THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1128844

Details

Other names	BUXTON TEAM PARISH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-03-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious observance in the parish

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£215,116	£277,013	-	-
2024-12-31	£180,812	£220,099	-	-
2023-12-31	£207,615	£189,766	-	-
2022-12-31	£165,609	£184,869	-	-
2021-12-31	£146,093	£145,685	-	-
2020-12-31	£94,133	£169,032	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aileen Elizabeth Warneford		2017-04-04
CAROLYN FELL		
Carol Margaret Gratton		2025-04-29
Clive Moore		2026-05-12
David James Percy Nevell		2026-05-12
Dr Marion Ruth Overton		2014-03-25
Elizabeth Haggis		2020-10-07
JEAN MARY LUTON		
Jill Lynsey Hulme		2025-04-29
Lorraine Anne Marrow		2014-03-17
Margaret Eleanor Shaw Davies		2017-04-04
Mary Matthews		2020-10-07
Mary Webb		2024-05-28
PAMELA WOODROFFE		
PAUL COLIN TAYLOR		2011-10-18
Philip Norman Barton		2024-05-28
REBECCA BACKHOUSE		2012-10-15
ROMAN GAWEL		
Sarah Smith		2026-05-12
Sheila Morris		2024-05-28

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Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31 December 2025

Registered Charity No: 1128844

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the Church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale is constituted as a team ministry and is part of the Diocese of Derby within the Church of England. It includes the churches of St John's, St Anne's, St Mary's, St James, Christ Church Burbage and Christ Church King Sterndale. The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and the Church Representation Rules 2006. The PCC is a Registered Charity, Registration Number 1128844 and its administrative address is: Parish Centre, 29 Bath Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6HJ.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Churchwardens, other officers and all other members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The PCC has the authority to co-opt church members to serve on the PCC.

The PCC appoints subcommittees for certain aspects of church life. The Standing Committee and the Finance Committee have the authority to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings. Proposals, reports and minutes of their meetings are circulated and approved by the PCC.

The PCC receives regular reports from the Deanery Synod members. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and wider structures of the Church.

The PCC has approved policies for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and has appointed specific people to handle any such concerns.

Trustees: The Parochial Church Council

Clergy
The Rev'd David Mundy -- Interim Priest-in-Charge and Chair *(until 31st July 2025)*
The Rev'd Sandra Doore – Team Vicar

Churchwardens
Jean Luton (St John's)
Roger Beck (St John's) *(until 29th April 2025)*
Andrew Law (St Anne's) *(until 29th April 2025)*
Margaret Davies (Christ Church, Burbage)
Paul Taylor (Christ Church, King Sterndale)

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Deanery Synod Members
Marion Overton
Carolyn Fell

PCC Secretary
Pamela Woodroffe

Treasurer
Mary Webb

PCC Elected Members

Rebecca Backhouse
Linda Baldry *(until 29th April 2025)*
Philip Barton
Eric Butterley – Vice Chair
(Acting Chair from 1st August 2025)
Roman Gawel
Carol Gratton *(from 29th April 2025)*
Elizabeth Haggis
Jill Hulme
Lorraine Marrow
Mary Matthews
Sheila Morris
Hazel Shirt
Jonathan Wallace *(until 29th April 2025)*
Aileen Warneford – Safeguarding Officer
Pamela Woodroffe

Independent Examiner
Layton's, Chartered Accountants
6 Manchester Road
Buxton SK17 6SB

Principal Bankers
The Co-operative Bank
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Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are bringing people to faith and faith to people. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our community in the parish. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions as to how our services can best serve the needs of our community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit has been taken into consideration, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Church members are enabled to live out their faith as part of the parish community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important to maintain the fabric of the churches and administrative buildings in the parish.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Achievements and performance

2025 Overview of activities

The Parish

The Trustees – together with the volunteers and the staff of the parish – seek to bring the 'good news' of Jesus Christ to the diverse communities represented within the parish. A regular pattern of worship in different Anglican styles is offered on Sundays and on Wednesdays through five of the six churches which make up the parish. These services are available to all, regardless of whether they live within the parish or are visiting. Services are also regularly offered in local care homes. In addition to these regular services our licensed ministers also conducted seven weddings, seven baptisms, and forty-two funeral and memorial services. Holy Communion is regularly offered to individuals who are no longer able to attend services in our churches.

The interim Priest-in-Charge retired in July 2025, and the Parish went into interregnum. Following completion of a Parish Profile, the process of recruiting a new Rector was put in hand.

The Trustees seek to encourage the individual churches to engage with the different communities within the parish. Examples of this engagement are outlined in the reports provided by each church but include:

- Christ Church, Burbage hosting the Snowdrop Tea in February;
- St John's Church hosting the Festival Masses during the annual Buxton International Festival in July;
- St Mary's Church hosting the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance in November.

The Trustees also seek to encourage the volunteers and staff of the parish to work with churches of other denominations in the parish to bring the 'good news' of Jesus Christ. Examples of ecumenical partnership include:

- hosting the annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity in January;
- participation in the annual Civic Remembrance Sunday Service on The Slopes.

There is a good level of compliancy with the diocese's Essential Safeguarding Requirements, and the Trustees understand the need for these safeguards in the parish. Trustees have completed the appropriate safeguarding training and DBS checks have been renewed as required. The Safeguarding Dashboard is completed at the Parish Office.

So many other people have also given their time and talents in prayer, worship, mission and outreach, fundraising, administration, safeguarding, maintenance, gardening, cleaning, providing refreshments and supporting one another in service across the parish.

St John's

The Sung Eucharist services remain the focus for weekly worship in the church for which many thanks are due to the organists and the choir. When combined services were held elsewhere in the parish, St John's remained open to welcome the town's many visitors.

As well as the special services held over the Christmas period, St John's attracted nearly 700 people to the three masses held in conjunction with the Buxton International Festival, and over 300 to the Gilbert & Sulivan service during their festival. The latter was live streamed around the world. During the year there were two baptisms, one wedding, four funerals and two memorial services.

During the summer months the church continues to be used as venue by the Buxton International Festival with over 5000 people attending 28 concerts and was also used for the Gilbert & Sullivan festival's fringe events. The Buxton Musical Society and other local groups use the church as a concert venue. Lettings such as these create a significant revenue stream for the parish and their continued success has prompted St John's to continue to raise funds specifically to make improvements to the fabric of this historic building. During the year several of the historic stained-glass windows were professionally cleaned.

In September over 200 visitors from all over the UK and around the globe visited St John's as part of the national Heritage Open Days scheme. There were displays around the theme of architecture as well as several organ recitals.

Following a review of health and safety, improvements have been made to the lighting ensuring a safe experience for those attending the candle-lit services without detracting from the beauty of them in any way. Progress has also been made to address the long-standing Japanese knotweed in the churchyard.

St John's Church had income of £73,150 (2024 £57,228) during the year, and direct expenditure of £19,363 (2024 £18,451), contributing £53,787 (2024 £38,776) to the shared costs of the parish.

St Anne's

St Anne's has a Book of Common Prayer communion service on a Wednesday morning, at which all are welcome. There is a regular core congregation of about a dozen members. During the year, the organ previously installed at St James' Harpur Hill was relocated to St Anne's; a rededication service was held in October. There were two funerals and one interment of ashes during 2025.

St Anne's Church had income of £6,104 (2024 £5,863) during the year, and direct expenditure of £2,838 (2024 £1,429), contributing £3,266 (2024 £4,434) to the shared costs of the parish.

St Mary's

2025 has been a transformational year for the church building, with completion of a long-planned project to install two new toilets plus a kitchen and servery area. The aim is to offer not just better facilities for those attending services or events, but also to make the church a more welcoming space and to increase community use.

Everyone at St Mary's is very grateful to the late Joseph Derek Nadin whose generous legacy provided the initial funding for the work. Thanks also go to the Bingham Trust, Raymond Ross Fund

and many individual donors. The Autumn Fair at the end of October raised £1,012 towards the project, and lettings during the Buxton Festival Fringe and throughout the year also contributed.

The new facilities, which include an accessible toilet, have enabled a positive new community initiative to begin. In November 2025, a parish Welcome Group was launched, supported by a Warm Spaces grant. Held on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2-4pm, it offers a range of activities and a chance to chat over refreshments to anyone from the local area who would like to attend.

Services at St Mary's also offer something for everyone, from the informal monthly Jigsaw church service, led by congregation members, to all-age communion services. During 2025, alongside the regular services, the church held three baptisms, two weddings, thirteen funerals and three interments of ashes.

The parish services for Ash Wednesday and All Souls were held at St Mary's. Working with the Buxton Pride team, the church also hosted an annual parish event to mark international Transgender Day of Remembrance in November. The popular Folk Carols returned in December after a break and raised £230 for the Zink foodbank.

The St Mary's Committee plays a key role in caring for and developing the church, including planning events, outreach activity and maintenance. Sincere thanks go to everyone who has shared their time, skill and resources to support the mission of St Mary's throughout 2025.

St Mary's Church had income of £29,551 (2024 £30,425) during the year, and direct expenditure of £9,584 (2024 £8,460), contributing £19,966 (2024 £21,966) to the shared costs of the parish.

Christ Church, Burbage

The regular pattern of services is three Common Worship Holy Communion and one Brekkie service each month. These services are heavenly reliant on the generosity of our retired clergy and lay readers, for which we are very grateful. During the year we had one baptism, three marriages, eighteen funerals and twelve interments of ashes.

We are the only church in Buxton to have a bell ringing team and the bells are rung each Sunday morning and on various other occasions. Visiting teams of bell ringers have also been hosted. A coffee and chat morning is held each month; this coincides with the working party which maintains our extensive churchyard. Another small team cleans and looks after the interior of the church.

In addition to our spring and Christmas coffee mornings at the Burbage Institute, we held our ever-popular snowdrop tea and a V E Day celebration in the church. These events were well supported by the wider Burbage community. The annual *Clypping* service in August and the Remembrance service in November were both supported by the award-winning Burbage Band.

At Christmas, both local nurseries held carol concerts, and Burbage primary school held two Christingle services with parents and grandparents packing the church. Prior to Christmas the Burbage W I and the church held an afternoon of carols and songs. On Christmas Eve, the Burbage handbell ringers treated us to a great selection of Christmas carols; this was followed by the crib

service which was very well attended - a wonderful start to our Christmas celebrations.

Christ Church Burbage had income of £26,008 (2024 £24,284) during the year, and direct expenditure of £7,765 (2023 £3,643), contributing £18,333 (2024 £20,641) to the shared costs of the parish.

St James' Harpur Hill

St James' Church has suffered in recent years from damp and major structural problems and has been closed since 2022. During the year the Diocese commenced the process to enable the church to be closed permanently.

St James' Church had income of £627 (2024 £293) during the year, and direct expenditure of £37 (2024 £768), contributing £590 (2024 -£475) to the shared costs of the parish.

Christ Church King Sterndale

The church is open daily during daylight hours for private prayer. Throughout 2025 we have held two Sunday services a month; our average attendance has returned to twelve. We have eleven people on the electoral roll. In addition to our Sunday service, we have had one wedding, one baptism, three funeral services and three burials.

On Easter Sunday the congregation was double our usual Sunday service number; this gives some indication of the potential number of people we could attract. Since the retirement of the interim priest-in-charge we have had the pleasure of welcoming several visiting priests and the Archdeacon to conduct a wedding and Eucharist services. Instead of the auction of produce at our Harvest Festival, items donated were sent to the Zink food bank. King Sterndale held a Remembrance service at our war memorial in the church grounds. The carol service was attended by the *Side by Side* singing café group who thoroughly enjoyed their welcome. A collection at this service contributed towards the parish's Christmas charity donation. On Christmas Day the churchwarden led a short carols and prayer service.

Christ Church King Sterndale had income of £6,482 (2024 £8,790) during the year, and direct expenditure of £1,340 (2024 £798), contributing £5,142 (2024 £7,992) to the shared costs of the parish.

King Sterndale Hall

The hall is open for each Sunday service, for use of the toilet facilities and the kitchen. It has been used for family gatherings when there have been weddings, baptisms, funerals and interment of ashes in the churchyard and has also been hired for funeral wakes and baptism celebrations.

Regular users have included the local Pilates group, children's birthday parties, civil parish meetings, Caravan Club socials, and use as a polling station. Young Farmers use the hall for dance, speech and

drama rehearsals when preparing for their YF annual regional and national competitions as do local brass bands. PB Theatricals Youth Theatre used the hall for rehearsing their Gilbert & Sullivan productions.

King Sterndale Hall had income of £2,465 (2024 £3,711) during the year, and direct expenditure of £2,054 (2023 £3,972), increasing their designated fund by £411. (2023 -£261 to the shared costs of the parish).

Bath Road Centre

The Centre continues to be well used by many local groups and in 2025 there was a slight increase in the income from lettings. We are very grateful to the parish administrators, Jennie Parker and Nicci Smith, who do an excellent job looking after the Centre, and to everyone who uses it.

The Bath Road Centre had income of £15,517 (2024 £14,933) during the year, and direct expenditure of £4,788 (2024 £4,956), contributing £10,730 (2024 £9,978) to the shared costs of the parish.

Financial Review

During 2024 it emerged that the PCC's accounts did not comply fully with the rules set by the Charity Commission, primarily regarding the treatment of restricted funds and the interest thereon. After in-depth analysis by the treasurer and the interim priest-in-charge further significant adjustments were made during 2025.

Over the past two years £54,733 of general fund reserves have been transferred to designated and restricted funds. These transfers, an adjustment downwards our 2023 GADS income, together with deficits of £32,689 in 2024 and £21,118 in 2025 have resulted in a reduction in the balance of the general fund from £149,584 at the end of 2023 to just £40,451 at the end of 2025. It is now believed that all adjustments relating to previous years' figures have been made.

The key metric, the difference between day-to-day income and expenses, "improved" from a deficit of £33,192 in 2024 to a deficit of £21,118 in 2025. However, this is not a satisfactory situation, and we must seek ways to increase our general fund income, principally by encouraging the congregation to increase their giving and by raising our lettings income. Total incoming resources for the parish (including grants and donations to restricted and designated funds) increased from £180,812 in 2024 to £215,116 in 2025.

At the end of 2025, total funds held by the parish were £218,527, a reduction during the year of £38,448. Using restricted funds from a legacy, grants and fundraising towards the £71,880 spent during the year on the new kitchen and other improvements at St Mary's was a significant factor here.

In common with many other charities and churches, 91% of the parish's deposit accounts are held with CCLA, the manager originally set up by the Church of England to allow church organisations to pool their funds with the aim to improve efficiency and service. As these accounts are an

unregulated collective investment scheme, our deposits totalling £116,501 are not covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme which normally protects bank deposits up to £120,000.

An investment in CCLA's COIF Charities Investment Fund which aims to provide a return of CPI plus 4% has recorded a loss of £1,541 (-4%) in 2025 at a time when the market benchmark was an increase of 14.4%. CCLA has recorded its frustration at this extremely disappointing investment performance.

