questionnaires were completed to enable a broader parish planning launch in June 2024.

Outlook Shop

- Following an ongoing extensive review the PCC during 2023, to the decision to close the Outlook Shop was formalised and actioned in February 2024.
- Our thanks go to all those committed shop volunteers who contributed to its vibrancy and success for so many years and in particular the dedication, commitment and leadership of Elaine Hooper and the support of her husband Andrew.

Paignton Parish Choir

- The choir continue to actively support and lead the singing for worship on Sundays as well as on principal feasts and festivals with Simon Dunbavand continuing as Music Director and organist and Andrew Teague acting as both Choral Director for Paignton Parish Church as well as continuing as an organist for the parish.
- Two male members have joined the choir during 2024, however, there remains a need to continue to seek additional members for all parts.

Schools

- Revd Laura McAdam took on the primary contact point for the parish relationship with Kings Ash, Hayes, Curledge Street and St Michael's primary schools. Revd Laura has noticeably extended and increased our interaction with each school attending termly at least twice; and several year groups from most schools also visit St John's parish church each term.
- All primary schools came to St John's at Christmas and two primary schools at Easter.
- Plans are underway to help several of the primary school in lesson planning to meet the demands of the RE syllabus through workshops with teachers.
- Those attending specific school events in Advent at St John's church totalled 1473.

Ecumenical Relationships

- Fr Neil continued to work with the curates at Bay Church and regularly meets with other church leaders and representatives both formally at scheduled group meetings and informally throughout the year.
- Paignton Parish initiated and continue to lead the ecumenical Men's Breakfast at Paignton Rugby club through Chris Bridge.
- The parish continues to lead/share in other joint missional outreach activities with Paignton Community Larder, Paignton Community Supermarket and The Haven where Fr. Neil is a Trustee in all.
- Revd Laura has taken a lead in building a partnership across all socially orientated charities in Paignton and is also leading work in both The Haven and Paignton Community Larder to ensure their ongoing viability into the future.

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Volunteers

- The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In addition, we would wish to highlight our gratitude towards the church officers who give so generously of their time, energy and funds as they work tirelessly for the benefit of the Gospel and church itself.

Flowers

- The wonderful and sometime spectacular contribution of the flower team across all the major church festivals is always of particular note in supporting and advancing our worship as well as showcasing God's house for the many occasional visitors we receive at Paignton parish. Parishioners and visitors alike frequently commented how it added to their appreciation of the church building.
- The team are always seeking to make new volunteers welcome.

Bell ringers

- The parish is blessed with an active group of and highly competent and dedicated bell ringers who always seek to build their numbers, welcome visitors and play an active part in the liturgical pattern of worship as well as contributing to events on a national basis.
- They work actively to maintain the bells and bell tower as well as contribute to its ongoing development most recently in the acquisition and installation of a new training bell system to encourage new ringers to get involved and train alongside the ringers when the practice weekly on Tuesday nights.

Administrative Information

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Paignton includes the Parish Church of St John the Baptist situated in Church Street, Paignton and the daughter church of St Boniface situated in Belfield Road, Paignton. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, The Vicarage, Palace Place, Paignton, TQ3 3AQ. The working address for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is Paignton Parish Church, Church Street, Paignton.

Principal Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. E19 4JQ.

Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett, Barretts Chartered Accountants, 22 Union Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2JS.

PCC members (trustees) who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members

1. Incumbent: Father Neil Knox
2. Associate Priest (Pioneer) Revd Laura McAdam (from 10 September 2024)
3. Robert Scarrott (Churchwarden from 17th November 2024)
4. John Jackson (Churchwarden from 17th November 2024)
5. Jill Davies (Deputy Churchwarden from 17th November 2024)
6. Luke Appleton (General and Diocesan Synod Rep)

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Elected Members

1. James Devonport (Lay Vice Chair and Treasurer)
2. Ruth Bridge
3. Moira Devonport
4. Jennie Litt
5. Debbie Hosking
6. Chris Bridge

7. Roger Rayner (Deanery Synod)
8. Juliet Trapp (from May 2024 on Deanery Synod)
- Kenneth Nichols (Resigned 9th November 2024)
- Carol Friend (Deputy Churchwarden) (term ended 28th April 2024)

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC was a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission prior to formal registration on 20th March 2009. Churchwardens are elected annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners which precedes the Annual Parish Church Meeting. PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR) 2022. All Church attendees at the two Churches in the Parish are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

At the Annual Church Meeting up to two Deputy Church Wardens (under CRR M15 (1) (e) & M34) are appointed at the Parish Church. The PCC officers including the Secretary, Treasurer, an Electoral Roll Officer and Standing Committee are elected at the first PCC meeting following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The PCC endorses the Exeter Diocesan Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, appoints a Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) and requires DBS disclosure for all PCC members, persons working with children or involved in regular visiting to the sick or elderly.

The PCC meets regularly through the year. A Standing Committee, consisting of Vicar, Churchwardens Deputy Churchwarden and the Treasurer is empowered to deal with any urgent matter between meetings of the PCC.



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Church 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of The Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & 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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Chartered Accountants
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Dated 9th May 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	Not e	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from						
Voluntary receipts	2a	66,632	-	55,816	122,448	111,377
Activities for generating funds	2b	3,460	-	-	3,460	5,029
Church activities	2c	31,666	-	-	31,666	33,776
Investment income	2d	19,071	-	-	19,071	15,624
Total Income		120,829	-	55,816	176,645	165,806
Expenditure on						
Raising Funds	3a	943	-	-	943	1,435
Church activities	3b	119,874	-	10,712	130,586	160,971
Total Expenditure		120,817	-	10,712	131,529	162,406
Net Income/(Expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		12	-	45,104	45,116	3,400
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	5,161	-	233	5,394	13,908
Net Income/(Expenditure)		5,173	-	45,337	50,510	17,308
Transfer between funds		(520)	-	520	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,653	-	45,857	50,510	17,308
Total funds brought forward		475,412	-	147,453	622,865	605,557
Total funds carried forward		480,065	-	193,310	673,375	622,865

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	4	3,149	-	3,149	4,198
Investments	5	223,311	10,416	233,727	228,334
		226,460	10,416	236,876	232,532
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	6	21,696	-	21,696	16,336
Cash on deposit		225,798	182,894	408,692	372,333
Cash at bank and in hand		11,405	-	11,405	10,374
		258,919	182,874	441,793	399,043
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	7	(5,294)	-	(5,294)	(8,710)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		253,625	193,310	436,499	390,333
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		480,065	193,310	673,375	622,865
NET ASSETS		480,065	193,310	673,375	622,865

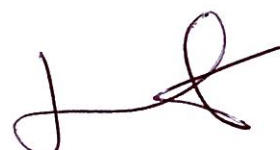
**REPRESENTED BY
PARISH FUNDS**

Unrestricted		480,065	475,412
Restricted	8	193,310	147,453
		673,375	622,865

Approved by the PCC on 15th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable standards and the Charities (SORP 2019).

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The Accounts include all the transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

Income

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

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocese parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not included in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Due to the age of the building, no cost information is available for the St John's Church Hall, or St Andrews Community Centre, so both properties are included at a deemed cost of £1.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2024.