Around a third of the parish's assets is held in restricted funds which can be used only for the purpose for which they were given, generally for the maintenance of specified buildings and graveyards:

Christ Church King Sterndale	£38,747
Christ Church Burbage	£15,718
St Anne's	£5,984
St James's	£5,815
St Mary's	£1,678
General purposes	£22
TOTAL	**£67,964**

This reclassification has meant that it has been possible for the designated fabric fund to be subsumed into a new designated general parish reserve.

The following detailed points should also be noted:

Incoming Resources
After having fallen for each of the previous three years, planned giving increased by 9% in 2025 and cash collections increased by 12%. Although this improvement is welcomed, after adjusting for inflation, total giving has still reduced in real terms over the past four years.

During the year we received grants and donations totalling £26,000, principally into restricted funds for the benefit of St Anne's and Christ Church Burbage, together with further contributions towards the new kitchen at St Mary's. A legacy of £1,236 was left to Christ Church King Sterndale. St John's raised £6,201 during the year; this, together with the balance of a previously restricted fund, means that there is now £8,803 held in a new designated fund towards planned improvements at this church.

Lower deposit balances together with reductions in interest rates accounted for a fall in interest received from £11,309 in 2024 to £8,9255 in 2025; £3,169 of this has now been allocated to the appropriate restricted funds.

Income from lettings of the churches and the church centre increased from a total of £34,023 in 2024 to £37,160 in 2025 with a further £2,465 from King Sterndale Hall now being accounted for in a new designated fund rather than within the general funds of the parish. Income from fees for weddings and funerals increased from £32,069 in 2024 to £40,470 in 2025, reflecting increases in these activities.

Resources Expended

The largest single expense is the payment towards the Common Fund. The amount requested by the Diocese increased from £77,249 in 2024 to £79,566 in 2025. This amount is used towards the cost of our complement of stipendiary clergy, their pensions and housing, as well as other central costs. The PCC undertook to pay the amounts requested in full, strategically important whilst the parish remains in a period of interregnum.

The amount spent on maintaining and improving buildings and graveyards increased from £44,589 in 2024 to £94,499 in 2025. Over 90% of this amount was covered by restricted and designated funds, principally the new kitchen and other improvements at St Mary's.

There was an increase in administration costs from £34,498 in 2024 to £38,863 in 2025. This is the result of salary increases and additional hours worked. Efforts continue to be made to control costs and to ensure that all expenses are properly authorised.

Major risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Reserves policy

Reserves are required to be held to maintain levels of current activity, to respond to short-term emergency expenditure or shortfalls in income, and to respond promptly to future opportunities in support of the parish's mission. The agreed policy is to keep free reserves equating to approximately six months' ordinary expenditure, together with full commitment to pay the Common Fund over the year. At current levels of activity, the aim was to retain a reserve in the region of £134,000. At the end of 2025, the total of the general fund and the parish reserve stood at £128,937, a shortfall of over £5,000.

Staff and Volunteers

The parish is blessed to have a willing and active team of volunteers who support the ministry team, PCC and parish finance and admin staff. Together, they all are working towards growing the kingdom of God in our community.

The treasurer, Mary Webb, has been supported by the finance committee comprising Philip Barton, Maggie Davies, Jill Hulme, Jean Luton and Lorraine Marrow. The continuing valued support of the individual church treasurers and churchwardens is recognised. Invaluable help was provided by Ian Armett and Robin Cundill who took responsibility for managing the VAT and Gift Aid recovery processes. The parish administrators, Jennie Parker and Nicci Smith, continue to play a very significant part in the smooth running of the parish.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Name: Robert Layton

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Laytons Chartered Accountants

6 Manchester Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 9SB

Date: 05 March 2026

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	4a	83,828	1,870	33,175	118,873	91,354
Activities for generating funds	4b	-	4,388	2,815	7,203	12,043
Investment income	4c	5,756	-	3,169	8,925	11,309
Church activities	4d	77,650	2,465	-	80,115	66,106
Total receipts		**167,234**	**8,723**	**39,159**	**215,116**	**180,812**
Resources expended						
Church activities	5	188,352	9,135	79,526	**277,013**	220,099
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		**188,352**	**9,135**	**79,526**	**277,013**	**220,099**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		**(21,118)**	**(412)**	**(40,367)**	**(61,897)**	**(39,287)**
Revaluation gains/(losses) on investments	8		(1,514)		(1,514)	838
		(21,118)	(1,926)	(40,367)	(63,411)	(38,449)
Transfers between funds		(53,392)	33,686	19,706	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(74,510)**	**31,760**	**(20,661)**	**(63,411)**	**(38,449)**
2023 Adjustment	14c	(1,431)	-	-	(1,431)	-
Funds at 1st January		116,392	78,352	88,626	283,370	321,818
Funds at 31st December		**40,451**	**110,112**	**67,964**	**218,527**	**283,370**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	9		-		-
Investments	10		35,972		37,486
					37,486
Current Assets					
Debtors & prepayments	11	5,371		19,363	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	180,275		228,852	
		185,646		248,215	
Current liabilities					
Creditors	13	(3,091)		(2,331)	
Net current assets			182,555		245,884
Total assets less current liabilities			218,527		283,370
Funds of the charity					
Restricted Funds	14a		67,964		88,626
Designated Funds	14b		110,112		78,352
Unrestricted Funds	14c		40,451		116,392
Total charity funds			218,527		283,370

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2026, and are signed on their behalf by:

Mary Webb
Treasurer

Eric Butterley
Vice Chairman

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 General information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale is a charity controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The address of the administrative office is 29 Bath Road, Buxton SK17 6HJ.

The Parish includes the churches of St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Anne's, St. James, Christ Church Burbage and Christ Church King Sterndale.

The Charity is involved in the following activities: regular worship, pastoral work, prayer and the teaching of Christianity.

2 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

3 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the Charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(e) Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

(g) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	20% Straight line
Church fixtures and fittings	25% Straight line
Office equipment	20% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value

(h) Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

(i) Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

(k) Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

(l) Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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4 Incoming resources

	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	43,125	-	-	43,125	39,666
Collections at services	22,327	-	-	22,327	20,441
Grants	-	-	8,631	8,631	15,181
Other donations	4,739	1,870	23,308	29,917	5,359
Legacies	-	-	1,236	1,236	-
Gift Aid recovered	13,637	-	-	13,637	10,707
	83,828	1,870	33,175	118,873	91,354
(b) Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising events	-	4,388	2,815	7,203	11,915
Other	-	-	-	-	128
	-	4,388	2,815	7,203	12,043
(c) Investment income					
Bank interest & dividends	5,756	-	3,169	8,925	11,309
	5,756	-	3,169	8,925	11,309
(d) Church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	40,470	-	-	40,470	32,069
Hire and lettings	37,160	2,465		39,625	34,023
Other	20	-	-	20	14
	77,650	2,465	-	80,115	66,106
Total Incoming Resouces	**167,234**	**8,723**	**39,159**	**215,116**	**180,812**

5 Expenditure

Church activities					
Common Fund	79,566	-	-	79,566	77,249
Mission and charitable	985	88	710	1,783	3,448
Clergy expenses	3,050	-	-	3,050	2,866
Worship & service costs	1,675	-	-	1,675	2,853
Music & organ	3,756	-	1,225	4,981	4,626
Church running expenses	36,614	-	-	36,614	27,851
Church buildings & maintenance	7,861	9,047	77,591	94,499	44,589
Church Hall costs	4,788	-	-	4,788	7,242
Staff costs	31,395	-	-	31,395	27,166
Administrative costs	7,468	-	-	7,468	7,332
Insurance	10,655	-	-	10,655	10,382
Depreciation & Write-offs	0	-	-	-	3,956
Accountancy & examination	540	-	-	540	540
				-	
Total Expenditure	**188,352**	**9,135**	**79,526**	**277,013**	**220,098**

6 Employees

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff salaries	17,052	15,922
Pension contributions paid	253	166
	17,305	16,088

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2024: 2)

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: 0)

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7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

Fees of £14,342 (2024: £7,473) were paid in respect of accounting services provided by Mrs M Webb.

The Trustees, Rev Mundy and Rev Doore, were reimbursed a total of £3,050 for expenses in relation to their duties as clergy of the parish (2024: £2,865).

8 Net gains/(losses) on investments	**Designated funds 2025**	**Unrestricted funds 2024**
	£	**£**
Revaluation of investments	(1,514)	838

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & equipment	**Church fix-tures & fittings**	**Office Equipment**	**TOTAL**
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
At 1 January 2025	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-	-
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2025	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-	-
Carried forward				
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-	-

10 Valuations	**£**
At 1 January 2025	37,486
Valuation changes	(1,514)
At 31 December 2025	35,972

In May 2025 the COIF Investment Fund was transferred from the General Fund (unrestricted) to the Parish Reserve (designated)

11 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestric-	**Designated**	**Restricted**	**TOTAL 2025**	**TOTAL 2024**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Gift Aid and GADS recoverable	876	-	-	876	10,908
Other debtors	3,663	-	623	4,286	8,246
Prepayments	209	-	-	209	209
	4,748	-	623	5,371	19,363

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12 Bank accounts

	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-	104
Bank current accounts	33,233	10,578	8,915	52,726	38,058
Bank deposit accounts	5,562	63,562	58,425	127,549	190,690
	38,795	74,140	67,340	180,275	228,852

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	£	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	2,311	-	-	2,311	1,223
Other creditors	780	-	-	780	1,108
	3,091	-	-	3,091	2,331

14 Analysis of charitable funds

(a) Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	01.01.2025	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31.12.2025
	£	£	£	£	£
St Anne's Fabric	1,497	-	-	(1,497)	-
St Anne's Dobie	-	6,966	(2,979)	1,497	5,484
St Anne's Gift	-	500	-	-	500
Christ Church Burbage Fabric	5,350	29	-	(2,900)	2,479
Christ Church Burbage Dobie	-	6,966	-	2,900	9,866
Christ Church Burbage Graveyard	586	4,184	(811)	(586)	3,373
St James' Fabric	6,428	2,095	(2,708)	-	5,815
Christ Church King Sterndale Fabric	6,473	445	-	-	6,918
Christ Church King Sterndale Youth Work	170		-	-	170
Christ Church King Sterndale Dagger Legacy	-	1,236	-	-	1,236
Christ Church King Sterndale Hackney Legacy	-		-	10,000	10,000
Christ Church King Sterndale Sellers Legacy	-	247	-	10,000	10,247
Christ Church King Sterndale Pickford Legacy	-	167	-	9,005	9,172
Christ Church King Sterndale Diocese of Derby Grant	-	780	-	-	780
Christ Church King Sterndale Churchyard Maintenance	-	247	(23)	-	224
St Mary's - Nadin Bequest	60,000	2,479	(62,473)	-	6
St Mary's Kitchen	-	8,780	(8,407)	465	838
St Mary's Welcome Group	-	1,000	(216)	50	834
St John's Music Fund	-	1,225	(1,225)	-	-
St John's Window Project	5,351	1,813	(190)	(6,974)	-
Outreach	122	-	(50)	(50)	22
Snailblazers	-	-	(444)	444	-
Other Projects & Events	2,648	-	-	(2,648)	-
	88,626	39,159	(79,526)	19,706	67,964

(b) Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

	01.01.2025	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Investment loss	31.12.2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Reserve	-	-	-	90,000	(1,514)	88,486
Church Fabric Repair & Development	76,184	-	-	(76,184)	-	-
Rector's Discretionary	1,190	-	(88)	-	-	1,102
Christ Church Burbage Graveyard	978	1,870	(3,434)	586	-	-
St John's Projects	-	4,389	(2,560)	6,974	-	8,803
St Mary's Kitchen	-	-	(1,000)	1,000	-	-
King Sterndale Hall	-	2,465	(2,054)	11,310	-	11,721
	78,352	8,724	(9,136)	33,686	(1,514)	110,112

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(c) Unrestricted funds

The income funds of the charity include the following unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance fo their charitable objectives.

General Fund	Balance 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Investment gain	Balance 31 Dec
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2024	149,584	153,236	(185,925)	(1,341)	838	116,392
2025	114,961	167,234	(188,352)	(53,392)	-	40,451

Note: Balance at 01.01.2025 has been adjusted to reflect £1,431 GADS claim in 2023 rejected by HMRC

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December are represented by:					
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	35,972	-	35,972	37,486
Current assets/(liabilities)	40,451	74,140	67,964	182,555	245,884
	40,451	110,112	67,964	218,527	283,370

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1128844

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No: 1128844

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

TRUSTEES' REPORT
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Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the Church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale is constituted as a team ministry and is part of the Diocese of Derby within the Church of England. It includes the churches of St John's, St Anne's, St Mary's, St James, Christ Church Burbage and Christ Church King Sterndale. The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is Governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and the Church Representation Rules 2006. The PCC is a Registered Charity, Registration Number 1128844 and its administrative address is: Parish Centre, 29 Bath Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6HJ.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Churchwardens, other officers and all other members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The PCC has the authority to co-opt church members to serve on the PCC.

The PCC appoints sub committees for certain aspects of church life. The Standing Committee and the Finance Committee have the authority to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings. Proposals, reports and minutes of their meetings are circulated and approved by the PCC.

The PCC receives regular reports from the Deanery Synod members. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and wider structures of the Church.

The PCC has approved policies for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and has appointed specific people to handle any such concerns.

Trustees: The Parochial Church Council

Clergy
The Rev'd Liz England – Rector and Chair *(until June 2024)*
The Rev'd David Mundy -- Interim Priest-in-Charge and Chair *(from September 2024)*
The Rev'd Sandra Doore – Team Vicar
Fr Nicholas Radford-Powell – Curate *(until June 2024)*

Churchwardens
Jean Luton (St John's)
Roger Beck (St John's)
Philip Leyland (St Anne's) *(until May 2024)*
Andrew Law (St Anne's)
Jill Hulme (St Mary's) *(until May 2024)*
Margaret Davies (Christ Church Burbage)
Paul Taylor (Christ Church King Sterndale)

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Deanery Synod Members
Kathryn Barton *(until May 2024)*
Carolyn Fell
Marion Overton

PCC Secretary
Jennifer Parker *(until May 2024)*
Sheila Morris *(from May to October 2024)*
Pamela Woodroffe *(from October 2024)*

Treasurer
Jeremy Bowden *(until May 2024)*
Mary Webb *(from May 2024)*

PCC Elected Members
Rebecca Backhouse
Linda Baldry
Philip Barton *(from May 2024)*
Eric Butterley – Vice Chair
Philip Cartledge *(until October 2024)*
Roman Gawel
Elizabeth Haggis
Jill Hulme
Lorraine Marrow
Mary Matthews
Sheila Morris *(from May 2024)*
Jennifer Parker
Hazel Shirt *(from May 2024)*
Jonathan Wallace
Aileen Warneford – Safeguarding Officer
Pamela Woodroffe

Independent Examiner
Layton's, Chartered Accountants
6 Manchester Road
Buxton SK17 6SB

Principal Bankers
The Co-operative Bank
Delf House, Southway
Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are bringing people to faith and faith to people. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our community in the parish. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can best serve the needs of our community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit has been taken into consideration, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Church members are enabled to live out their faith as part of the parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important to maintain the fabric of the churches and administrative buildings in the parish.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

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Achievements and performance

2024 Overview of activities

The Parish

The Trustees – together with the volunteers and the staff of the parish – seek to bring the 'good news' of Jesus Christ to the diverse communities represented within the parish. A regular pattern of worship in different Anglican styles is offered on Sundays and on Wednesdays through five of the six churches which make up the parish. The newly-licensed interim Priest-in-Charge is working with the Worship Team to ensure that only authorised liturgy is used in the parish. These services are available to all, regardless of whether they live within the parish or are visiting. Services are also regularly offered in local care homes. In addition to these regular services our licensed ministers also conduct weddings (seven in 2024), baptisms (nine in 2024), and funerals (36 in 2024). Holy Communion is regularly offered to individuals who are no longer able to attend services in our churches.

The Trustees seek to encourage the individual churches to engage with the different communities within the parish. Examples of this engagement are outlined in the reports provided by each church but include:

- Christ Church, Burbage hosting the Snowdrop Tea in February,
- St John's Church hosting the Festival Masses during the annual Buxton International Festival in July, and
- St Mary's Church hosting the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance in November.

The Trustees also seek to encourage the volunteers and staff of the parish to work with churches of other denominations in the parish to bring the 'good news' of Jesus Christ. Examples of ecumenical partnership include:

- representation at the annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, and
- participation in the annual Civic Remembrance Sunday Service on The Slopes.

Following the publication of the Makin Report in November, the newly-licensed interim Priest-in-Charge is supporting the PCC to ensure that the parish continues to be a 'safe place'. There is a good level of compliancy with the diocese's Essential Safeguarding Requirements and the Trustees understand the need for these safeguards in the parish. Trustees have completed the appropriate safeguarding training and DBS checks have been renewed as required. The Safeguarding Dashboard is completed at the Parish Office.

St John's

The Sung Eucharist services remain the focus for weekly worship in the church for which many thanks are due to the organists and the choir. When combined services are held elsewhere in the parish, St John's remained open to welcome the town's many visitors. As well as the special services held over the Christmas period, St John's attracted nearly 700 people to the three masses held in

conjunction with the Buxton International Festival, and over 300 to the Gilbert & Sulivan service during their festival. St John's hosted a farewell Sung Eucharist for the curate, Father Nicholas and for the licensing of Rev'd Dr David Mundy as the parish's interim priest-in-charge. During the year there was one funeral, one wedding, a renewal of marriage vows, and two baptisms.

During the summer months the church continues to be used as venue by the Buxton International Festival with over 5000 people attending 26 concerts and was also used for the Gilbert & Sullivan festival's fringe events. The Buxton Musical Society and other local groups use the church as a concert venue. Lettings such as these create a significant revenue stream for the parish and their continued success has prompted St John's to start raising funds specifically to make improvements to the fabric of this historic building.

In September over 200 visitors from all over the UK and Europe visited St John's as part of the national Heritage Open Days scheme. There were displays around the theme of Routes and Connections as well as several organ recitals.

Following a review of health and safety, improvements have been made to the lighting ensuring a safe experience for those attending the candle-lit services without detracting from the beauty of them in any way. Progress has also been made to address the long-standing Japanese knotweed in the churchyard.

St John's Church had income of £57,228 (2023 £67,025) during the year, and direct expenditure of £18,451 (2023 £20,226), contributing £38,776 (2023 £46,799) to the shared costs of the parish.

St Anne's

St Anne's has a BCP Communion service on a Wednesday morning, at which all are welcome. There is a regular core congregation of about a dozen members. There were a single wedding and a single funeral during 2024.

St Anne's Church had income of £5,863 (2023 £17,657) during the year, and direct expenditure of £1,429 (2023 £7,194), contributing £4,434 (2023 £10,464) to the shared costs of the parish.

St Mary's

At an open meeting, the congregation chose 'inclusive' as the word to describe their worship style. It offers something for everyone, from the informal monthly *Jigsaw Church* service, led by congregation members, to all age communion services. During 2024, alongside the regular services, the church held a marriage blessing, two baptisms, a thanksgiving for the birth of a child, sixteen funerals/memorial services and five burials of ashes.

St Mary's also held parish services for Ash Wednesday and All Souls. During Baby Loss Awareness Week in October, the church offered prayers and was illuminated with blue and pink lights to remember babies and their families across the Peak District. Working with the Buxton Pride team, St Mary's hosted an annual parish event to mark international Transgender Day of Remembrance in November.

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The St Mary's Committee plays a key role in caring for and developing our church, including planning events, outreach activity and maintenance.

The annual Garden Party in June raised £1400, and the church also welcomed performers from Buxton Festival Fringe. Letting out the church raised almost £900 towards church running costs and for a project to install kitchen facilities, a café area and new accessible toilets. A contractor has been appointed for this project, and work will be carried out during summer 2025. Key aims are to enable St Mary's to become a community space and to open the church more often.

The St Mary's Memorial Garden was expanded in autumn 2024 to accommodate the burial of ashes. The wildlife-friendly church grounds are a special place for local families, and the new paths have made the Memorial Garden more easily accessible.

St Mary's Church had income of £30,425 (2023 £40,069) during the year, and direct expenditure of £8,460 (2023 £8,014), contributing £21,966 (2023 £32,055) to the shared costs of the parish.

Christ Church Burbage

Although there was a reduced number of services at the beginning of the year, since September these have been held every Sunday. The popular all-age *Brekkie Church* services are aimed at 2- to 11-year-olds with story, craft and, of course, breakfast. The church bells are rung each Sunday and teams of visiting bell ringers were hosted at various times. Twelve funerals were held during the year with three burials and nine interments of ashes in the churchyard. There was also a marriage and a baptism.

A Coffee and Chat morning is held each month; this coincides with a working party which maintains our extensive churchyard. Another small team cleans and look after the interior of the Church.

During February, the church was one of the venues for a spectacular video art projection show to mark the grand finale of the Buxton *Our Street* project. The annual *Clypping* service was held in August, a Remembrance service in November and at Christmas two local nurseries held carol concerts. The Christmas Eve crib service was very well attended . During the year several fund-raising events were organised which were all well-supported by the wider local community.

Christ Church Burbage had income of £24,284 (2023 £37,693) during the year, and direct expenditure of £3,643 (2023 £6,909), contributing £20,641 (2023 £30,783) to the shared costs of the parish.

St James' Harpur Hill

St James' Church has suffered in recent years from damp and major structural problems and has been temporarily closed since 2022. Consultation with the community over its future is continuing.

St James' Church had income of £293 (2023 £2,316) during the year, and direct expenditure of £768 (2023 £725), contributing -£475 (2023 £1,591) to the shared costs of the parish.

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Christ Church King Sterndale

The church is open daily during daylight hours for private prayer. The church and its graveyard are visited by numerous relatives and passers-by throughout the year. Comments in the visitor book reflect their appreciation that the church is open as a place of peace and tranquillity to gather their thoughts, and as a refuge from the weather. Throughout 2024 there were around two Sunday services a month with an average attendance of eleven. However, during the main feast days of the Church's calendar the congregation can be double. This year we had four weddings; the size of the church and its location make it a most attractive venue.

As part of the church's mission to the wider community the items donated for the harvest festival were given to the Buxton Zink food bank, and the Christmas service collection given to local charities. King Sterndale held a Remembrance service at our war memorial in the church grounds to remember the lives lost from the community and those who fought to protect our freedom. This year's carol service welcomed the *Side by Side* singing café group and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Christ Church King Sterndale had income of £8,790 (2023 £,7315) during the year, and direct expenditure of £798 (2023 £1,612), contributing £7,992 (2023 £5,703) to the shared costs of the parish.

King Sterndale Hall

The hall and kitchen have recently been totally redecorated, partly funded by a generous private donation. The toilets and kitchen are open for each church service as well as for family gatherings after weddings, baptisms, funerals and the interment of ashes in the churchyard. It has also been used for a monthly children's church activity

Regular users hiring the hall have included a Pilates group, local Young Farmers, brass bands and rehearsals for a youth theatre. The hall is used as a polling station and for civil parish meetings as well as for refreshments for numerous village gatherings and children's parties.

During the year work took place to clarify the relationship between the PCC and the Hall Management Committee especially regarding managing the bank account and regularising the insurance cover.

King Sterndale Hall had income of £3,711 (2023 £1,823) during the year, and direct expenditure of £3,972 (2023 £1,093), contributing -£261 (2023 £730) to the shared costs of the parish.

Bath Road Centre

The Centre continues to be well used by many local groups; however, in 2024 there was slight drop in the income from lettings. We are very grateful to the parish administrators, Jennie Parker and Nicci Smith, who do an excellent job looking after the Centre, and to everyone who uses it.

The Bath Road Centre had income of £14,933 (2023 £15,754) during the year, and direct expenditure of £4,956 (2023 £13,256), contributing £9.978 (2023 £2,498) to the shared costs of the parish.

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial Review

Following the introduction of the new accounting system, 2024 was the first full year where the parish's accounts have been maintained in-house. This has enabled the production of monthly management accounts on a timely basis.

During the year it emerged that the PCC's accounts did not comply fully with the rules set by the Charity Commission, primarily regarding the treatment of restricted funds and the interest thereon. This explains why when comparing the figures for 2024 with those of the previous year, there are some significant differences. Further adjustments in 2025 may also be required after investigations have been completed. As these inconsistencies go back many years, maybe a decade or more, it has been decided not to adjust the prior years' accounts.

This means, unfortunately, the parish is not in as strong a position as was reported last year. The key metric, the difference between day-to-day income and expenses, fell from a surplus of £18,628 in 2023 to a deficit of £33,192 in 2024. Total income for the parish (including restricted and designated funds) fell by £23,629 to £180,812.

At the end of 2024, total funds held by the parish were £283,370, a reduction during the year of £38,448. However, £166,978 of these funds were held in Restricted or Designated funds. The General Fund fell from £149,584 to £116,392; although this is serious, plans are being put in hand to address the situation and to ensure that we better cover our day-to-day running costs.

The following detailed points should be noted:

Incoming Resources
Giving by the congregation has fallen in both absolute and inflation adjusted values over the past three years. Planned Giving has fallen by almost £1000 since 2022; this is unsustainable as our running costs continue to increase.

The lower figure for Gift Aid recovered in 2024 of £10,707 reflects the fact that the 2023 figure of £29,671 included a backlog of claims from previous years.

During the year we received grants totalling £15,181, principally into restricted funds for the benefit of St Anne's and Christ Church Burbage. St John's has commenced fund raising towards improvements at this church, having raised £5,351 into this new restricted fund.

Effort has been made to move our funds into deposit accounts earning a higher rate of interest. Notwithstanding the reduction in balances, and a reduction in rates, interest received increased to £11,309 (2023: £7,661).

Income from lettings of the churches and the halls increased from £28,757 in 2023 to £34,023 in 2024 as we continue to ensure that hirers pay realistic charges. Income from fees for weddings and funerals fell from £35,753 in 2023 to £32,319 in 2024 reflecting a restriction of these to the statutory level.

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Resources Expended

The largest single expense is the payment towards the Common Fund. The amount requested by the diocese fell from £80,356 in 2023 to £77,249 in 2024. This amount is used towards the cost of our stipendiary clergy, their pensions and housing, as well as other central costs. The PCC has undertaken to pay these amounts in full, strategically important now the parish is in a period of interregnum.

Although the cost of normal repairs and the maintenance of our buildings is covered by the General Fund, in 2024 a total £31,726 from our Restricted and Discretionary funds was used to finance major works including improvements to St Mary's memorial garden and new garage doors, Christ Church Burbage and St Anne's paths and graveyards, and commencement of work in connection with the installation of a new kitchen at St Mary's.

Insurance premiums increased from £8,617 in 2023 to £10,382. The parish is now fully covered for damage caused by theft of lead from roofs and has adequate cover for King Sterndale Hall. There was an increase in administration costs from £28,068 in 2023 to £34,498 in 2024. This is the result of salary increases and additional hours worked. Efforts continue to be made to control costs and to ensure that all expenses are properly authorised.

Major risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Reserves policy

Reserves are required to be held to maintain levels of current activity, to respond to short-term emergency expenditure or shortfalls in income, and to respond promptly to future opportunities in support of the parish's mission. The agreed policy is to keep free reserves equating to approximately six months' ordinary expenditure, including full commitment to pay the Common Fund over the year. Where appropriate, the PCC will also consider the designation of funds for specific future fabric repairs and development. At current levels of activity, the aim is to retain a reserve in the region of £130,000. Total General Fund Reserves currently stand at £116,392, a shortfall of over £13,000.

Staff and Volunteers

The parish is blessed to have a willing and active team of volunteers who support the ministry team, PCC and parish finance and admin staff. Together, they all are working towards growing the kingdom of God in our community.

Much of the credit for installing the new accounting system is due to the previous treasurer, Jeremy Bowden, who resigned during the year having moved away from Buxton. At the APCM in May 2024 this role was taken by Mary Webb who had previously been providing book-keeping services. Mary has been supported by the parish's finance committee comprising Philip Barton, Jill Hulme and Lorraine Marrow.

The continuing valued support of the individual church treasurers and churchwardens is recognised, and especially Jennie Parker and Nicci Smith, parish administrators. They continue to play a very

significant part in the smooth running of the parish. Invaluable help was also provided by the team that took responsibility for managing the VAT and Gift Aid recovery processes: Ian Armett, Robin Cundill and Eric Thompson.

So many other people have also given their time and talents in prayer, worship, mission and outreach, fundraising, administration, safeguarding, maintenance, gardening, cleaning, providing refreshments and supporting one another in service across the parish.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Name: Robert Layton

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

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Date: 13 March 2025

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestric-ted Funds	Designa-ted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	4a	76,320	-	15,034	91,354	122,646
Activities for generating funds	4b	2,227	978	8,838	12,043	9,624
Investment income	4c	8,333	-	2,976	11,309	7,661
Church activities	4d	66,356	(250)	-	66,106	64,510
Total receipts		**153,236**	**728**	**26,848**	**180,812**	**204,441**
Resources expended						
Church activities	5	185,925	14,051	20,123	220,099	188,477
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	1,289
Total payments		**185,925**	**14,051**	**20,123**	**220,099**	**189,766**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		**(32,689)**	**(13,323)**	**6,725**	**(39,287)**	**14,675**
Revaluation gains/(losses) on investments	8	838	-	-	838	3,174
		(31,851)	(13,323)	6,725	(38,449)	17,849
Transfers between funds		(1,341)	1,000	341	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(33,192)**	**(12,323)**	**7,066**	**(38,449)**	**17,849**
Funds at 31.12.2023		149,584	90,675	81,559	321,818	303,969
Funds at 31.12.2024		**116,392**	**78,352**	**88,626**	**283,370**	**321,818**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	9		-		3,956
Investments	10		37,486		36,648
			37,486		40,604
Current Assets					
Debtors & prepayments	11	19,363		30,632	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	228,852		255,439	
		248,215		286,071	
Current liabilities					
Creditors	13	(2,331)		(4,857)	
Net current assets			245,884		281,214
Total assets less current liabilities			283,370		321,818
Funds of the charity	14				
Restricted Funds			88,626		81,559
Designated Funds			78,352		90,675
Unrestricted Funds			116,392		149,584
Total charity funds			283,370		321,818

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29th April 2025, and are signed on their behalf by:

Mary Webb
Treasurer

Rev'd Dr David Mundy
Interim Priest-in-Charge

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 General information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale is a charity controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The address of the administrative office is 29 Bath Road, Buxton SK17 6HJ.