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2. Income and Endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
2a Voluntary receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	37,576	-	-	37,576	52,239
Income tax recovered	7,717	-	-	7,717	8,790
Collections at services	5,262	-	-	5,262	6,390
Legacies	7,000	-	-	7,000	24,919
Non-recurring donations and appeals	9,077	-	55,816	64,893	19,039
	66,632	-	55,816	122,448	111,377
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising	3,460	-	-	3,460	5,029
	3,460	-	-	3,460	5,029
2c Church activities					
Statutory fees- weddings, funerals etc.	4,880	-	-	4,880	6,716
Gross Income - Church Centre lettings	26,786	-	-	26,786	27,060
	31,666	-	-	31,666	33,776
2d Investment income					
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund Interest	19,071	-	-	19,071	15,624
	19,071	-	-	19,071	15,624
TOTAL INCOME	120,829	-	55,816	176,645	165,806

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3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
3a Raising funds					
Cost of fetes	943	-	-	943	1,435
	943	-	-	943	1,435
3b Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving Home :					
Choral Tradition	-	-	585	585	495
Warm Spaces	-	-	-	-	1,000
St Boniface Outreach	-	-	60	60	86
St Boniface Community Garden	-	-	-	-	421
British Legion	-	-	235	235	-
Messy Church	-	-	6	6	9
Easter Holiday Club/Easter Trail	-	-	-	-	40
Mummy and Me	-	-	690	690	990
Christian Aid	-	-	39	39	-
Flower Fund	-	-	664	664	169
Christingle (Children's Society)	-	-	-	-	98
Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Appeal	-	-	-	-	425
Bishops' Discretionary	-	-	223	223	-
General Outreach	-	-	96	96	-
NightShelter	-	-	1530	1530	-
Churchwarden Gift	-	-	81	81	-
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	54,148	-	-	54,148	52,899
Other ministry costs	13,217	-	-	13,217	12,829
Maintenance	15,538	-	6,503	22,041	49,277
Printing and stationery	2,210	-	-	2,210	1,724
Insurance	11,861	-	-	11,861	11,269
Light, heat and water	16,608	-	-	16,608	19,993
Honorarium/admin costs	4,153	-	-	4,153	7,538
Depreciation	1,049	-	-	1,049	1,049
Examination of annual accounts & legal costs	1,090	-	-	1,090	660
	119,874	-	10,712	130,586	160,971
Total Expenditure	120,817	-	10,712	131,529	162,406

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4. Tangible Assets

	St John's Parish Hall	St Andrews Community Centre	Office Equipment	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Accrued/deemed cost				
At 1 January 2024	1	1	5,245	5,247
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	1	1	5,245	5,247
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	-	-	1,049	1,049
Withdrawn on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	1,049	1,049
At 31 December 2024	-	-	2,098	2,098
Net book value at 31 December 2024	1	1	3,147	3,149
Net book value at 31 December 2023	1	1	4,196	4,198

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5. Investments

	Market Value at 1 January 2024	Purchases	Disposals	Market revaluation	Market value at 31 December 2024
5682.35 Investment fund	128,453	-	-	2,940	131,393
3689 M & G Charitable fund	52,936	-	-	1,380	54,316
26 shares CBF investment fund	588	-	-	13	601
450.47 Investment fund	10,183	-	-	233	10,416
1375 CBF Inc Shares	31,082	-	-	711	31,793
225.23 shares Fabric Fund	5,091	-	-	117	5,208
	228,333	-	-	5,394	233,727

450.47 investment fund is restricted and is for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of St John the Baptist Church and churchyard. The market revaluation has been shown as restricted.

6. Debtors and Prepayments

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid to claim	18,000	15,000
Other debtors	3,696	1,336
	21,696	16,336

7. Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees due to Exeter Diocese	2,526	4,007
Money received on account	-	2,000
Sundry accruals	2,768	1,703
Loans from Parishioners	-	1,000
	5,294	8,710

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8. Restricted Funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment gains/ (losses)	At 31 December 2024
Fabric	19,616	19,898	(6,503)	-	233	33,244
Outreach	77,321	34,500	(1,437)	-	-	110,384
Legacies	5,700	-	-	-	-	5,700
Youth	23,201	-	-	-	-	23,201
Sundry	173	552	(744)	20	-	1
Other charitable appeals	4,289	866	(2,028)	500	-	3,627
Mission	524	-	-	-	-	524
Friends of Paignton Parish Church	16,629	-	-	-	-	16,629
	147,453	55,816	(10,712)	520	233	193,310

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9. Staff Costs

Average number of employees

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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2023 Nil)

10. Transactions with Trustees

During 2024 the PCC received £8,081 in donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

Accounts

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Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC), in accordance with the PCC (Powers) Measure, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Neil Knox, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Churches and church halls.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of the parish community. Committed to making Christ known, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. The services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, studying the scriptures and growing in faith and trust in Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Outreach work.
- Encouraging community life.

To facilitate this work, the PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance and fabric of its church's and church halls.

The PCC endeavours to maintain a level of giving to missionary or charitable causes both within and outside the parish.

Achievements and Performance

During 2022 a significant piece of work to identify and address regulatory and procedural shortfalls applicable to both the physical buildings and the nature of their use by both the church congregation and community was undertaken. This work identified a need for significant financial investment and effort to bring them successfully into compliance and which commenced in 2022 and has continued throughout 2023 as outlined in the Annual Fabric Report.

Elsewhere significant preparatory work was completed in 2023 for the following activities that will be completed or initiated in 2024:

- The completion of an end-to-end parish review to produce a new Mission Action Plan that meets the emerging needs of the parish, wider community and church and aligns with the Diocesan Next Steps vision and plan.
- Completion of the recruitment process and licensing of an Associate Priest to replace the departed Licensed Lay Worker Captain Jeff Hill.
- The installation of a camera-based live-stream facility in St John's church.
- The installation of multiple external security features including external - CCTV cameras and associated signage, PIR lights and security fence.
- The replacement of all internal lighting within St John's church with LED lighting through a 'Give to Go-Green' grant application.

During 2023 the parish also:

- Held very successful and well-attended church services and garden fetes for the celebration of King Charles III coronation.
- Held successful and well-attended church summer fetes and harvest lunches.

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- Undertook very successful and well-attended Advent and Lent study groups alongside 'Breakfast with the Bible' across during both liturgical seasons.
- Saw significant growth of the ecumenical Men's Breakfast held at Paignton Rugby Club.
- Held very successful Advent activities including Christmas Fayre, Christmas tree festival, three primary and one secondary school nativity events and the Sea Scouts nativity in addition to those held by the church itself.
- Hosted successful external events in church for the RBL Poppy appeal with Torbay Police and Community Choir and Riviera Brass band as well as South Devon choir recitals.
- Successfully secured a grant of £5k towards external cameras from Westerleigh.
- Successfully secured a grant of £12k from Safer Streets Funding 5 for external security features for St John's church including external - CCTV cameras and signage, PIR lights and a security fence.
- Put in place a financially profitable 1-year rental agreement for Voncap Recruitment and Development utilising two underutilised rooms at St Boniface.
- Participated and held outreach events in the Foxhole estate including: 'Autumn Fest' celebration, provided a craft space at the 'Community Christmas Extravaganza' and led carol singing around Foxhole Estate amongst many others.

REPORTS

Parish Electoral Roll

The Parish Electoral Roll for 2023 was 149. Number of participants (attending at least once a month) was 100. Attendance figures increased significantly at major festivals.

Financial Review

The total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £152,153 and are detailed in the financial statements: designated income was £Nil and restricted income amounted to £13,653. Total income £165,806. Total unrestricted expenditure was £123,449 showing an excess of unrestricted income over expenditure of £28,704.

At 31st December 2023, fixed assets were valued at £232,532, debtors and prepayments £16,336, short-term deposits £372,333, cash at bank and in hand £10,374 with liabilities of £8,710, giving total assets of £622,865.

Fabric Report

In accordance with the requirements of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018, Section 50, the churchwardens completed an inspection of the fabric of the church and all articles appertaining to the church and reported it to the PCC.

During 2023 the churchwardens continued to address the most urgent outstanding matters to enable the parish and occasional hirers to continue using our churches and church halls as well as a number of new issues that arose as a result of regulatory inspections, vandalism and items reaching end of life status. As a consequence, there remains extensive urgent items that are listed on the Quinquennial Inspection reports that will need addressing in Summer/Autumn 2024.

Furniture and Fittings

St John's Church

- The broken internal CCTV cameras and recording system were replaced in September 2023.
- The internal fire alarm system was replaced with a commercial grade system in October 2023.

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- The faulty roof alarm system was replaced with a camera-based system approved by Ecclesiastical Insurance in November 2023.
- The leaks on the vestry and sacristy roofs of St John's remain a concern. Temporary plastic sheeting is in place which has significantly reduced ongoing water ingress but the completion of the end-to-end faculty process for a comprehensive repair needs to be addressed during 2024. A visit by DAC representatives in June 2023 highlighted repairs also needed to be undertaken to the fall pipes, brickwork, leadwork and slate tiles all along the south side of the church building.
- A replacement statue of St Michael for the one smashed in the Kirkham chapel in July 2023 during the church desecration has been acquired and a date is being sourced with the Bishop of Plymouth for its installation and blessing during 2024.
- The church clock remains broken with no update on the repair timetable from Torbay Council.
- The organ requires a service and repair with several digital stops no longer working.
- There are several main altar frontals and several chasubles which need urgent repair. The PCC have approved repairs using funds from a designated account.

Coverdale Hall

The Coverdale Hall is falling into an increasingly dilapidated state primarily due to usage (through hirers) beyond and above the envisaged levels.

- Excessive dampness has led to substantial levels of mould appearing across the south and east-facing walls. Investigations as to the source of the damp are ongoing.
- There remain several kitchen white goods in the kitchen in need of replacement.
- A permanent compliant fire escape solution for disabled users in the event remains outstanding.
- The kitchen extractor fans need replacing.
- A solution for the non-compliant doors and main hall wall cladding remains outstanding.
- The female toilets are in need of major repair or replacement.

St Boniface Church

The following installations took place at St Boniface Church and Church Hall in 2023:

- January 2023 a phase three electrical supply was installed to enable a new non-fossil fuel heater to be fitted into the main hall.
- February 2023 a new fan powered heater was fitted in the main hall to replace the gas fired heater condemned in April 2022.
- February 2023 electrical wall heaters were fitted in the Crediton room and rear hallway to replace the gas fired heater in the Crediton room condemned in April 2022.
- May 2023 Six smashed or pellet shot windows replaced.
- Fire door opening mechanisms replaced with compliant locks.
- June External and internal CCTV security cameras fitted.
- September 2023 The main hall fluorescent lights were fully replaced by LED lights.
- October 2023 Kitchenette fitted into main hall.
- October 2023 External tap and toilet extractor fans fitted.
- November 2023 Rewiring of room two (Voncap) and installation of a new wall heater.
- November 2023 New fire alarm fitted.
- November 2023 Church bell removed, and base of the mount sealed to prevent further water ingress through into the sacristy where water damage damaged the roof and walls beneath.

Churchyard and Grounds Maintenance

St John's Church

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- In January and May 2023, the council's grounds maintenance representatives (Westerleigh) completed significant path repairs where members of the public had made alleged fall complaints.
- In June 2023 the council's grounds maintenance representatives (Westerleigh) undertook major removal of a large bough (15/20m) which had broken off the Silver Lime tree in the south area of the churchyard breaking several headstones.
- In August 2023 the council's grounds maintenance representatives (Westerleigh) undertook some major tree and shrubbery removal, under faculty, to the north, east and south corners of the Churchyard where trees were either striking the church wall/roof or needed clearing for the installation of cameras to tackle the drug use and anti-social behaviour identified with the police and council.
- The drug use and anti-social behaviour has reduced markedly since the PCC decision to lock in the church gates each evening until Easter 2024 as advised by the local police when the new cameras will all have been installed. Sadly, anti-social behaviour, not limited to drug and drink usage continues with several overdoses requiring ambulance recovery occurring during 2023. Dog fouling and occasional abuse by dog owners continues.
- The churchyard areas allowed to grow wild in 2022/23 were agreed to be repeated in 2023/24.

Coverdale Hall

- The beech hedge to the west of the Coverdale Centre was reduced two feet in height as it was extensively overgrown. It remains the PPC's responsibility to maintain.
- A slope was cut into the slope outside the south exit doors of the Coverdale Hall as a temporary emergency exit into the Vicarage Garden for disabled wheelchair users.

Safeguarding

During the period covered by this report the PCC has fully complied with its duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC endorses the Exeter Diocesan Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, appoints a Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) and requires DBS disclosure for all persons working with children or involved in regular visiting to the sick or elderly.

Deanery Synod

- There have been 3 Deanery Synod meetings all in person in February, July and October 2023.
- The first occasion was at St Mags, Torquay on Tuesday, 28th Feb 2023. This meeting included a review of the Next Steps Mission Community Healthy Check tool and received updates on Deanery finances and Torbay United.
- The second occasion was on Thursday 6th July 2023 at St Mary the Virgin, Churston Ferrers. This meeting included the announcement of Rural Dean Nathan's departure as well as a summary of the blessings and challenges of the deanery.
- The third occasion was on the 11th of October 2023 at Christchurch Paignton. Members gathered in small groups around the church to pray for the life of the deanery.
- The parish is entitled to have three deanery synod members, but no one put themselves forward to be elected. The Parish is represented by Luke Appleton, Diocesan Synod member.
- The Deanery has been without a Treasurer 12 months and is still looking for volunteers.

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Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council 2023

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%.

Worship and Prayer

At St John's:

A daily celebration of the eucharist has been maintained within the Parish, where Morning and Evening Prayer is said on weekdays.

- Weekday Mass on a Thursday evening was reintroduced in July 2023.
- At the Parish Church of St John the Baptist: Sunday Services included:
 - 8am Said Holy Communion (BCP).
 - 10am Family Communion service.
 - Evening services (Evensong, Benediction or Compline) take place at 6pm on several Sundays throughout the year.
- The 10am service and Festival services are usually live-streamed.

At St Boniface:

- A Said Holy Communion takes place at 9.30am each Tuesday morning.
- Messy Church takes place on the second Sunday of each month at 11.15am.
- A Eucharist service is held on other Sundays at 11.15.
- A comprehensive offering of study courses for Lent and Advent is offered in the Parish.