The Parish includes the churches of St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Anne's, St. James, Christ Church Burbage and Christ Church King Sterndale.

The Charity is involved in the following activities: regular worship, pastoral work, prayer and the teaching of Christianity.

2 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

3 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the Charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(e) Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

(g) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	20% Straight line
Church fixtures and fittings	25% Straight line
Office equipment	20% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying

(h) Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

(i) Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

(k) Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

(l) Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

4 Incoming resources

	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	39,666	-	-	39,666	39,814
Collections at services	20,441	-	-	20,441	21,162
Grants	147	-	15,034	15,181	18,788
Other donations	5,359	-	-	5,359	11,911
Legacies	-	-	-	-	1,300
Gift Aid recovered	10,707	-	-	10,707	29,671
	76,320	-	15,034	91,354	122,646
(b) Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising events	2,099	6,329	3,487	11,915	9,494
Other	128	-	-	128	130
	2,227	6,329	3,487	12,043	9,624
(c) Investment income					
Bank interest & dividends	8,333	-	2,976	11,309	7,661
	8,333	-	2,976	11,309	7,661
(d) Church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	32,319	(250)	-	32,069	35,753
Hire and lettings	34,023	-	-	34,023	28,757
Other	14	-	-	14	-
	66,356	(250)	-	66,106	64,510

5 Expenditure

Church activities					
Common Fund	77,249	-	-	77,249	80,356
Mission and charitable	2,221	235	992	3,448	6,484
Clergy expenses	2,866	-	-	2,866	3,537
Worship & service costs	2,853	-	-	2,853	2,995
Music & organ	3,895	-	731	4,626	4,898
Church running expenses	27,851	-	-	27,851	23,548
Church maintenance	12,373	13,816	18,400	44,589	18,695
Church Hall costs	7,242	-	-	7,242	4,694
Staff costs	27,166	-	-	27,166	21,027
Administrative costs	7,332	-	-	7,332	7,041
Insurance	10,382	-	-	10,382	8,617
Depreciation & Write-offs	3,957	-	-	3,956	4,911
Accountancy & examination	540	-	-	540	1,674
	185,925	14,051	20,123	220,098	188,477

6 Employees

The total staff costs and employees benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustee's salary	7,090	5,328
Other staff salaries	8,832	7,343
Trustee's pension paid	166	241
	16,088	12,912

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2023: 2)

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: 0)

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7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

Remuneration of £7,090 (2023: £5,328) and pension contributions of £166 (2023: £241) were paid in respect of Mrs J Parker, a trustee, solely for her work as a parish administrator. Fees of £7,473 (2023: NIL) were paid in respect of accounting services provided by Mrs M Webb, a trustee from June 2024.

The Trustees, Rev Mundy, Rev England, Rev Doore and Fr Radford-Powell were reimbursed a total of £2,865 for expenses in relation to their duties as clergy of the parish (2023: £3,357).

8 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	838	3,174

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & equipment	Church fixtures & fittings	Office Equipment	TOTAL
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	6,917	43,501	8,553	58,971
At 31 December 2024	6,917	43,501	8,553	58,971
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2024	4,998	41,756	8,261	55,015
Depreciation charged in the year	1,155	1,745	292	3,192
Additional amounts written-off	764	-	-	764
At 31 December 2024	6,917	43,501	8,553	58,971
Carried forward				
At 31 December 2023	1,919	1,745	292	3,956
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-	-

10 Fixed Asset investments

	Listed investments
Valuations	£
At 1 January 2024	36,648
Valuation changes	838
At 31 December 2024	37,486

11 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid and GADS recoverable	10,908	-	-	10,908	14,503
Other debtors	7,145	1,045	56	8,246	8,545
Prepayments	209	-	-	209	7,584
	18,262	1,045	56	19,363	30,632

GADS recoverable includes an unresolved claim for 2023 of £1,426 under dispute with HMRC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12 Bank accounts

	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in hand	104	-	-	104	104
Bank current accounts	38,058	-	-	38,058	18,547
Bank deposit accounts	24,604	82,811	83,275	190,690	236,788
	62,766	82,811	83,275	228,852	255,439

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	£	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	923	-	300	1,223	346
Other creditors	1,038	70	-	1,108	4,511
	1,961	70	300	2,331	4,857

14 Analysis of charitable funds

Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

In April 2024, because of the small value of the endowments, the PCC passed a resolution to transfer the endowments to restricted funds with effect from 31st December 2023, in accordance with the Charities Acts 2011, as amended.

Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance 01.01.2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance 31.12.2024
	£	£	£	£	£
St John's Music	731		(731)	-	-
St Anne's Fabric	-	6,875	(5,378)	-	1,497
Christ Church Burbage Fabric	2,750	6,875	(4,275)	-	5,350
St James' Fabric	7,853	-	(1,425)	-	6,428
Christ Church King Sterndale Fabric	6,617	-	(144)	-	6,473
Christ Church King Sterndale Youth Work	170	-	-	-	170
Outreach	274	-	(152)	-	122
Burbage Graveyard	1,072	1,779	(2,265)	-	586
St Mary's - Nadin Bequest	61,938	2,635	(4,913)	341	60,000
St John's Projects	-	5,351	-	-	5,351
Other Projects & Events	738	2,750	(840)	-	2,648
Specific Gifts	(583)	583	-	-	-
	81,559	26,848	(20,123)	341	88,626

Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds

	Balance 01.01.2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance 31.12.2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Fabric Repair & Development	90,000	-	(13,816)	-	76,184
Rector's Discretionary	675	(250)	(235)	1,000	1,190
Christ Church Burbage Graveyard	-	978	-	-	978
	90,675	728	(14,051)	1,000	78,352

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Unrestricted funds

The income funds of the charity include the following unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance fo their charitable objectives.

General Fund	Balance 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Investment gains	Balance 31 Dec
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2023	130,956	197,894	(181,440)	(1.000)	3,174	149,584
2024	149,584	153,236	(185,925)	(1,341)	838	116,392

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December are represented by:					
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	3,956
Investments	37,486	-	-	37,486	36,648
Current assets/(liabilities)	78,906	78,352	88,626	245,884	281,214
	116,392	78,352	88,626	283,370	321,818

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1128844

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31 December 2023

Registered Charity No: 1128844

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the Church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale is constituted as a team ministry and is part of the Diocese of Derby within the Church of England. It includes the churches of St John's, St Anne's, St Mary's, St James, Christ Church Burbage and Christ Church King Sterndale. The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is Governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and the Church Representation Rules 2006. The PCC is a Registered Charity, Registration Number 1128844. The administrative address is: Parish Centre, 29 Bath Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6HJ.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Churchwardens, other officers and all other members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Members so elected hold office for three years or the balance of the term if elected to fill a casual vacancy. The PCC also has the authority to co-opt church members to serve on the PCC.

The PCC appoints sub committees for certain aspects of church life. The Standing Committee has the authority to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings. Proposals, reports and minutes of its meetings are circulated and approved by the PCC.

The PCC receives regular reports from the Deanery Synod members. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and wider structures of the church.

The PCC has approved policies for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and has appointed two specific people to handle any such concerns.

The Parochial Church Council Membership 2023

Clergy	The Rev'd Liz England – Rector and Chair
	The Rev'd Sandra Doore (from April 2023)
	The Rev'd Catrin Hubbard
	Fr Nicholas Radford-Powell (from July 2023)
Lay Chair	Eric Butterley
Churchwardens	Jean Luton (St John's)
	Roger Beck (St John's)
	Philip Leyland (St Anne's)
	Andrew Law (St Anne's)
	Jill Hulme (St Mary's)
	Margaret Davies (Christ Church Burbage)
	Paul Taylor (Christ Church King Sterndale)

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Deanery Synod Members	Kathryn Barton
	Marion Overton
PCC Secretary	Jennifer Parker
Treasurer	Jeremy Bowden (from June 2023)
PCC Elected Members	Rebecca Backhouse
	Linda Baldry
	Philip Cartledge
	Carolyn Fell
	Roman Gawel
	Elizabeth Haggis
	Lorraine Marrow
	Mary Matthews
	Emily Tooze (until July 2023)
	Jonathan Wallace
	Aileen Warneford
	Pamela Woodroffe

Independent Examiner

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6 Manchester Road
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Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are bringing people to faith and faith to people. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our community in the parish. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can best serve the needs of our community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church and administrative buildings under our care.

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Achievements and performance

2023 Overview of activities

The Parish

2023 was a year of consolidation, with worship and mission consolidating and returning to pre-Covid levels of activity. In June we extended a warm welcome to the Rev'd Sandra Doore, who joined the clergy team as Team Vicar, bringing much valuable experience from the Diocese of Liverpool and the Church Army. Later in the year we were also blessed by the appointment of Fr Nicholas Radford-Powell as Curate. The Rev'd Catrin Hubbard was able to remain in the Parish until the end of the year, and was heartily thanked by all for her outstanding contribution and support during the time she was a member of the Ministry Team here in Buxton.

St John's

St John's Church had a very steady year. The congregation continued to rise and by the end of the year was 55. This does not include our wonderful Festival Masses, that run into hundreds, or the Christmas attendances of 179 at the Nine Lessons and Carols, or 191 at Midnight Mass, even though they were held only a day apart.

The church did not close its doors for the two Parish Services during the Christmas period. Instead, coffee/tea/home-made cake/and a chat were on offer to any who came in (we could not stop our new clock/bell from ringing) which helped. On 23rd December we attracted 9 in number and on 31st December, 29. One visitor, from Devon, subsequently wrote to the Parish Office to say what a wonderful welcome she had received and that it had been an 'amazing experience'.

Our clock/bell needs some more tender, loving care which we hope to achieve soon. It is programmed to ring for twenty minutes before the Service on a Sunday. Christmas Day falling on a Monday this year was far too difficult for our 'untrained' Churchwardens to programme. After several months of silence, payment for the new clock/bell was generously donated by two of our church neighbours, Robin Pugsley and Rick Shearer, who had so missed its welcoming sound and, although they are not part of our congregation, wanted to help when we explained that money was tight.

We were privileged to hold the Farewell Service for Archdeacon Carol Coslett in February and a Sung Evensong in April with the Dean Emeritus of Hereford. These special occasions are made possible only with the continued invaluable support of our choir, under the leadership of the Musical Director, Michael Williams and our Organist, Andrew Cummings. Together, they all continue to perform at the highest level.

In September, we opened our doors for 8 days as part of the National Heritage Open Day scheme with an exhibition of altar fronts and vestments. It was well attended especially on the 5 weekdays that had organ concerts. The organisation of attendance at local events and venues during Advent added to our outreach efforts, as well as earning fundraising income.

The congregation was still led by Churchwardens Jean Luton and Dr Roger Beck. In addition to regular worship, the church had four funerals, two weddings, one Baptism, one Burial of Ashes and one Confirmation.

Buxton Festival again contributed to our financial situation. We aim to share in their financial success this year. Our new card reader got off to a rather slow start but we are hopeful of encouraging donations from our increasing numbers. All in all, an encouraging year.

St John's Church had income of £67,025 (2022 £64,872) during the year, and direct expenditure of £20,226 (2022 30,337), contributing £46,799 (2022 £34,535) to the shared costs of the Parish.

St Anne's

St Anne's is the oldest church in Buxton, and parts of its walls are the oldest building in the town. The current churchwardens are Andrew Law and Philip Leyland.

January 2023 started with the sad news of the passing of one of the church's oldest stalwarts, Keith Horncastle. He is still missed by our congregation.

St Anne's has a service of Holy Communion most Wednesdays throughout the year and our congregation is usually in double figures. It is a beautiful service in a sacred place.

Notable events were as follows:

At the end of January, we hosted the CTiB service for Christian Unity with a congregation from differing denominations. It was a blessing to worship together. In early May we had an open day to coincide with the town Spring Fair. We welcomed visitors for refreshments and it to stay and feel the special beauty of our church. In July we had a Flower festival and had over 500 visitors to view the exhibits on the theme of nursery rhymes.

St Anne's Church had income of £17,657 (2022 £5,633) during the year, and direct expenditure of £7,194 (2022 9,777), contributing £10,464, (2022 (£4,144)) to the shared costs of the Parish.

St Mary's

The weekly service pattern at St Mary's includes a range of worship styles, from the informal monthly Jigsaw Church service, led by congregation members, to all age communion services. Our congregation has an age range spanning 18 months to 92 years.

During 2023, in addition to regular worship, the church held 3 weddings, 4 baptisms, 10 funerals and 8 burials of ashes. In April, St Mary's hosted the licensing of Revd Sandra Doore, the new Team Vicar, by Bishop Libby Lane. And in October, Nicky Fenton, the Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales, preached at the St Mary's patronal service.

The church also held parish services for Ash Wednesday and All Souls. And in addition to the Baby Loss Awareness Week reflection held every October, St Mary's introduced a new commemorative reflection. Working with Revd Catrin Hubbard and the Buxton Pride team, this event was held to mark international Transgender Day of Remembrance in November. It was very well attended and will become an annual parish event.

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The annual Garden Party in June was the highlight of our fundraising efforts, raising over £1400, and the church also hosted two Buxton Festival Fringe concerts during July. The Folk Carols took a break in 2023, but we hope they will be back in 2024.

Plans have been approved to extend the Memorial Garden to accommodate the burial of ashes, and work will start on this in spring 2024. The congregation have also backed plans for installing kitchen facilities, a café area and new accessible toilets. Once the architect's plans are approved, the project will go out to tender with work expected to begin in early summer 2024. A key aim is to enable St Mary's to become a community space and to open the church more often.

During 2023 we introduced contactless giving to help support one-off giving and fundraising. The new kitchen, café area and toilets project will be the focus for our fundraising efforts and grant applications in 2024.

Special thanks go to Eric Butterley who retired as churchwarden in May after eight years of dedicated service. Churchwarden Jill Hulme is also very grateful to everyone who supports St Mary's in so many ways.

St Mary's Church had income of £40,069 (2022 £42,284) during the year, and direct expenditure of £8,014 (2022 £21,455), contributing £32,055 (2022 £20,829) to the shared costs of the Parish.

Christ Church Burbage

In February 2023 we held a very successful Snowdrop Tea in Church with wonderful homemade cake. April saw us at the Burbage Institute for our Spring Coffee Morning with all our usual stalls and well supported by the local community.

We had our annual Clypping Service in early August. At the end of that month, we held another Coffee Morning at the Institute, again well supported.

Remembrance Day was well attended, as usual Burbage Band were a major part of this service. The ladies of the Burbage Women's Institute did a wonderful display of crochet poppies on the Lychgate.

Early December was our Christmas Fair - getting us all in the Christmas spirit. We have raised much needed funds with our annual appeals for Churchyard Maintenance and the Christmas Memorial Lights.

We had a Christmas concert by Burbage Nursery, and two concerts with children from Burbage School, the church packed out with parents and youngsters. Wonderful to see and hear so many singing their hearts out and processing down the nave by candlelight from the Christingles.

On Christmas Eve we had our Crib Service, well attended and loved by everyone.