Other activities within the life of the Parish include:

- A Pastoral visiting team
- A Prayer Group
- Home-based Bible Study Groups
- A Ladies Group
- Craft Groups at both churches,
- Gardening Group – Little Green Fingers (children) and Big Green Thumbs (adults)
- Bell Ringers (including hand bells)
- Mother and Toddler Group (Mummy & Me)
- Flower Arrangers
- A Music Group and Choir

Staffing

- July 2023 saw the departure of Captain Jeff Hill (Church Army) and family to a new ministry in Cumbria after ten years of highly dedicated and faithful service centred around St Boniface and the Foxhole Estate. His contribution and commitment to this community and the parish cannot be understated and the PCC are hugely grateful for all that He and his family accomplished during their time with the Parish.
- July 2023 saw the loss through an accident of one of our two churchwardens, Mrs Val Nutbrown; she is yet to recover to a point where she is able to return to undertake the role.
- July 2023 saw the arrival of Fr Simon Bloxham-Rose under PTO to assist in the parish.
- September saw the departure from the Parish of Revd's Geoff and Gill Kimber where they have been actively supporting Captain Jeff in the Foxhole using their PTO licenses to support ministry in Torquay.

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- September 2023 saw the departure of the Parish Administrator to work in a religious community and the post remains vacant.

Pastoral

- The church experienced the deaths of twelve of its long standing and active members during 2023 in addition to many more experiencing significant loss of mobility or becoming housebound which, had a noticeable impact on weekly worshipping numbers.
- The Parish has an active pastoral visiting team of 6 authorised and trained lay people alongside three clergy regularly visit 22 people with Sick or Home Communion.

Parish Communication Media and Socials

- We have an active presence on Facebook. This includes the live streaming of Zoom for the main Parish Sunday service and other Festival services as well as the posting of notifications about forthcoming events. We also report on events that have taken place to actively encourage the reader to come to future events.
- The website is updated weekly with the Parish Pew Sheet together with information about past and forthcoming events.

Mission and Evangelism

St John's

- Advent & Lent Study groups and Breakfast with the Bible in Advent and Lent.
- Kings Coronation summer party, Summer Fete, Christmas Fayre, quiz nights, etc.
- Leading the ecumenical 'Walk of Witness' throughout Paignton town.
- Ecumenical men's breakfast.
- RBL events in church and as attended by the incumbent as RBL Chaplain.

St Boniface

- Work and worship.
- Ladies Group/Men's Breakfast.
- St Boniface ministry meeting local men on Thursday at Crafty Fox.
- Children's Little Green fingers & Adult/parents Big Green Thumbs in 2023.
- Attending Christmas Community Extravaganza.
- Autumn Fest and Community Carols in the Foxhole.

Outlook Shop

- The Outlook shop provided a vital form of both financial and pastoral support to, and on behalf, of the church for many years. However, rising utility costs, rent and insurance in the face of a changing commercial and social context, combined with a declining supply of volunteers to run the venture, meant the future viability of the Outlook Shop was under review. All the supporting information and evidence at the close of 2023 indicate closure in the first quarter of 2024 was the most likely outcome.
- As ever our thanks go to our committed shop volunteers for all their contribution throughout 2023 without whom we would not be able to operate. Their contribution is hugely valued, and we are grateful to both them and to our customers, many of whom are regulars we know well.

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Paignton Parish Choir

- The choir continue to actively support and lead the singing for worship on Sundays as well as on principal feasts and festivals with Simon Dunbavand continuing as Music Director and organist and Andrew Teague acting as both Choral Director for Paignton Parish Church as well as continuing as an organist for the parish.
- Several male members have joined the choir during 2023, however, there remains a need to continue to seek additional members for all parts.

Schools

- Fr Neil continued to maintain a link with Kings Ash, Hayes, Curledge Street and St Michael's primary schools attending each school termly at least twice; most schools also try to visit St John's Parish church each term.
- Plans are underway to help several of the primary schools in lesson planning to meet the demands of the RE syllabus through workshops with teachers.
- School numbers attending school events in St John's church in Advent were 1487.

Ecumenical Relationships

- Fr Neil continued to work with the curates at Bay Church and regularly meets with other church leaders and representatives both formally at scheduled group meetings and informally throughout the year.
- Paignton parish initiated and continue to lead the ecumenical Men's Breakfast at Paignton Rugby club through Chris Bridge.
- The parish continues to lead/share in other joint missional outreach activities with Paignton Community Larder, Paignton Community Supermarket and The Haven where Fr. Neil is a Trustee in all.

Volunteers

- The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In addition, we would wish to highlight our gratitude towards the church officers who give so generously of their time, energy and funds as they work tirelessly for the benefit of the Gospel and church itself.

Flowers

- The wonderful and sometime spectacular contribution of the flower team across all the major church festivals in addition to the Kings Coronation Celebration was of particular note in supporting and advancing our worship as well as showcasing God's house for the many occasional visitors we receive at Paignton parish. They frequently commented how it added to their appreciation of the church building.
- The team are always seeking to make new volunteers welcome.

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Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett, Barretts Chartered Accountants, 22 Union Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2JS.

PCC members (trustees) who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members

1. Incumbent: Father Neil Knox
 2. Val Nut-Brown (Churchwarden)
 3. John Patten (Churchwarden)
 4. Carol Friend (Deputy Churchwarden)
 5. Jill Davies (Deputy Churchwarden from 14th May 2023)
 6. Luke Appleton (General and Diocesan Synod Rep)
- Licenced Worker: Captain Jeff Hill (resigned 5th June 2023)

Elected Members

1. James Devonport (Lay Vice Chair and Treasurer)
 2. Ruth Bridge
 3. Moira Devonport
 4. Jennie Litt
 5. Debbie Hosking
 6. Chris Bridge
 7. Kenneth Nichols (appointed 14th May 2023)
 8. Roger Rayner (appointed 14th May 2023)
- Joyce Capello (term ended 14th May 2023)
 - Elaine Hooper (term ended 14th May 2023)
 - Catherine Wallace (term ended 14th May 2023)
 - Mavis Hawkins (died 18th September 2023)

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Incumbent & PCC Chair

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Paignton

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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

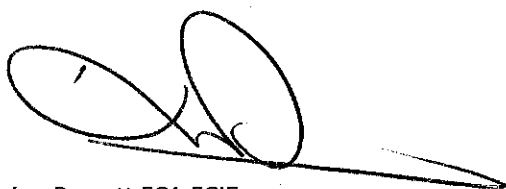
I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of The Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & 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.



Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts
Chartered Accountants
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

Dated 18th April 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Income and Endowments from						
Voluntary receipts	2a	97,724	-	13,653	111,377	305,984
Activities for generating funds	2b	5,029	-	-	5,029	5,133
Church activities	2c	33,776	-	-	33,776	35,127
Investment income	2d	15,624	-	-	15,624	9,597
Total Income		152,153	-	13,653	165,806	355,841
Expenditure on						
Raising Funds	3a	1,435	-	-	1,435	1,105
Church activities	3b	122,014	-	38,957	160,971	122,632
Total Expenditure		123,449	-	38,957	162,406	123,737
Net Income/(Expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		28,704	-	(25,304)	3,400	232,104
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	13,025	-	883	13,908	(24,485)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		41,729	-	(24,421)	17,308	207,619
Transfer between funds		2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Net movement in funds		44,229	-	(26,921)	17,308	207,619
Total funds brought forward		431,183	-	174,374	605,557	397,938
Total funds carried forward		475,412	-	147,453	622,865	605,557

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	4	4,198	-	4,198	2
Investments	5	218,151	10,183	228,334	214,425
		222,349	10,183	232,532	214,427
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	6	16,336	-	16,336	22,820
Cash on deposit		235,063	137,270	372,333	362,362
Cash at bank and in hand		10,374	-	10,374	10,464
		261,773	137,270	399,043	395,646
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	7	(8,710)	-	(8,710)	(4,516)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		253,063	137,270	390,333	391,130
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		475,412	147,453	622,865	605,557
NET ASSETS		475,412	147,453	622,865	605,557
REPRESENTED BY PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted				475,412	431,183
Restricted	8			147,453	174,374
				622,865	605,557

Approved by the PCC on 9th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable standards and the Charities (SORP 2019).

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The Accounts include all the transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

Income

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

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocese parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not included in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Due to the age of the building, no cost information is available for the St John's Church Hall, or St Andrews Community Centre, so both properties are included at a deemed cost of £1.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2023.

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2. Income and Endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
2a Voluntary receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	52,239	-	-	52,239	53,064
Income tax recovered	8,790	-	-	8,790	9,649
Collections at services	6,390	-	-	6,390	5,721
Legacies	24,919	-	-	24,919	204,100
Non-recurring donations and appeals	5,386	-	13,653	19,039	33,450
	97,724	-	13,653	111,377	305,984
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising	5,029	-	-	5,029	5,133
	5,029	-	-	5,029	5,133
2c Church activities					
Statutory fees- weddings, funerals etc.	6,716	-	-	6,716	4,615
Gross Income - Church Centre lettings	27,060	-	-	27,060	30,512
	33,776	-	-	33,776	35,127
2d Investment income					
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund Interest	15,624	-	-	15,624	9,597
	15,624	-	-	15,624	9,597
TOTAL INCOME	152,153	-	13,653	165,806	335,841

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3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
3a Raising funds					
Cost of fetes	1,435	-	-	1,435	1,105
	1,435	-	-	1,435	1,105
3b Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving Home :					
Choral Tradition	-	-	495	495	4,092
Warm Spaces	-	-	1,000	1,000	
St Boniface Outreach	-	-	86	86	321
Queen's Jubilee	-	-	-	-	296
Go Creative	-	-	-	-	181
Through Faith Mission	-	-	-	-	111
St Boniface Community Garden	-	-	421	421	535
Cafe Church/Satellite	-	-	-	-	5
Messy Church	-	-	9	9	148
Easter Holiday Club/Easter Trail	-	-	40	40	66
Mummy and Me	-	-	990	990	102
START disciple course	-	-	-	-	50
Funday, Fireworks and Christmas	-	-	-	-	176
Christian Aid	-	-	-	-	515
Flower Fund	-	-	169	169	-
Christingle (Children's Society)	-	-	98	98	-
Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Appeal	-	-	425	425	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	-	-	-	804
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	52,899	-	-	52,899	52,301
Other ministry costs	12,829	-	-	12,829	13,515
Maintenance	14,053	-	35,224	49,277	16,664
Printing and stationery	1,724	-	-	1,724	3,021
Insurance	11,269	-	-	11,269	10,110
Light, heat and water	19,993	-	-	19,993	9,753
Honorarium/admin costs	7,538	-	-	7,538	9,149
Depreciation	1,049	-	-	1,049	-
Examination of annual accounts	660	-	-	660	660
	122,014	-	38,957	160,971	122,632
Total Expenditure	123,449	-	38,957	162,406	123,737

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4. Tangible Assets

	St John's Parish Hall	St Andrews Community Centre	Office Equipment	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Accrued/deemed cost				
At 1 January 2023	1	1	-	2
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	5,245	5,245
At 31 December 2023	1	1	5,245	5,247
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	-	-	-	-
Withdrawn on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	1,049	1,049
At 31 December 2023	-	-	1,049	1,049
Net book value at 31 December 2023	1	1	4,196	4,198
Net book value at 31 December 2022	1	1	-	1

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5. Investments

	Market Value at 1 January 2023	Purchases	Disposals	Market revaluation	Market value at 31 December 2023
5682.35 Investment fund	117,319	-	-	11,134	128,453
3689 M & G Charitable fund	54,210	-	-	(1,274)	52,936
26 shares CBF investment fund	537	-	-	51	588
450.47 Investment fund	9,300	-	-	883	10,183
1375 CBF Inc Shares	28,409	-	-	2,673	31,082
225.23 shares Fabric Fund	4,650	-	-	441	5,091
	214,425	-	-	13,908	228,333

450.47 investment fund is restricted and is for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of St John the Baptist Church and churchyard. The market revaluation has been shown as restricted.

6. Debtors and Prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid to claim	15,000	12,000
Other debtors	1,336	10,820
	16,336	22,820

7. Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees due to Exeter Diocese	4,007	825
Money received on account	2,000	662
Sundry accruals	1,703	2,029
Loans from Parishioners	1,000	1,000
	8,710	4,516

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8. Restricted Funds

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment gains/ (losses)	At 31 December 2023
Fabric	42,935	11,022	(35,224)	-	883	19,616
Outreach	81,756	1,106	(3,041)	(2,500)		77,321
Legacies	5,700	-	-	-		5,700
Youth	23,201	-	-	-	-	23,201
Flowers	-	342	(169)	-	-	173
Other charitable appeals	3,629	1,183	(523)	-	-	4,289
Mission	524	-	-	-	-	524
Friends of Paignton Parish Church	16,629	-	-	-	-	16,629
	174,374	13,653	(38,957)	(2,500)	883	147,453

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9. Staff Costs

Average number of employees

1	1
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2022 Nil)

10. Transactions with Trustees

During 2023 the PCC received £12,634. in donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

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Aim and purposes

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Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of the parish community. Committed to making Christ known, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. The services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, studying the scriptures and growing in faith and trust in Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
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Ruth Bridge

Moir Devonport

Elaine Hooper

Jennie Litt

Catherine Wallace

Debbie Hosking

Mavis Hawkins

Chris Bridge (appointed 3 April 2022)

Catherine Martin (resigned 3 April 2022)

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Michael Gareth Rendell (resigned 3 April 2022)
Paul Siviers (resigned 3 April 2022)
David Brimley (resigned 3 April 2022)
Oluwole Olaleye Anthony Omogbehin (resigned 30 June 2022)

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A daily celebration of the eucharist has been maintained within the Parish, and Morning and Evening Prayer is said on weekdays.

At the Parish Church of St John the Baptist : Sunday Services included 8am Said Holy Communion (BCP) and a 10am Family Communion service. The 10am service and Festival services are usually live-streamed. An All-Age service, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month, takes place with the combined congregations of St John the Baptist and St Boniface.

At St Boniface, a Said Holy Communion takes place each Thursday morning. Messy Church takes place on the second Sunday of each month at 11.15am. A eucharist service is held on other Sundays at 11.15, except where an All-age service takes place at St John the Baptist.

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A comprehensive offering of study courses for Lent and Advent is offered in the Parish. A weekly soup sunch following the Wednesday 11am Mass takes place in the Coverdale Centre (parish hall adjacent to the St John the Baptist). Other activities within the life of the Parish include Prayer Group, Home-based Bible Study Groups, Ladies Group, Craft Groups at both churches, Children's Gardening Group, Bell Ringers (including hand bells), Mother and Toddler Group, Music Group and Choir.