Some of the pews at the north side of the Church have now been replaced by café tables and we are trying to establish a Coffee and Chat morning on the second Tuesday of each month. This coincides with the Church work party day. These are the people that look after our Church both inside and out and to whom we must thank for their constant supply of cakes, and give of their time and talents, weeding outside and polishing inside.

Due to planning and beyond our control, the driveway has not yet been repaired, we hope to go ahead in 2024. A path joining the gateway from the back of Burbage Institute to the lower path in the churchyard will hopefully also be done in 2024.

Brekkie Church is now well established on the 3rd Sunday of each month, with a very child friendly story and craft followed by breakfast.

We hope that in 2024 we can have a more regular service pattern enabling us to grow our congregation.

Christ Church Burbage had income of £37,693 (2022 £18,400) during the year, and direct expenditure of £6,909 (2022 £5,092), contributing £30,783 (2022 £13,308) to the shared costs of the Parish.

St James' Harpur Hill

St James' Church has suffered in recent years from damp and other structural problems, and was temporarily closed during 2022. A Thanksgiving and Blessing service was held for St James on 12th February 2023, with the attendance of many of the congregation and members of the Harpur Hill community with a connection and love of the church. The church has since been closed, but further consultation with the community over its future has continued to take place.

A new St James Community Team met with the aim to move the building ideas forward. In August the project was handed over to Team Vicar the Rev'd Sandra and Curate Fr Nicholas with a view to taking it on its next step towards possible architects and plans. Since then the team have met with the diocesan representative for church buildings and are hoping the quinquennial will be this year. There is also the possibility of St James organ being relocated to another of the parish churches, and funding has been offered for this. This will need a faculty.

St James' Church had income of £2,316 (2022 £6,106) during the year, and direct expenditure of £725 (2022 £4,990), contributing £1,591 (2022 £1,116) to the shared costs of the Parish.

Christ Church King Sterndale

The church is led by churchwarden, Paul Taylor. The average attendance for Sunday services is 12 and has not changed from last year. It is open daily during daylight hours for private prayer.

2023 has been a quiet year for services, having only 16 services excluding funerals baptisms and weddings and in March we did not have a service at all.

In addition to these services we have had 10 first Sunday of the Month Activity Church services whose attendance has varied between 4 and 19. One funeral, five baptisms and two weddings.

Our year started off with the Rev'd Catrin doing a 'teaching Eucharist' service, to explain the ins and outs of the various procedures and equipment of the eucharist service. On average we are having one Eucharist and one family service a month, however, the family service has been replaced with a 'Baptism' service on three occasions.

This year the annual snowdrop day happened in Cowdale, but, alas no refreshments at King Sterndale Parish Hall.

Harvest service courtesy of the Rev'd Catrin on the 1st October was well attended and the following supper and auction in the Parish Hall was a very supported, many thanks to those who arranged the evening.

King Sterndale held a Remembrance service at the war memorial in the church grounds to remember the lives lost from the community and also those who fought to protect our freedom.

There has been very little progress on the cremation plots at the rear of the graveyard, other than to visit the Matlock Archives to check the churches registers to discover that the additional portion of land has been blessed by the Bishop.

Christ Church King Sterndale had income of £7,315 (2022 £6,734) during the year, and direct expenditure of £1,612 (2022 £3,305), contributing £5,703 (2022 £3,429) to the shared costs of the Parish.

Bath Road Centre

The Centre has had a busy year and is continuing to attract new groups. 2023 also saw the start of hiring out the Branches Room for small meetings. Income from lettings increased to £14,948 from £13,690 in 2022.

We are very grateful to Parish Administrator Jennie Parker, who does an excellent job looking after the Centre, and to everyone who uses it. The PCC are considering plans about how best to manage lettings throughout the Parish in the future, including the management of weddings and funerals.

The Bath Road Centre had income of £15,754 (2022 £14,491) during the year, and direct expenditure of £13,256 (2022 £17,162), contributing £2,498 (2022 (£2671)) to the shared costs of the Parish.

Financial Review

The Parish had a successful year financially. The General Fund, which accounts for income and expenditure from ordinary activities and is the principal barometer of financial performance, achieved a surplus of £18,628 in 2023. That result was after paying the full Common Fund contribution to the Diocese of £80,357, which we were not able to do in 2022. The result over all funds was a surplus of £17,849.

Income increased by £38,832 from £165,609 in 2022 to £204,441. The main increase was seen in fees for weddings and funerals, which increased from £24,051 in 2022 to £35,753 in 2023, an increase of £11,702. There was also in increase in fundraising income of £2,971, from £6,523 in 2022 to £9,494 in 2023 - St John's and Burbage both raised over £3,000. Lettings were also up by £2,277 from £26,450 in 2022 to £28,757 in 2023. St John's in particular benefitted from the success of the Buxton Festival in both these sources of income. Bank interest rose from £2,349 in 2022 to £7,661 in 2023, an increase of £5,312 reflecting rises in interest rates over the period and a proactive Treasury policy. The large increase in Gift Aid recovery reflects 2 years' worth of Gift Aid receivable in 2023. Despite all the progress made above, there is some concern that regular giving actually fell in 2023, from £40,410 in 2022 to £39,814 in 2023, a drop of £516, although this was compensated by collections at services increasing from £19,296 in 2022 to £21,162, an increase of £1,866.

Expenditure increased by £8,215 from £180,427 in 2022 to £189,766 in 2023. If the increase in the amount of Common Fund the Parish was able to pay in 2023 (£31,438) is taken into account, other expenditure fell by £23,223 over the year. The big factor is that church maintenance was reasonably low in the year. In 2022, this amounted to £32,294, but it decreased by £17,732 in 2023, the main works being heating repairs at St John's and St Anne's. Two quinquennial reports were received in the year, and there are development works in the planning stage at St Mary's – so these costs are planned to rise significantly in 2024 and future years. It is good to see a reduction in church running costs, from £32,294 in 2022 to £23,548, and also in administrative costs from £8,124 to £7,041. These were offset by increases in staff costs, clergy expenses, worship and service costs and mission.

During the year, there has been a major overhaul in finance and accounting, with accounting being taken in-house, together with a new accounting system. This has enabled the production of monthly reports and close monitoring of financial matters. On-line banking has been introduced, and Treasury management improved.

Major risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Reserves policy

Reserves are required to be held to maintain levels of current activity, to respond to short-term emergency expenditure or shortfalls in income, and to respond promptly to future opportunities in support of the Parish's mission. Our policy is to keep free reserves equating to at least six months' ordinary expenditure, including our full commitment to Common Fund over the year. Where appropriate, the PCC will also consider the designation of funds for specific future fabric repairs and development. On current levels of activity, we aim to retain a reserve in the region of £130k. Total General Fund Reserves exceed this and currently stand at £149.6k. The parish reserves do not however include any sums towards the future plans for St James; the PCC will review the reserves policy in the light of an agreed strategy for the future of this church.

Volunteers

The parish is blessed to have a willing and active team of volunteers who support the ministry team, PCC and parish finance and admin staff. Together, we are working towards growing the kingdom of God in our community.

Following the retirement of Philip Leyland as Parish Treasurer in December 2022 after 11 years of dedicated service, we are extremely grateful to Jill Hulme who took on the role of Acting Treasurer, supported by a team that has now become the Finance Sub-committee. Jeremy Bowden was elected Treasurer at the APCM in May 2023.

The Treasurers express their thanks to the continuing valued support of the individual church treasurers and churchwardens, and by the extremely able team of Mary Webb Finance Assistant, Rosie Shipley earlier in the year, and Jennie Parker and Nicci Smith, Parish Administrators. They continue to play a very significant part in the smooth running of the parish. Invaluable help was also provided by

the team that took responsibility for managing the VAT and Gift Aid recovery processes: Ian Armett, Robin Cundill and Eric Thompson.

So many other people have also given their time and talents in prayer, worship, mission and outreach, fundraising, administration, safeguarding, maintenance, gardening, cleaning, providing refreshments and supporting one another in service across our parish.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

R Layton

Name: Robert Layton

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

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Date: 15 March 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources							
Voluntary income	4a	116,516	-	6,130	-	122,646	104,929
Activities for generating funds	4b	8,882	-	742	-	9,624	6,857
Investment income	4c	7,661	-	-	-	7,661	2,349
Church activities	4d	64,835	(325)	-	-	64,510	51,474
Total receipts		**197,894**	**(325)**	**6,872**	**-**	**204,441**	**165,609**
Resources expended							
Church activities	5	180,151	-	8,326	-	188,477	179,830
Raising funds		1,289	-	-	-	1,289	597
Total payments		**181,440**	**-**	**8,326**	**-**	**189,766**	**180,427**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		**16,454**	**(325)**	**(1,454)**	**-**	**14,675**	**(14,818)**
Revaluation gains/(losses) on investments	8	3,174	-	-	-	3,174	(4,442)
		19,628	**(325)**	**(1,454)**	**-**	**17,849**	**(19,260)**
Transfers between funds		(1,000)	1,000	1,086	(1,086)	-	-
Net movement in funds		18,628	675	(368)	(1,086)	17,849	(19,260)
Funds at 31.12.2022		130,956	90,000	81,927	1,086	303,969	323,229
Funds at 31.12.2023		**149,584**	**90,675**	**81,559**	**-**	**321,818**	**303,969**

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	9		3,956		8,867
Investments	10		36,648		33,474
			40,604		42,341
Current Assets					
Debtors & prepayments	11	30,632		-	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	255,439		272,011	
		286,071		272,011	
Current liabilities					
Creditors	13	(4,857)		(10,383)	
Net current assets			281,214		261,628
Total assets less current liabilities			321,818		303,969
Funds of the charity	14				
Endowment Funds			-		1,086
Restricted Funds			81,559		81,927
Designated Funds			90,675		90,000
Unrestricted Funds			149,584		130,956
Total charity funds			321,818		303,969

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd April 2024, and are signed on their behalf by:

Jeremy Bowden
Treasurer

The Rev'd Sandra Doore
Team Vicar

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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1 General information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton is a charity controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The address of the administrative office is 29 Bath Road, Buxton SK17 6HJ.

The Parish includes the churches of St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Anne's, St. James, Christ Church Burbage and Christ Church King Sterndale.

The Charity is involved in the following activities: regular worship, pastoral work, prayer and the teaching of Christianity.

2 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

3 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the Charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

(d) Fund accounting (cont'd)

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds. Endowment Funds are capital funds and may be either permanent or expendable (in which case the PCC can convert the capital to be used as income funds). The nature of each such fund is described in the accounts notes.

(e) Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

(g) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	20% Straight line
Church fixtures and fittings	25% Straight line
Office equipment	20% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

(h) Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

(i) Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

(k) Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

(l) Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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4 Incoming resources	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Voluntary income						
Planned giving	39,814	-	-	-	39,814	40,410
Collections at services	21,162	-	-	-	21,162	19,296
Grants	17,788	-	1,000	-	18,788	19,020
Other donations	7,281	-	4,630	-	11,911	12,603
Legacies	800	-	500	-	1,300	-
Gift Aid recovered	29,671	-	-	-	29,671	13,600
	116,516	-	6,130	-	122,646	104,929
(b) Activities for generating funds						
Fundraising events	8,752	-	742	-	9,494	6,523
Other	130	-	-	-	130	334
	8,882	-	742	-	9,624	6,857
(c) Investment income						
Bank interest & dividends	7,661	-	-	-	7,661	2,349
	7,661	-	-	-	7,661	2,349
(d) Church activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	36,078	(325)	-	-	35,753	24,051
Hire and lettings	28,757	-	-	-	28,757	26,450
Other	-	-	-	-	-	973
	64,835	(325)	-	-	64,510	51,474

5 Expenditure						
Church activities						
Common Fund	80,356	-	-	-	80,356	48,918
Mission and charitable	4,365	-	2,119	-	6,484	2,463
Clergy expenses	3,537	-	-	-	3,537	878
Worship & service costs	2,995	-	-	-	2,995	1,968
Music & organ	4,771	-	127	-	4,898	4,330
Church running expenses	23,548	-	-	-	23,548	32,294
Church maintenance	12,615	-	6,080	-	18,695	36,427
Church Hall costs	4,694	-	-	-	4,694	7,707
Staff costs	21,027	-	-	-	21,027	19,238
Administrative costs	7,041	-	-	-	7,041	8,124
Insurance	8,617	-	-	-	8,617	9,072
Depreciation	4,911	-	-	-	4,911	4,911
Accountancy & examination	1,674	-	-	-	1,674	3,500
	180,151	-	8,326	-	188,477	179,830

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6 Employees

The total staff costs and employees benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustees salaries	5,328	13,546
Staff salaries	7,343	2,963
Trustees pensions paid	241	727
Trustees expenses	3,537	2,002
	16,449	19,238

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2022: 2)

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: 0)

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

Remuneration of £5,328 (2022: £13,546) and pension contributions of £241 (2022: £727) were paid in respect of Mrs J Parker, a trustee solely for her work as the parish's administrator.

The Trustees Rev England, Rev Doore and Fr Radford-Powell were reimbursed a total of £3,537 for expenses in relation to their duties as clergy of the parish (2022: £2,002).

8 Net gains/(losses) on investments	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	3,174	(4,442)

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & equipment	Church fixtures & fittings	Office Equipment	TOTAL
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	6,917	43,501	8,553	58,971
At 31 December 2023	6,917	43,501	8,553	58,971
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2023	3,842	39,162	7,100	50,104
Depreciation charged in the year	1,156	2,594	1,161	4,911
At 31 December 2023	4,998	41,756	8,261	55,015
Carried forward				
At 31 December 2023	1,919	1,745	292	3,956
At 31 December 2022	3,075	4,339	1,453	8,867

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10 Fixed Asset investments

	Listed investments
Cost or valuation	£
At 1 January 2023	33,474
Valuation changes	3,174
At 31 December 2023	36,648
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	36,648
At 31 December 2022	33,474

11 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid recoverable	14,503	-	-	-	14,503	-
Other debtors	7,583	-	962	-	8,545	-
Prepayments	7,584	-	-	-	7,584	
	29,670	-	962	-	30,632	-

12 Cash at bank and in hand

	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash	104	-	-	-	104	104
Bank current accounts	18,547	-	-	-	18,547	48,553
Bank deposit accounts	64,392	90,675	81,721	-	236,788	223,354
	83,043	90,675	81,721	-	255,439	272,011

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	346	-	-	-	346	2,844
Other creditors	3,387	-	1,124	-	4,511	7,539
	3,733	-	1,124	-	4,857	10,383

14 Analysis of charitable funds

Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
St. John's endowment	313	-	-	(313)	-
Burbage graveyard endowment	773	-	-	(773)	-
	1,086	-	-	(1,086)	-

In April 2024, because of the small value of the endowments, the PCC passed a resolution to transfer the endowments to restricted funds with effect from 31st December 2023, in accordance with the Charities Acts 2011, as amended.