The PCC endeavours to maintain a level of Giving to Missionary or charitable causes both within and outside the parish.

Achievements and Performance

During 2022 a significant piece of work to identify and address regulatory and procedural shortfalls applicable both to the physical buildings and the nature of their use by both the church congregation and community was undertaken. This work has necessitated significant financial investment and effort to bring them successfully into compliance and will continue throughout 2023.

The noteworthy financial provision into the renewal and improvement of the fabric of the daughter church of St Boniface has been complemented by the initiation of a number of missional undertakings including the start of a weekly mother and toddler group (Mummy & Me), a children's gardening group (Little Green Fingers) as well as the trialling of a new CIC that seeks to provide life changing education course opportunities and mental/physical health and wellbeing courses to the most vulnerable across the parish; the Office of National Statistics identified the parish area as the most deprived in Devon. Each of these three ventures have so far been successful and continue to grow during 2022.

The parish also successfully supported the National 'Warm Place' scheme during 2022 from Church Hall premises at St Boniface.

Church Attendance

The Electoral Roll for 2022 was 149. Number of participants (attending at least once a month) was 101. Attendance figures increased significantly at major festivals.

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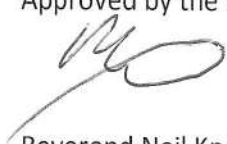
The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%.

Financial Review

The total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £337,139 and are detailed in the financial statements: designated income was £Nil and restricted income amounted to £18,702. Total income £355,841. Total unrestricted expenditure was £109,585 showing an excess of unrestricted income over expenditure of £227,554.

At 31st December 2022 fixed assets were valued at £214,427, debtors and prepayments £22,820, short term deposits £362,362, cash at bank and in hand £10,464 with liabilities of £4,516, giving total assets of £605,557.

Approved by the PCC on 23 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Paignton

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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

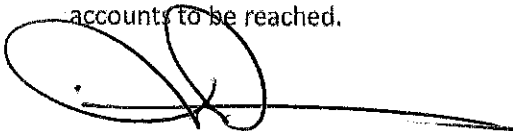
I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of The Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & 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.



Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts
Chartered Accountants
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

Dated

24/04/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Income and Endowments from						
Voluntary receipts	2a	287,282	-	18,702	305,984	140,912
Activities for generating funds	2b	5,133	-	-	5,133	2,433
Church activities	2c	35,127	-	-	35,127	32,361
Investment income	2d	9,597	-	-	9,597	7,568
Total Income		337,139	-	18,702	355,841	183,274
Expenditure on						
Raising Funds	3a	1,105	-	-	1,105	383
Church activities	3b	108,480	-	14,152	122,632	119,384
Total Expenditure		109,585	-	14,152	123,737	119,767
Net Income/(Expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		227,554	-	4,550	232,104	63,507
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	(23,247)	-	(1,238)	(24,485)	29,574
Net Income/(Expenditure)		204,307	-	3,312	207,619	93,081
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		204,307	-	3,312	207,619	93,081
Total funds brought forward		226,876	-	171,062	397,938	304,857
Total funds carried forward		431,183	-	174,374	605,557	397,938

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	4	2	-	2	2
Investments	5	205,125	9,300	214,425	238,910
		205,127	9,300	214,427	238,912
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	6	22,820	-	22,820	12,223
Cash on deposit		197,288	164,074	362,362	148,651
Cash at bank and in hand		10,464	-	10,464	17,054
		230,572	165,074	395,646	177,928
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,516)	-	(4,516)	(5,402)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		226,056	165,074	391,130	172,526
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		431,183	174,374	605,557	411,438
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	7a	-	-	-	(13,500)
NET ASSETS		431,183	174,374	605,557	397,938

REPRESENTED BY PARISH FUNDS

Unrestricted		431,183	226,876
Restricted	8	174,374	171,062
		605,557	397,938

Approved by the PCC on 23 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable standards and the Charities (SORP 2019).

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The Accounts include all the transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

Income

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

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocese parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not included in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Due to the age of the building, no cost information is available for the St John's Church Hall, or St Andrews Community Centre, so both properties are included at a deemed cost of £1.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2022.

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2. Income and Endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
2a Voluntary receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	53,064	-	-	53,064	52,600
Income tax recovered	9,649	-	-	9,649	16,264
Collections at services	5,721	-	-	5,721	5,115
Legacies	204,100	-	-	204,100	-
Non-recurring donations and appeals	14,748	-	18,702	33,450	66,933
	287,282	-	18,702	305,984	140,912
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising	5,133	-	-	5,133	2,433
	5,133	-	-	5,133	2,433
2c Church activities					
Statutory fees- weddings, funerals etc.	4,615	-	-	4,615	9,165
Gross income (Church magazine)	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Income - Church Centre lettings	30,512	-	-	30,512	23,196
	35,127	-	-	35,127	32,361
2d Investment income					
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund Interest	9,597	-	-	9,597	7,568
	9,597	-	-	9,597	7,568
TOTAL INCOME	337,139	-	18,702	335,841	183,274

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3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
3a Raising funds					
Cost of fetes	1,105	-	-	1,105	383
	1,105	-	-	1,105	383
3b Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving Home :					
Families Outreach	-	-	-	-	4,169
Choral Tradition	-	-	4,092	4,092	3,544
St Boniface Outreach	-	-	321	321	195
Thy Kingdom Come	-	-	-	-	96
Queen's Jubilee	-	-	296	296	-
Go Creative	-	-	-	181	181
Through Faith Mission	-	-	111	111	196
St Boniface Community Garden	-	-	535	535	891
Cafe Church/Satellite	-	-	5	5	9
Stay and Play	-	-	-	-	4
Messy Church	-	-	148	148	133
Easter Holiday Club/Easter Trail	-	-	66	66	-
Mummy and Me	-	-	102	102	-
START disciple course	-	-	50	50	-
Funday, Fireworks and Christmas	-	-	176	176	11
Christian Aid	-	-	515	515	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	-	804	804	-
Other Outreach activities	-	-	-	-	500
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	52,301	-	-	52,301	51,313
Other ministry costs	13,515	-	-	13,515	10,146
Maintenance	9,971	-	6,693	16,664	16,136
Parish Church Heating system	-	-	-	-	194
Printing and stationery	3,021	-	-	3,021	673
Insurance	10,110	-	-	10,110	13,450
Light, heat and water	9,753	-	-	9,753	10,537
Honorarium/admin costs	9,149	-	-	9,149	-
Sundry	-	-	-	-	796
Examination of annual accounts	660	-	-	660	750
	108,480	-	14,152	122,632	119,384
Total Expenditure	109,585	-	14,152	123,737	119,767

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4. Tangible Assets

	St John's Parish Hall £	St Andrews Community Centre £	TOTAL £
Accrued/deemed cost			
At 1 January 2022	1	1	2
Disposal	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	1	1	2
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	-	-	-
Withdrawn on disposal	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	-	-	-
Net book value at 31 December 2022	1	1	2
Net book value at 31 December 2021	1	1	2

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5. Investments

	Market Value at 1 January 2022	Purchases	Disposals	Market revaluation	Market value at 31 December 2022
5682.35 Investment fund	132,893	-	-	(15,574)	117,319
3689 M & G Charitable fund	57,408	-	-	(3,198)	54,210
26 shares CBF investment fund	608	-	-	(71)	537
450.47 Investment fund	10,534	-	-	(1,234)	9,300
1375 CBF Inc Shares	32,200	-	-	(3,791)	28,409
225.23 shares Fabric Fund	5,267	-	-	(617)	4,650
	238,910	-	-	(24,485)	214,425

450.47 investment fund is restricted and is for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of St John the Baptist Church and churchyard. The market revaluation has been shown as restricted.