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14 Analysis of charitable funds (cont'd)

Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance 01.01.2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance 31.12.2023
	£	£	£	£	£
St John's Music	545	-	(127)	313	731
St Anne's Fabric	1,194		(1,194)	-	-
Christ Church Burbage Fabric	1,427	1,712	(390)	-	2,749
St James' Fabric	7,853	-	-	-	7,853
Christ Church King Sterndale Fabric	6,549	500	(432)	-	6,617
Christ Church King Sterndale Youth Work	170	-	-	-	170
Outreach	356	-	(82)	-	274
World War I Commemoration	51	-	(51)	-	-
Burbage Graveyard	1,056	1,045	(1,802)	773	1,072
St Mary's - Nadin Bequest	62,726	-	(788)	-	61,938
Projects & Events	-	1,124	(386)	-	738
Specific Gifts	-	2,491	(3,074)	-	(583)
	81,927	6,872	(8,326)	1,086	81,559

Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance 01.01.2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance 31.12.2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Fabric Repair & Development	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Rector's Discretionary	-	(325)	-	1,000	675
					-
	90,000	(325)	-	1,000	90,675

Unrestricted funds

The income funds of the charity include the following unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance fo their charitable objectives.

	Balance 01.01.2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Investment gains	Balance 31.12.2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	130,956	197,894	(181,440)	(1,000)	3,174	149,584

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestric-ted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	3,956	-	-	-	3,956	8,867
Investments	36,648	-	-	-	36,648	33,474
Current assets/(liabilities)	108,980	90,675	81,559	-	281,214	261,268
	149,584	90,675	81,559	-	321,818	303,609

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs E Tooze	
	Mrs J M Luton	
	Mrs P Woodroffe	
	Mr E Butterley	
	Mr P C Taylor	
	Mr A P Leyland	
	Mrs R Backhouse	
	Mrs L A Marrow	
	Mrs A Wood	
	Rev M M Slyfield	
	Miss J Hulme	
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	Mrs J E Parker	
	Mrs M R Overton	
	Mrs M Davies	
	Rev L England	
	Ms L Baldry	
	Dr R Beck	
	Rev C Hubbard	
	Mrs E Haggis	
	Mrs M Matthews	
	Mr J Wallace	
	Mrs A Warneford	
	Mr A Law	(Appointed 10 May 2022)
	Mr P Cartledge	(Appointed 10 May 2022)
Charity number	1128844	
Principal address	29 Bath Road Buxton Derbyshire SK17 6HJ	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities
The Charity's objects are bringing people to faith and faith to people.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance
2022 – a year of recovery

The year began with a return to normal life across the parish, with the churches re-opening and parish events and activities resuming.

Everyone was grateful for the care and support provided by the Team Rector, Curate, non-stipendiary and retired clergy, lay reader and worship leaders during the pandemic and its aftermath. We said thank you to John Wood on his retirement as lay reader and also celebrated his 91st birthday.

Outreach was a particular focus during the year, with activities such as the regular Pizza Party and Table Tennis Club for young adults proving very successful, while an ecumenical Easter Chick hunt in the Pavilion Gardens reached over 700 people.

Although the parish felt a sense of renewal and hope at the start of 2022, the invasion of Ukraine in February soon brought additional pressures. The cost of living crisis and soaring energy bills affected individuals, families and our churches. Many parishioners gave generously to the Ukraine Appeal and to food banks, while continuing to support the parish through their regular giving. The parish also secured a grant to set up a weekly 'warm place' for local people, offering free hot drinks, food and social activities.

Inevitably, rising costs have affected everyone, and a PCC Finance Away Day in November 2022 considered some of the challenges the parish faced and looked at possible solutions and priorities.

Looking ahead, the parish Fundraising and Financial Management teams will work with the PCC to manage resources prudently, reduce costs and identify ways to increase both regular and occasional giving. The PCC is very grateful to everyone who supports the parish, whether that is financially, with their time or talents.

Financial review

Financial overview

In 2022, the parish saw its overall income rise to £161,167, up from £146,269 in 2021. Collections increased to £19,196 (£13,689 in 2021) and there was a rise in contributions by standing order to £40,410 (£38,914 in 2021). Fees were £24,051 (£14,528 in 2021), as weddings and funerals were once again able to be held in churches. Lettings also increased to £26,450 from £15,640 in 2021.

The lifting of the lockdown restrictions and a decrease in Covid-19 cases was a significant boost for fundraising activities, which raised £6,857 (£1,058 in 2021).

However, the cost of living crisis and the impact of significant energy price rises had a very unwelcome effect on parish resources. Gas and electricity costs totalled £28,827 (£10,665 in 2021), an increase of 170%.
Other expenses such as insurance and cleaning also increased, while church maintenance costs were £9,374 (£5,409 in 2021). Expenditure for the year totalled £180,427, compared with £145,822 in 2021.

The central costs of running the parish were £26,718, an increase from the previous year's figure of £20,414. These costs were shared between the six churches in the same proportion as the Common Fund payment.

The parish did not pay in full its Common Fund request to the Diocese, paying £48,918 out of the total of £80,356 requested. After very carefully considering the financial position and reserves of the parish, the PCC made the decision to pay 50% of the requested Common Fund each month. It was also agreed that two thirds of any quarterly surplus would be paid in addition to this, up to the maximum of the Common Fund amount requested. The PCC has also designated £90,000 for future church fabric repairs and development.

The parish's overall financial position at the end of the year was a deficit of £19,260, compared with a surplus of £447 in 2021.

St John's

The church had net surplus of £4,548 compared with net expenditure of £15,548 in 2021. The difference is a result of the church being able to raise funds again, which had been prevented by the social distancing rules.

The average congregation has remained steady at 41, partly because new members took the place of several older or more frail members who have not reappeared since the pandemic.

The congregation was still led by churchwardens Jean Luton and Dr Roger Beck. The church was closed only when a Parish Service was being held elsewhere in the parish. In addition to regular worship, during the year the church held three weddings, one marriage blessing, four baptisms, six funerals, one memorial service and one burial of ashes.

Buxton International Festival as usual added considerably to the income of the church, and St John's also benefitted by welcoming other visiting choirs. The church is grateful to the Buxton Musical Society for their continuing and much appreciated support.

The church has continued to invest in infrastructure by installing a metal handrail on the steps to the West Door from St John's Road. More work will be needed on the outside lighting, including the floodlights. The enhanced lighting for the choir stalls is still planned: this will be advertised during the Festival in the hope of donations from the hundreds of visitors. Card readers have been donated to equip us for the new cashless society and we are confident that they will become a regular part of St. John's.

St Anne's

During 2022, the church continued to have services of Holy Communion each Wednesday. We have a small, but dedicated congregation that has increased in number during the year.

In addition to regular worship, the church held one wedding, one baptism and one funeral. St Anne's had net expenditure of £6,511 in 2022, compared with net surplus of £7,519 in 2021.

The church congregation is now led, for the first time in many years, by two churchwardens, Andrew Law and Philip Leyland.

In July the church celebrated the return of its Flower Festival and attracted record numbers of visitors, who enjoyed the displays and the peace and calm of the church.

With the help of a professional gardener and volunteers, work commenced on a project to restore the graveyards of the church so that visitors can enjoy the wildflower borders and screening trees.

In September the church opened a Book of Condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, following her sad passing. Again the church was visited by people, many for the first time. Some spent time in the church, with their own thoughts and prayers.

On the day before Christmas, we had a special service, which attracted a large congregation and there was music and joyful singing for the first time in over three years in the church. It was a lovely way to prepare for Christmas.

In 2023, we will continue to reach out to all who come to our lovely church and hope they find and witness the joy and spiritual peace of St Anne's.

St Mary's

The weekly service pattern at St Mary's resumed during 2022, and this included the successful move of the online Jigsaw Church into a monthly informal service led by congregation members. St Mary's continued to attract new members, and average attendances also started returning to pre-pandemic levels.

During the year, in addition to regular worship, the church held four weddings, 12 baptisms, 14 funerals and 11 burials of ashes. In August, the Bishop of Derby preached at the St Mary's patronal service, and the church also held parish services for Ash Wednesday and All Souls.

There was a welcome return for the annual Garden Party in June and the church hosted Buxton Festival Fringe concerts and plays during July. The Folk Carol Concert in December was a wonderful highlight in the run up to Christmas, attracting a record audience and raising over £300 for the local foodbank.

Social events and lettings helped to raise funds for St Mary's, which enabled improvements including the installation of wifi. The churchwardens Eric Butterley and Jill Hulme were very grateful to the Bingham Trust for its generous grant of £5,000 for removing asbestos which was discovered during work in the church cellar.

St Mary's had net expenditure of £3,818 in 2022, compared with net surplus of £993 in 2021.

Looking ahead, the church is developing plans to install kitchen facilities and new accessible toilets, and to invest in a new sound system for the church. Native hedge planting has enhanced the church grounds, and extending the Memorial Garden will be a priority for 2023.

Christ Church Burbage

Brekkie church continues to attract new families and provides an alternative to the formal communion services. Thank you to those who prepare the craft activity, provide the music and of course the breakfast.

During the year, in addition to regular worship, the church held one wedding, three baptisms, nine funerals and one memorial service plus 11 burials of ashes. The church had net surplus of £587 in 2022, compared with net surplus of £18,434 in 2021.

As part of our meet up mission plans, a faculty was applied for to remove pews from the north side to give space for a coffee/social area. This was expected to happen by March 2023.

Social events included the Snowdrop Tea, two coffee mornings and the Christmas Fair. All were well supported by the local community and raised much needed funds.

The churchyard working parties continued monthly and keep the churchyard weeded, free from litter and generally tidy. Many people visit weekly to tend graves and appreciate this. Our letter asking for a donation for upkeep of the churchyard and the memorial lights fundraising are well supported.

The lightning conductor was repaired in May and the annual roof/gutters maintenance done in December. No progress has been made on the driveway this year because of planning delays and the clock awaits a major repair and upgrade when we can find some grant money.

The churchwardens Maggie Davies and Anne Wood are very grateful to all who support Christ Church Burbage church in so many ways.

St James

The church continued to run regular bi-monthly services and these were often joined by the local Methodist congregation who showed their support. During the year, in addition to regular worship, the church held one wedding, four baptisms and three funerals.

St James is in a poor state of repair, mainly due to the effects of weathering and original building deficiencies. In April 2022, a public consultation was held over two days with the local community to listen to their needs and wishes and 121 people attended. There was overwhelming support for creating a community space that could also function as a church. The St James Community Team was set up to take this new vision forward; this began with a small, but skilled, group of five who met three times. In the New Year we aim to invite the next set of volunteers to take us on to a further stage of the build. The diocese building and faculty team have been supporting the team throughout.

Unfortunately, the damp continued to negatively affect some of the church items and so the decision was made to temporarily close the church doors in the winter of 2022 and make plans to move these items out of the church, until the new Church and community centre is built. A Thanksgiving and Blessing service will be held for St James in February 2023.

The church had net expenditure of £6,279 in 2022, compared with net expenditure of £2,052 in 2021.

Christ the King, King Sterndale

The church had net expenditure of £3,966 in 2022, compared with net expenditure of £3,573 in 2021. The church is led by churchwardens, Hazel Everatt and Paul Taylor. The average attendance of the Sunday congregation is 12. It is open daily during daylight hours for private prayer.

2022 has been a year to recover from the disruption caused by the covid epidemic, and to that extent we have averaged just over two services a month, generally one all age family service and one communion service. In addition to these services, we have had a number of first Sunday of the Month Activity Church services. We had three months in which we only had one service.

Activity church was run 10 times in 2022, on the first Sunday of every month with none taking place in Jan and Aug. Attendance varied between 7 and 23, with an average of 12 across the year. A total of 5 different families attended throughout the year and new families are continuing to find us on social media. Going forward, we need to continue to advertise effectively on facebook and encourage more people to get involved in the running and organisation.

During the year, in addition to regular worship, the church held one wedding, three baptisms, three funerals and two burials with no service in church.

King Sterndale held a Remembrance service at the war memorial in the church grounds to remember the lives lost from the community and also those who fought to protect our freedom.

King Sterndale Hall

Community events resumed after the pandemic lockdown, including the popular afternoon tea for visitors who came to the Snowdrop Days at King Sterndale in February. The Tuesday evening Pilates group and Activity Church also use the Hall.

The hall had net expenditure of £209 in 2022, compared with net expenditure of £385 in 2021.

Bath Road Centre

The Centre has had a busy year, with most of the regular hirers returning to their full hiring hours. In the summer the hall redecorated and it's now much brighter and fresher. In 2023 we hope to replace the fridge and worn carpet

Philip Leyland had a lengthy job to convince Johnnie Johnson Housing to repair the damage to the hall ceiling, caused by water leaking from the flat roof. He was finally successful, so it is all water-tight. Thanks are due to Philip for his perseverance.

We are also very grateful to Parish Administrator Jennie Parker, who does an excellent job looking after the Centre, and to everyone who uses it. Due to family commitments, Jennie cut back her hours as Parish Administrator at the year-end, and the PCC will look at options for managing the Centre.

The Centre had net expenditure of £2,671 in 2022, compared with expenditure of £4,883 in 2021.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Reserves policy
Reserves are required to be held to maintain levels of current activity, to respond to short-term emergency expenditure or shortfalls in income, and to respond promptly to future opportunities in support of the Parish's mission. Our policy is to keep free reserves equating to at least six months' ordinary expenditure, including an allowance for Common Fund liabilities over that period. Where appropriate, the PCC will also consider the designation of funds for specific future fabric repairs and development. The parish reserves do not include any sums towards the rebuilding of St James; a separate designated fund will be created for this project.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs E Tooze	
Mrs J M Luton	
Mrs P Woodroffe	
Mr E Butterley	
Mr P C Taylor	
Mr A P Leyland	
Mrs R Backhouse	
Mrs L A Marrow	
Mrs A Wood	
Rev M M Slyfield	
Miss J Hulme	
Mr R Gawel	
Mrs C Fell	
Mrs K Barton	
Mrs H Everatt	
Mrs J E Parker	
Mrs M R Overton	
Mrs M Davies	
Rev L England	
Ms L Baldry	
Dr R Beck	
Rev C Hubbard	
Mrs E Haggis	
Mrs M Matthews	
Mr J Wallace	
Mrs A Warneford	
Mr A Law	(Appointed 10 May 2022)
Mr P Cartledge	(Appointed 10 May 2022)

All trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The People Involved

During 2022, the full PCC was pleased to be able to meet again in person. Financial updates were given by the Treasurer at each meeting and copies of the quarterly accounts were distributed to the Trustees during the year.

The parish is blessed to have a willing and active team of volunteers who support the ministry team, PCC and parish finance and admin staff. Together, we are working towards growing the kingdom of God in our community.

Special thanks must go to Philip Leyland, who stood down as Parish Treasurer on 31 December 2022. Philip gave 11 years of dedicated service to the parish and we are very grateful for his financial management and stewardship.

Philip was supported by the individual church treasurers and churchwardens, and by the very hard working and experienced team of Rosie Shipley, Finance Assistant, and Jennie Parker, Parish Administrator. They continue to play a very significant part in the smooth running of the parish. Additional help was provided by the team that took responsibility for managing the VAT and Gift Aid recovery processes: Ian Armett, Robin Cundill and Eric Thompson.

So many other people have also given their time and talents in prayer, worship, mission and outreach, fundraising, administration, safeguarding, maintenance, gardening, cleaning, providing refreshments and supporting one another in service across our parish.