6. Debtors and Prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift Aid to claim	12,000	8,000
Other debtors	10,820	4,223
	22,820	12,223

7. Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees due to Exeter Diocese	825	1,426
Money received on account	662	-
Sundry accruals	2,029	3,976
Loans from Parishioners	1,000	-
	4,516	5,402

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7a. Creditors amounts falling after more than 1 year

Loans from Parishioners

2022 £	2021 £
-	13,500
-	13,500

Loans of £2,500 and £10,000 were fully repaid in the year.

8. Restricted Funds

	At 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment gains/ (losses)	At 31 December 2022
Fabric	45,908	4,958	(6,693)	-	(1,238)	42,935
Outreach	75,569	12,327	(6,140)	-	-	81,756
Legacies	5,700	-	-	-	-	5,700
Youth	23,201	-	-	-	-	23,201
Other charitable appeals	3,531	1,417	(1,319)	-	-	3,629
Mission	524	-	-	-	-	524
Friends of Paignton Parish Church	16,629	-	-	-	-	16,629
	171,062	18,702	(14,152)	-	(1,238)	174,374

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9. Staff Costs

Average number of employees

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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2021 Nil)

10. Transactions with Trustees

During 2022 the PCC received £10,399 in donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

The PCC has received a loan in 2019 from a Trustee (PCC member) of £5,000 of which £2,500 was repaid in 2021 and the balance repaid in full in 2022. The loan was interest free.

Accounts

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Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Neil Knox, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Churches and church halls.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of the parish community. Committed to making Christ known, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. The services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, studying the scriptures and growing in faith and trust in Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that the fabric of the Churches and halls are maintained.

Administrative Information

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Paignton includes the Parish Church of St John the Baptist situated in Church Street, Paignton; the Daughter Church of St Andrew situated in Sands Road, Paignton and the Daughter Church of St Boniface situated in Belfield Road, Paignton. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, The Vicarage, Palace Place, Paignton, TQ3 3AQ. The working address for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is Paignton Parish Church, Church Street, Paignton.

PCC members (trustees) who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Father Neil Knox (Appointed 8 August 2021)
Reverend Prebendary Roger John Carlton (Resigned 18 January 2021)
Licenced Worker: Captain Jeff Hill
Luke Appleton (Diocesan Synod Rep and Churchwarden)
Carol Friend (Churchwarden)
Joyce Capello (Deanery Synod Rep)
Jill Davies (Deanery Synod Rep)
James Devonport (Deanery Synod Rep, Lay Vice Chair and Treasurer)
Ruth Bridge
David Brimley
Moir Devonport
Elaine Hooper
Jennie Litt
Catherine Martin
Michael Gareth Rendell
Paul Siviers
Catherine Wallace
Chris Bridge (Resigned 16 May 2021)

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Karen Morris (Resigned 16 May 2021)

Gordon Partridge (Resigned 16 May 2021)

Mavis Hawkins (Appointed 16 May 2021)

Oluwole Olaleye Anthony Omogbehin (Appointed 16 May 2021)

Debbie Hosking (Appointed 16 May 2021)

Principal Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. E19 4JQ.

Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett, Barretts Chartered Accountants, 22 Union Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2JS.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC was a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission prior to formal registration on 20th March 2009.

Churchwardens are elected annually at the Annual Vestry Meeting which precedes the Annual Parish Church Meeting. PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees at the three Churches in the Parish are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

At the Annual Church Meeting up to two Assistant Churchwardens are appointed for the two Daughter churches and up to 6 Assistant Church Wardens are appointed at the Parish Church. The PCC officers including the Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committee are elected at the first PCC meeting following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The PCC endorses the Exeter Diocesan Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, appoints a Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) and requires DBS disclosure for all persons working with children or involved in regular visiting to the sick or elderly.

The PCC meets regularly through the year. A Standing Committee, consisting of Vicar, Churchwardens and two elected members of the PCC is empowered to deal with any urgent matter between meetings of the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Christian Gospel according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. In accordance with the PCC (Powers) Measure the PCC has the responsibility of cooperation with the Vicar in promoting within the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Many of the church activities were suspended during the lockdown's announced by the government do help to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. When periods of lockdown were not in place, the Parish Church continued to offer services and some of the activities listed below took place.

A daily celebration of the Eucharist has been maintained within the Parish, and Morning and Evening Prayer is said on weekdays.

At the Parish Church of St John the Baptist : Sunday Services included 8am Said Holy Communion and a 10am Family Communion service. Since the start of the pandemic, the 10am service and Festival

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services have been live-streamed. A 12 noon service had been introduced during 2020 to provide additional opportunities for people attend a Said Eucharist, although this ceased in July 2021.

At St Andrew's Church a decision was made to cease the Sunday 11am Sung Mass service. The church is in the process of becoming under the oversight of a Bishop's Mission order and will leave the Parish in 2022. At St Boniface, a Said Holy Communion each Tuesday morning. Messy Church took place on the second Sunday of each month from 10am until 12pm, but moved to 11.15am from July 2021. A café style church called 'Satellite' took place on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday in the afternoon, but in July 2021 this was moved to 11.15am.

A comprehensive offering of study courses for Lent and Advent is offered in the Parish. A weekly Soup Lunch following the Wednesday 11am mass commenced in October. Other activities within the life of the Parish include Prayer Group, Home-based Bible Study Groups, Ladies Group, Bell Ringers (including hand bells), Music Group and Choir.

The PCC endeavours to maintain a level of Giving to Missionary or charitable causes both within and outside the parish.

Achievements and Performance

During the year the PCC reflected on its priorities defined in 2020 focussing time and resources on the development of a revised Mission Action Plan. The 16 key points of the plan are reviewed at PCC meetings and work is in progress to bring these plans to fruition.

Church Attendance

The Electoral Roll for 2021 was 149. Number of participants (attending at least once a month) was 125. Attendance figures increased significantly at major festivals.

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The full PCC met four times during the year with an average level of attendance of 86%.

Financial Review

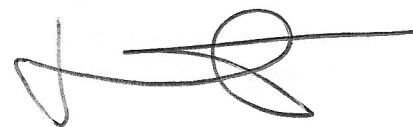
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At 31st December 2021 fixed assets were valued at £238,912, prepayments £12,223, short term deposits £148,651, cash at bank and in hand £17,054 with liabilities of £18,902, giving total assets of £397,938.

Approved by the PCC on 20th March 2022 and signed on their behalf by



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Paignton**

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

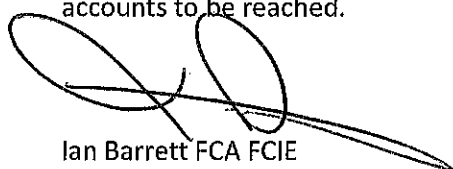
I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of The Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & 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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Dated 22/03/2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Income and Endowments from						
Voluntary receipts	2a	115,303	0	25,609	140,912	89,194
Activities for generating funds	2b	2,433	0	0	2,433	30
Church activities	2c	32,361	0	0	32,361	18,029
Investment income	2d	7,568	0	0	7,568	7,279
Total Income		157,665	0	25,609	183,274	114,532
Expenditure on						
Raising Funds	3a	383	0	0	383	0
Church activities	3b	102,625	3,336	13,423	119,384	135,342
Total Expenditure		103,008	3,336	13,423	119,767	135,342
Net Income/(Expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		54,657	(3,336)	12,186	63,507	(20,810)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	28,250	0	1,324	29,574	(385)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		82,907	(3,336)	13,510	93,081	(21,195)
Transfer between funds		58,695	(58,695)	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		141,602	(62,031)	13,510	93,081	(21,195)
Total funds brought forward		85,274	62,031	157,552	304,857	326,052
Total funds carried forward		226,876	0	171,062	397,938	304,857

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	4	2	0	2	2
Investments	5	228,376	10,534	238,910	209,336
		228,378	10,534	238,912	209,338
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	6	12,223	0	12,223	17,701
Cash on deposit		0	148,651	148,651	84,361
Cash at bank and in hand		5,177	11,877	17,054	37,097
		17,400	160,528	177,928	139,159
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	7	(5,402)	0	(5,402)	(27,640)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		11,998	160,528	172,526	111,519
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		240,376	171,062	411,438	320,857
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	7a	(13,500)	0	(13,500)	(16,000)
NET ASSETS		226,876	171,062	397,938	304,857

REPRESENTED BY PARISH FUNDS

Unrestricted		226,876	85,274
Designated	8b	0	62,031
Restricted	8a	171,062	157,552
		397,938	304,857

Approved by the PCC on 20th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable standards and the Charities (SORP 2019).

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The Accounts include all the transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

Income

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

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocese parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not included in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Due to the age of the building, no cost information is available for the St John's Church Hall, or St Andrews Community Centre, so both properties are included at a deemed cost of £1.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2021.

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2. Income and Endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
2a Voluntary receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	52,600	0	0	52,600	47,225
Income tax recovered	16,264	0	0	16,264	7,933
Collections at services	5,115	0	0	5,115	4,212
Legacies	35,289	0	5,000	40,289	0
Non-recurring donations and appeals	6,035	0	20,609	66,933	29,824
	115,303	0	25,609	140,912	89,194
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising	2,433	0	0	2,433	30
	2,433	0	0	2,433	30
2c Church activities					
Statutory fees- weddings, funerals etc.	9,165	0	0	9,165	0
Gross income (Church magazine)	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Income - Church Centre lettings	23,196	0	0	23,196	18,029
	32,361	0	0	32,361	18,029
2d Investment income					
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund Interest	7,568	0	0	7,568	7,279
	7,568	0	0	7,568	7,279
TOTAL INCOME	157,665	0	25,609	183,274	114,532

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3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
3a Raising funds					
Cost of fetes	383	0	0	383	0
	383	0	0	383	0
3b Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving	0	0	112	112	0
Home :					
Families Outreach	0	3,336	833	4,169	25,416
Choral Tradition	0	0	3,544	3,544	0
St Boniface Outreach	0	0	195	195	0
Thy Kingdom Come	0	0	96	96	0
Go Creative	0	0	181	181	0
Through Faith Mission	0	0	196	196	0
St Boniface Community Garden	0	0	891	891	0
Cafe Church/Satellite	0	0	9	9	223
Hot Pot	0	0	0	0	64
Stay and Play	0	0	4	4	412
Messy Church	0	0	133	133	519
Easter Holiday Club	0	0	0	0	12
Kids Matter	0	0	0	0	46
Bears and Prayers	0	0	0	0	18
Funday and Fireworks	0	0	11	11	0
Other Outreach activities	0	0	0	0	500
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	50,857	0	0	50,857	51,313
Other ministry costs	14,689	0	0	14,689	10,146
Maintenance	13,161	0	2,975	16,136	11,916
Parish Church Heating system	0	0	4,243	4,243	194
Printing and stationery	0	0	0	0	673
Insurance	13,450	0	0	13,450	15,572
Light, heat and water	9,497	0	0	9,497	10,537
Honorarium/admin costs	0	0	0	0	6,235
Sundry	311	0	0	311	796
Examination of annual accounts	660	0	0	660	750
	102,625	3,336	13,423	119,384	135,342
Total Expenditure	103,008	3,336	13,423	119,767	135,342

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4. Tangible Assets

	St John's Parish Hall	St Andrews Community Centre	TOTAL
	£	£	£
Accrued/deemed cost			
At 1 January 2021	1	1	2
Disposal	0	0	0
Additions at cost	0	0	0
			0
At 31 December 2021	1	1	2
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	0	0	0
Withdrawn on disposal	0	0	0
Charge for the year	0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	0	0	0
Net book value at 31 December 2021	1	1	2
Net book value at 31 December 2020	1	1	2

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5. Investments

	Market Value at 1 January 2021	Purchases	Disposals	Market revaluation	Market value at 31 December 2021
5682.35 Investment fund	116,186	0	0	16,707	132,893
3689 M & G Charitable fund	50,634	0	0	6,774	57,408
26 shares CBF investment fund	531	0	0	77	608
450.47 Investment fund	9,210	0	0	1,324	10,534
1375 CBF Inc Shares	28,170	0	0	4,030	32,200
225.23 shares Fabric Fund	4,605	0	0	662	5,267
	209,336	0	0	29,574	238,910

450.47 investment fund is restricted and is for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of St John the Baptist Church and churchyard. The market revaluation has been shown as restricted.

6. Debtors and Prepayments

	2021 £	2020 £
Unpaid fees	0	1,201
Gift Aid to claim	8,000	16,500
Other debtors	4,223	0
	12,223	17,701

7. Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees due to Exeter Diocese	1,426	0
Parish Church heating system	0	26,486
Sundry accruals	3,976	1,154
	5,402	27,640

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7a. Creditors amounts falling after more than 1 year

Loans from Parishioners

2021 £	2020 £
13,500	16,000
13,500	16,000

One loan of £5,000 was partially repaid in the year in the amount of £2,500.

8a. Restricted Funds

	At 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment gains/ (losses)	At 31 December 2021
Fabric	41,239	6,435	(2,975)	(115)	1,324	45,908
Parish Church Heating	4,128		(4,243)	115		0
Outreach	71,259	10,403	(6,093)			75,569
Legacies	0	5,700				5,700
Youth	23,201					23,201
Other charitable appeals	572	3,071	(112)			3,531
Mission	524					524
Friends of Paignton Parish Church	16,629					16,629
	157,552	25,609	(13,423)	0	1,324	171,062

8b. Designated Funds

	At 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment gains	At 31 December 2021
Outreach	38,787		(3,336)	(35,451)		0
Vicar Designated	23,243		0	(23,243)		0
	62,030		(3,336)	(58,694)		0

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9. Staff Costs

Average number of employees

1	1
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2020 £nil)

10. Transactions with Trustees

During 2021 the PCC received £8,550 in donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

The PCC has received a loan in 2019 of £5,000 of which £2,500 was repaid in 2021, from a Trustee (PCC member), which is repayable in 2023 or on the death of the lender whichever is the sooner. The loan is interest free.