The Data

The 2022 Financial Statements were presented to the PCC at its meeting on 20 April 2023. The PCC recommended that the reports be presented for approval at its AGM on 23 May 2023, following published copies in draft form having been displayed in all churches for at least 14 days prior to the AGM. As St James remained closed due to being in a poor state of repair, a notice indicated that the report was available to view at the Parish Office.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Trustee

Dated: 20/4/2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

PKF Smith Cooper Limited

7 Compton Street
Ashbourne
Derbyshire
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United Kingdom

Dated: 18 April 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	2	103,929	1,000	-	104,929	108,797	-	-	108,797
Charitable activities	3	58,331	-	-	58,331	31,570	-	-	31,570
Investments	4	2,255	94	-	2,349	1,138	-	-	1,138
Total income		164,515	1,094	-	165,609	141,505	-	-	141,505
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	5	597	-	-	597	54	-	-	54
Charitable activities	6	157,188	6,107	-	163,295	114,091	10,267	-	124,358
Other	9	16,535	-	-	16,535	21,410	-	-	21,410
Total resources expended		174,320	6,107	-	180,427	135,555	10,267	-	145,822
Net (losses)/gains on investments	10	(4,442)	-	-	(4,442)	4,764	-	-	4,764
Net (expenditure)/income		(14,247)	(5,013)	-	(19,260)	10,714	(10,267)	-	447

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Net movement in funds	(14,247)	(5,013)	-	(19,260)	10,714	(10,267)	-	447
Fund balances at 1 January 2022								
As originally reported	*235,203*	*86,940*	*1,086*	*323,229*	*287,121*	*34,575*	*1,086*	*322,782*
Prior year adjustment	-	-	-	-	*(62,632)*	*62,632*	-	-
As restated	235,203	86,940	1,086	323,229	224,489	97,207	1,086	322,782
Fund balances at 31 December 2022	220,956	81,927	1,086	303,969	235,203	86,940	1,086	323,229

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		8,867		13,780
Investments	**12**		33,474		37,915
			42,341		51,695
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		272,011		278,419	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(10,383)		(6,885)	
Net current assets			261,628		271,534
Total assets less current liabilities			303,969		323,229
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	**14**		1,086		1,086
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**15**		81,927		86,940
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	**16**	90,000		-	
General unrestricted funds		130,956		235,202	
			220,956		235,203
			303,969		323,229

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 23/5/2023

Miss J Hulme
Trustee

Rev L England
Chair of Trustees

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton is a charity controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	20% Straight line
Church fixtures and fittings	25% Straight line
Office equipment	20% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Regular giving	40,410	-	40,410	38,914
Grants	19,020	-	19,020	500
Sundry donations	8,896	1,000	9,896	13,726
Gift aid	13,600	-	13,600	11,332
Collections	19,296	-	19,296	13,689
Gift days	-	-	-	40
Appeals and donations	2,707	-	2,707	30,596
	103,929	1,000	104,929	108,797
For the year ended 31 December 2021	108,797	-		108,797

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income 2022	Charitable Income 2021
	£	£
Fundraising events	6,857	1,058
Lettings of church properties	26,450	15,640
Fees	24,051	14,528
Sundry income	363	344
Other income	610	-
	58,331	31,570

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest	2,255	94	2,349	1,138
For the year ended 31 December 2021	1,138	-		1,138

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity		
Cost of fund raising events	597	54
	597	54

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2022	Charitable Expenditure 2021
	£	£
Staff Costs	19,238	17,517
Common fund	48,918	38,956
Clergy expenses	878	1,213
Church running expenses	40,778	21,168
Church maintenance	36,427	36,419
Church hall costs	8,200	4,678
Provisions for worship	1,968	1,154
Organists and vergers	95	219
Outreach and youth work	15	44
Honorarium	4,330	1,555
Missions and Charities	2,448	1,435
	163,295	124,358
	163,295	124,358
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	157,188	114,091
Restricted funds	6,107	10,267
	163,295	124,358
For the year ended 31 December 2021		
Unrestricted funds	114,091	
Restricted funds	10,267	
	124,358	

7 Trustees

Remuneration of £13,546 (2021: £12,870) and pension contributions of £727 (2021: £663) were paid in respect of Mrs J Parker, a trustee solely for her work as the parish's administrator.

The trustees Rev England & Rev Slyfield were reimbursed a total of £2,002 for expenses in relation to their duties as clergy of the parish (2021: £1,904).

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	2	2

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Trustees' salaries	13,546	12,870
Staff salaries	2,963	2,080
Trustees' pensions paid	727	663
Trustees' expenses	2,002	1,904
	19,238	17,517

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9 Other

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation	4,911	10,361
Bank charges	66	8
Telephone and postage	1,255	883
Printing and stationery	2,364	1,677
Advertising	38	1,102
Sundries	4,401	1,697
Accountancy	3,500	5,682
	16,535	21,410

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(4,442)	4,764

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Church fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	6,917	43,501	8,553	58,971
At 31 December 2022	6,917	43,501	8,553	58,971
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2022	2,686	36,567	5,939	45,192
Depreciation charged in the year	1,156	2,595	1,161	4,912
At 31 December 2022	3,842	39,162	7,100	50,104
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	3,075	4,339	1,453	8,867
At 31 December 2021	4,231	6,935	2,614	13,780

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2022	37,915
Valuation changes	(4,441)
At 31 December 2022	33,474
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	33,474
At 31 December 2021	37,915

12 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,844	2,791
Other creditors	7,539	4,094
	10,383	6,885

14 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments				
St John's endownment	313	-	-	313
Burbage graveyard endowment	773	-	-	773
	1,086	-	-	1,086

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
St Johns Music	545	-	-	545
St Anne's fabric	2,606	-	(1,412)	1,194
Christ Church Burbage fabric	3,189	-	(1,762)	1,427
St James' fabric	9,172	-	(1,319)	7,853
Christ Church King Sterndale fabric	7,731	-	(1,182)	6,549
Christ Church King Sterndale churchyard	236	-	(236)	-
Christ Church King Sterndale youth work	170	-	-	170
Outreach	371	-	(15)	356
World War One commemoration	51	-	-	51
Burbage Graveyard	237	1,000	(181)	1,056
St Marys - Nadin Legacy Funds	62,632	94	-	62,726
	86,940	1,094	(6,107)	81,927

16 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds	
	Incoming resources1	Balance at January 2022	Incoming resources	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Future Church Fabric Repairs & Development	-	-	90,000	90,000
	-	-	90,000	90,000

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Endowment funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	8,867	-	-	8,867	13,780
Investments	33,474	-	-	33,474	37,915
Current assets/(liabilities)	178,615	81,927	1,086	261,628	271,534
	220,956	81,927	1,086	303,969	323,229

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs E Tooze Mrs J M Luton Mr B Fell Mrs P Woodroffe Mr E Butterley Mr P C Taylor Mr A P Leyland Mrs R Backhouse Mrs L A Marrow Mrs A Wood Rev M M Slyfield Miss J Hulme Mr R Gawel Mrs C Fell Mrs K Barton Mrs H Everatt Mrs J E Parker Mrs M R Overton Mrs M E Shaw Davies Rev L England Ms L Baldry Dr R Beck Rev C Hubbard E Haggis M Matthews J Piercy Mr J Wallace A Warneford
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are bringing people to faith and faith to people.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

2021. A Financially Challenging Year

The Parish started its year hopeful with the arrival of vaccines, (albeit to the senior members of our communities and those who were at greater risk) that some version of normality would quickly return and that would see our churches fully open for services and community events. This still has not happened yet, but the recovery is in process. The pandemic didn’t just make people ill, it caused some continuing illness and untimely loss of life. It was difficult for everyone, the virus seemed to shape our lives and with sickness there was anxiety and emotional distress.

During the periods the churches were closed for services, the Parish was fortunate that other forms of worship were developed. These included on-line and also an over the telephone system for those parishioners who did not utilise the internet offerings.

We are also grateful for support and help given to The Team Rector, and Curate by non-stipendiary clergy, retired clergy, licensed readers and worship leaders during the year. At the beginning of August, we saw the retirement of Rev John Overton, Associate Priest. We are all grateful for his service and wisdom. The church also organised a limited stewardship campaign, to which the congregations responded and giving through the bank increased by almost 7.5% on the previous year.

Financial review

The net surplus of the Parish was £447. The previous year there had been net expenditure (Loss) of £71,277. The Parish did not pay in full its Common Fund request to the Diocese. The PCC took the difficult decision, after paying in full for six months, an amount of £38,957, to cease further donations to the Diocese, as income fell short of expenditure and the resulting drain on reserves was becoming too great.

St John's

The church had a net expenditure of £15,548. The previous year the net expenditure had been £23,552. This deficit is a result of continuing expenditure at a time when the church was either closed or was unable to raise funds due to lockdown or social distancing rules. Added to this, the average size of the Sunday morning congregation fell to 41 from 58 in 2019.

The congregation were fortunate to be led by churchwardens Jean Luton and Roger Beck and with continuing support from Bishop Jack Nicholls, met for Sunday Eucharist Services on 36 occasions, having been closed from early January to the end of March. This was a magnificent achievement in the face of continuing difficulties. There were also 3 Festival Masses, 3 G&S Festival services,1 Civic service, 2 Memorial services and 2 Funerals. The International Buxton Festival returned, which added to the income of the church. The church was also able to welcome other visiting choirs and grateful thanks is extended to Buxton Musical Society for their much appreciated, continuing support.

The church continued its investments in infrastructure. These included a substantial upgrade to the main church lighting scheme. There was also an upgrade to the sound system installation. This was funded by a legacy from the Will of Keith and Pat Robinson.
The church also plans improvements to the access from the road by installation of a handrail and lighting upgrades and further enhanced lighting facilities in the choir stalls.

St Anne's

The church had net surplus of £7,519. The previous year the net expenditure had been £8,743. Substantial financial support is still given to this church through bequests.

There were no services held on any Sundays during the year, but a regular Holy Communion Service started each Wednesday at the beginning of December, which has attracted a small, but faithful following. The church was also open for private prayer on two occasions each week for most of the year. It is a sacred church in which to pray and its peace has been sought by many residents of the town from many different congregations.

A new sound system has been installed in the church, following the demise of the old organ. Work has been completed on the roof, to keep the structure wind and water tight.

It is planned to carry out work in the gardens in 2022, seeking to improve them as a place of peace and tranquility.

St Mary's

The church had net surplus of £933. The previous year the net expenditure had been £12,596. The church reopened for services on 4th April, following a further national lockdown. The average size of the Sunday morning congregation reduced to 33 from 46 in 2019. During the year the church had 21 Sunday services of Holy Communion, 21 on line Jigsaw church meetings, 1 Family Baptism, 13 Funerals, 7 Burial of Ashes and 1 Wedding celebration. This was a huge offering by the church, which was led by churchwardens, Jill Hulme and Eric Butterley. The wardens also maintained contact with the congregation by email, telephone and where permitted, visits.

The church hosted a Parish Communion service on Ascension Day. The church also had 3 Festival fringe events in July. Unfortunately the famous Garden Party was cancelled for the second year, but the Folk Carol concert did joyously return after a one year absence. The church took part in the Baby Loss Awareness week and organised a service/ meditation in October. The High Peak Signing Choir met in the church from Spring and many new members learnt the skills of signing.

In the coming years, the church is looking to invest in a new sound system and become internet capable. It also seeks to install kitchen facilities and toilet upgrades.

Christ Church Burbage

The church had net surplus of £18,434. The previous year, net expenditure had been £12,980. The church was closed for Sunday services, due to the national lockdown until the beginning of April. The average size of the Sunday morning congregation has reduced to 17 from 21 in 2019, however the church remained open the whole year for funerals.

During the year the church had 17 services of Holy Communion, 5 All age services (2 with baptism), 1 service for the Giving of a Childs Life, 17 funerals, 2 graveside funerals, 3 burial of ashes, 1 burial following funeral at the Methodist church, 2 Wedding celebrations and 1 service of thanksgiving for pets. The church also commemorated Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph, supported by Burbage Brass Band and uniformed organisations and afterwards with a service of Holy Communion in the church. The church also held a Christmas Fair in early December, in order to help raise funds for the church and as a service to the local community.

The church is led by churchwardens, Maggie Davies and Ann Wood. Anne also organised the regular work parties looking after the church grounds and graveyard. The enormity of the work carried out by both churchwardens cannot be overstated. The disruption to the pre pandemic normal service pattern continued to impact throughout the year.

It is planned in the very near future to re-tarmac the car parking and access road area, which is a fairly major undertaking and it is also hoped to install an automatic winding system to the clock in the tower.

St James'

The church had net expenditure of £2,052. The net expenditure in the previous year was £4,627. The church had closed at the start of the first lockdown in 2020 and sadly did not reopen for services until July 2021. There were a total of 6 Sunday services in the second half of the year. The average size of the congregation fell to 12 from 14 in 2019

Due to age of the small congregation and continuing building condition issues, the PCC formed a small sub committee to investigate the future of the building as a worshipping church. The church is in a poor state of repair, mainly due to the effects of weathering and original building deficiencies.

Christ the King, King Sterndale

The church had net expenditure of £3,573. The net expenditure in the previous year was £5,136. The church which is led by longstanding churchwardens, Hazel Everett and Paul Taylor, was closed for services until the beginning of April. The average size of the Sunday congregation has increased to 14 from 10 in 2019. It was also open daily for private prayer from January onwards. The church has still not returned to its pre-pandemic cycle of services. In the remaining three quarters of the year there was an average of 5 Sunday services each quarter. There were also 2 Wedding celebrations in August.

This beautiful church is often visited by walkers, who are out in the area, and can enjoy the peace and serenity inside the church and it's grounds. On going maintenance has been carried out to the roof area to ensure it is wind and water tight.

King Sterndale Hall

The hall had a net expenditure of £385 in the year. In the previous year it had a net expenditure of £885. Lockdowns and social distancing rules made it very difficult for any community events to be organised.

Bath Road Centre

The Centre continues under the dedicated and resourceful control of Jennie Parker. The Parish continued to be blessed with the services of Jennie and the support she brings to all the clergy, group leaders and the churches in the Parish.

The lockdown during the first three months of the year and the requirements of social distancing measures until July, meant that income from letting was still not back to pre-pandemic levels. Income from lettings did however, increase to £7,600. In 2020 income had been £5,851.

The work to reorder the offices was completed during the year. We now have two offices and a small room for meetings. It is planned to redecorate the main hall and kitchen during 2022.

Central

Our central costs of running the Parish were £20,414 down from £28,113, in the previous year.
Other financial figures of note this year for the parish include: -

Church Collections - £13,689 (2020: £6,646, 2019: £31,683)
Fees - £14,351 (2020: £5,821, 2019: £27,733)
Fund Raising - £993 (2020 £4,147, 2019: £18,270)
Standing Orders - £38,914 (2020 £36,271, 2019: £35,181)
Gift Days - £40 (2020: £896, 2019: £3,191)
Rent rec'd - £15,640 (2020 £7,351, 2019: £24,485)
Total Income - £146,093 (2020 £94,133, 2019: £219,936)

Church Maintenance - £25,349 (2020: £12,234, 2019: £33,755)
Clergy Expenses - £1,989 (2020: £1,845, 2019: £3,912)
Common Fund - £38,957 (2020: £75,469, 2019: £73,056)
Total Expenses - £145,685 (2020: £165,410, 2019: £227,122)

Surplus - £447 (2020: Deficit - (£74,899), 2019: Deficit - (£7,186))

The cost at a central level of operating the Parish and Common Fund payments are divided between the churches in proportion with their per capita distribution of half the electoral roll and half the usual Sunday adult attendees.

The PCC strongly recognise the benefit of Gift Aid Giving by Standing Order and hopes more givers will join the scheme as it guarantees a church's income, (especially during periods of closure or non-attendance), streamlines the administrative work and allows us to plan for the future with more certainty. It is also worth noting that our banks no longer welcome large amounts of small denomination deposits and will in future reserve the right to charge for this facility.

The Treasurers and the PCC are grateful to everyone for their generosity whether they gave financially or with their talents or with both.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mrs E Tooze
Mrs J M Luton
Mr B Fell
Mrs P Woodroffe
Mr E Butterley
Mr P C Taylor
Mr A P Leyland
Mrs R Backhouse
Mrs L A Marrow
Mrs A Wood
Rev M M Slyfield
Miss J Hulme
Mr R Gawel

Mr E Thompson	(Resigned 25 May 2021)
Mrs C Fell	
Mrs K Barton	
Mrs H Everatt	
Mrs J E Parker	
Mrs M R Overton	
Mrs M E Shaw Davies	
Rev J Overton	(Retired 3 August 2021)
Rev L England	
Ms L Baldry	
Dr R Beck	
Rev C Hubbard	
E Haggis	
M Matthews	
J Piercy	
Mr J Wallace	
A Warneford	

All trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

The People Involved

Philip Leyland was re-elected as Parish Treasurer at the delayed AGM on the 25th May 2021 and with the assistance of Rosie Shipley, Finance Assistant, and help from Jennie Parker, Parish Administrator, and external resources, processed all the paperwork in the office, recording payments in and out during 2021. Philip was supported by the Treasurers from the churches in the Parish and the Wardens. Additional help was given by Eric Thompson, Ian Armett, Simon Marrow and Robin Cundill who handled VAT and Gift Aid recovery procedures. Many thanks go out to all these very special people. The Parish continues to be very fortunate to have their freely given time and expertise.

Grateful thanks are also extended to all clergy, especially Rev Liz England, (who continued to suffer illness caused by long-Covid), Rev Catrin Hubbard and Rev Margaret Slyfield. Also to church members, who gave their time and talents in prayer, worship, mission, fund raising, administration, maintenance, gardening, cleaning, providing refreshments, safeguarding, outreach and supporting one another to further the life of our churches here in Buxton Parish.

It was another difficult year for the whole of society and our churches and congregations were not immune from this. We were subject to further limitations on our ability to meet freely and this continued to have impact on church openings and church attendances. Sadly, a number of Parish organised activities came to an end. Including the branches if the Mothers Union, the Luncheon Club and Welcome Wednesdays. Happily some new ventures started, including a Pizza Party for younger adults.

The full PCC met on a number of occasions. Where it was possible and allowed these were physical meetings (including the 2021 Annual Meeting). Where it wasn’t possible there were a number of Zoom PCC meetings.

During 2021 copies of the quarterly accounts were distributed to the trustees during the year. Financial updates were given at the various meetings.

The PCC seamlessly moved its main banking facility from RBS to the Co- operative Bank during the year.

The Data

The 2021 Financial Statements were presented to the PCC at its meeting on the 5th April 2022. The PCC recommended that the reports be presented for approval at its AGM on the 10th May 2022, following published copies in draft form having been in all six churches for at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Trustee
Dated: .....

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

PKF Smith Cooper Limited

7 Compton Street
Ashbourne
Derbyshire
DE6 1BX
United Kingdom

Dated: .....

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	**2**	108,797	-	-	108,797	70,994	-	-	70,994
Charitable activities	**3**	31,570	-	-	31,570	19,368	-	-	19,368
Investments	**4**	1,138	-	-	1,138	1,925	-	-	1,925
Total income		141,505	-	-	141,505	92,287	-	-	92,287
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	**5**	54	-	-	54	62	-	-	62
Charitable activities	**6**	114,091	10,267	-	124,358	139,650	8,447	-	148,097
Other	**9**	21,410	-	-	21,410	20,072	775	-	20,847
Total resources expended		135,555	10,267	-	145,822	159,784	9,222	-	169,006
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**10**	4,764	-	-	4,764	2,134	-	-	2,134
Net income/expenditure		10,714	(10,267)	-	447	(65,363)	(9,222)	-	(74,585)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Net movement in funds	10,714	(10,267)	-	447	(65,363)	(9,222)	-	(74,585)
Fund balances at 1 January 2021	287,121	34,575	1,086	322,782	352,484	43,797	1,086	397,367
Fund balances at 31 December 2021	297,835	24,308	1,086	323,229	287,121	34,575	1,086	322,782

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		13,780		23,060
Investments	**12**		37,915		33,151
			51,695		56,211
Current assets					
Debtors	**13**	-		3,678	
Cash at bank and in hand		278,419		266,906	
		278,419		270,584	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(6,885)		(4,013)	
Net current assets			271,534		266,571
Total assets less current liabilities			323,229		322,782
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	**15**		1,086		1,086
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**16**		24,308		34,574
Unrestricted funds			297,835		287,122
			323,229		322,782

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....

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Mr A P Leyland	Rev L England
Trustee	**Chair of Trustees**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton is a charity controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	20% Straight line
Church fixtures and fittings	25% Straight line
Office equipment	20% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Regular giving	38,914	36,271
Grants	500	1,669
Sundry donations	13,726	4,401
Gift aid	11,332	15,659
Collections	13,689	6,646
Gift days	40	486
Appeals and donations	30,596	5,862
	108,797	70,994

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income 2021	Charitable Income 2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,058	4,780
Lettings of church properties	15,640	7,351
Fees	14,528	5,821
Sundry income	344	1,416
	31,570	19,368

4 Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Dividends and interest	1,138	1,925

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity		
Cost of fund raising events	54	62
	54	62

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £	Charitable Expenditure 2020 £
Staff Costs	17,517	16,893
Common fund	38,956	75,470
Clergy expenses	1,213	2,479
Church running expenses	21,168	24,341
Church maintenance	36,419	20,772
Church hall costs	4,678	3,167
Provisions for worship	1,154	526
Organists and vergers	219	160
Outreach and youth work	44	-
Charitable giving	-	1,836
Honorarium	1,555	690
Missions and Charities	1,435	1,763
	124,358	148,097
	124,358	148,097
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	114,091	139,650
Restricted funds	10,267	8,447
	124,358	148,097
For the year ended 31 December 2020		
Unrestricted funds	139,650	
Restricted funds	8,447	
	148,097	

7 Trustees

Remuneration of £12,870 (2020: £12,870) and pension contributions of £663 (2020: £554) were paid in respect of Mrs J Parker, a trustee solely for her work as the parish's administrator.

The trustees Rev Cocking and Rev England were reimbursed a total of £1,904 for expenses in relation to their duties as clergy of the parish (2020: £1,200).

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	2	2

Employment costs	**2021 £**	**2020 £**
Trustees' salaries	12,870	12,870
Staff salaries	2,080	2,079
Trustees' pensions paid	663	554
Trustees' expenses	1,904	1,200
RF CA1 - Trustee' expenses	-	190
	17,517	16,893

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
			£	£
Depreciation	10,361	-	10,361	9,848
Bank charges	8	-	8	28
Telephone and postage	883	-	883	752
Printing and stationery	1,677	-	1,677	2,333
Advertising	1,102	-	1,102	175
Sundries	1,697	-	1,697	2,503
Accountancy	5,682	-	5,682	5,208
	21,410	-	21,410	20,847
For the year ended 31 December 2020	20,072	775		20,847

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2021	2020
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	4,764	2,134

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Church fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2021	5,837	43,501	8,553	57,891
Additions	1,080	-	-	1,080
At 31 December 2021	6,917	43,501	8,553	58,971
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2021	1,657	28,396	4,778	34,831
Depreciation charged in the year	1,029	8,170	1,161	10,360
At 31 December 2021	2,686	36,566	5,939	45,191
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2021	4,231	6,935	2,614	13,780
At 31 December 2020	4,180	15,105	3,775	23,060

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021 & 31 December 2021	33,151
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	33,151
At 31 December 2020	33,151

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

13 Debtors

	2021	2020
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	**£**
Prepayments and accrued income	-	3,678

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	**£**
Trade creditors	2,791	2,729
Other creditors	4,094	1,284
	6,885	4,013

15 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments				
St John's endownment	313	-	-	313
Burbage graveyard endowment	773	-	-	773
	1,086	-	-	1,086

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£
St Johns Music	545	-	-	545
St Anne's fabric	2,606	-	-	2,606
St Anne's minor renovations	437	-	(437)	-
Christ Church Burbage fabric	3,189	-	-	3,189
St James' fabric	9,172	-	-	9,172
Christ Church King Sterndale fabric	7,731	-	-	7,731
Christ Church King Sterndale churchyard	236	-	-	236
Christ Church King Sterndale youth work	207	-	(37)	170
Outreach	415	-	(44)	371
World War One commemoration	51	-	-	51
St John's lighting	4,801	-	(4,801)	-
Burbage Graveyard	685	56	(504)	237
Bingham Trust Grant (Lighting)	4,500	-	(4,500)	-
	34,575	56	(10,323)	24,308

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Endowment funds 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	13,780	-	-	13,780	23,060
Investments	37,915	-	-	37,915	33,151
Current assets/(liabilities)	271,534	-	-	271,534	266,571
	323,229	-	-	323,229	322,782

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

19 Affiliated societies and groups

The affiliated societies and groups of the parish are considered not to be under the direct control of the parish, consequently their incoming resources and resources used have not been incorporated into the financial statements 2021 year end. The funds held by the above at 31 December 2021 were:

	£
Anglican Women's Fellowship	345

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1128844

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1128844

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs E Tooze	
	Mrs J M Luton	
	Mr B Fell	
	Mrs P Woodroffe	
	Mr E Butterley	
	Mr P C Taylor	
	Mr A P Leyland	
	Mrs R Backhouse	
	Mrs L A Marrow	
	Mrs A Wood	
	Rev M M Slyfield	
	Miss J Hulme	
	Mr R Gawel	
	Mr E Thompson	
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are bringing people to faith and faith to people.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

2020 A Difficult Year

The Parish started its year largely unaware of a gathering storm of a pandemic that would bring severe illness to some, untimely loss of life to others and disruption to the normality of life. In fact, our Team Rector Rev Liz England was an early casualty of the virus in March, only returning to her work after many weeks of incapacity. The after-effects of the virus resulted in a further period of illness later in the year and into the following year.

During the periods the churches were closed, the Parish was fortunate that other forms of worship were developed; on-line and a telephone system for those parishioners who did not utilise the internet offerings.

The Team Rector was supported by non-stipendiary clergy, retired clergy and licensed readers during the year. The Parish was fortunate to be given the services of a Curate, Catrin Hubbard, in June, and her drive, good humour and enthusiasm during this difficult year have been a blessing to the Parish.

Financial review

The net expenditure of the Parish was £74,899. The previous year there had been net expenditure of £7,186. The Parish did pay in full its Common Fund request to the Diocese of £75,469.

St John's

The church had a net expenditure of £24,839. This deficit is a result of continuing expenditure at a time when the church was either closed or was unable to raise funds due to lockdown or social distancing rules.

The congregation only met for services on 19 occasions during the year. The pandemic has caused much distress and bewilderment to a large proportion of many of its congregation. Many of whom live alone and have struggled with the isolation. The churchwardens and other members of the congregation have tried to maintain contact with the congregation by telephone and the internet. When the church was able to open, seating capacity was reduced by two thirds for social distancing reasons. There were no celebrations of marriage or christenings and no funerals were held in the church during 2020. Buxton Festival activities were cancelled.

Security measures for the church were reviewed by Insurers and their recommendations were implemented during the year, this included installing Wi-Fi in the church.

St Anne's

The church had net expenditure of £8,927. Following the first national lockdown on March 23rd there were no services held during the year.

A beautiful old church, which like all other churches in the Parish closed during the first lockdown. It was however the first church to re-open to visitors. In early August it opened for private prayer twice a week and has remained open throughout the remainder of 2020. It is a sacred church in which to pray and its peace has been sought by many residents of the town from many different congregations.

St Mary's
The church had net expenditure of £13,699. The last service before lockdown was on the 15th March and the church was closed until a service on 15th September. There were then only a couple of services up to and including Christmas Day. One of these services was the leaving service for Rev Keith Cocking who left the Parish to take up an appointment in the north-east of the Diocese. During the various lockdowns and whilst the church was closed for public worship, the churchwardens organised an online Zoom service "Jigsaw Church" on a twice a month basis. It attracted a strong congregation and was a compelling example of "Being Church". The wardens also maintained contact with the congregation by email, telephone and where permitted, visits. It was with sadness that the church lost its oldest member who sadly passed away shortly before her 103rd birthday. A collection of her poems is currently being sold. In this way, Betty still contributes to the life of St Mary's.
On the 19th December an organised outdoor carol singing event took place in the grounds of the church. All socially distanced, but great fun as the church approached the joy of Christmas.
It is worth noting that the roofing repairs carried out in 2019 has cured the water ingress problems and enabled easier maintenance of the roof tiles.

Christ Church Burbage
The church had net expenditure of £13,568. The church was pleased to host the licensing of Rev Margaret Slyfield in February, a further blessing for the Parish. As with other churches, Christ Church Burbage closed its doors at the commencement of the first lockdown in March. This disruption to the normal service pattern continued through the balance of the year. The church however did hold a service on Christmas Day and had continued its usual Christmas Memorial lights by erecting a Christmas tree outside of the church. The church still has an open graveyard and six funerals were held, three of which were at the graveside. There were also eleven burials of ashes. The church marked Remembrance Day with a service around Burbage Cenotaph, where a wreath was laid on behalf of the church. The lockdowns and social distancing have caused distress to many members of the congregation, and recognising this, the churchwardens have tried stay in contact by phone, email and where allowed personal visits. Routine maintenance of the church continued and improvements to heating systems were also completed.

St James'
The church had net expenditure of £4,921. This church closed at the start of the first lockdown and sadly has not yet reopened. This decision reflects the age and to some extent the infirmity of the small congregation, who were shielding because of the pandemic. The church did however hold an outside prayer event in July where everyone from the area was invited to attend.
The church is in a poor state of repair, mainly due to the effects of weathering and original building deficiencies. Sadly, earnest consideration must be given as to its future as a worshipping church.

Christ the King, King Sterndale
The church had net expenditure of £5,357. The church started the year brightly. Towards the end of February there was a village service led by the Rector. On the 8th March the Rector was joined for a service of Holy Communion by the Bishop of Derby, Libby. It was the Bishop's first visit to the Parish following her ordination.
The last service before lockdown was on the 15th March. The church then remained closed for services until Christmas Day, over nine months later. The church did however open for private prayer in the autumn. During the period of lockdown, the church organised a number of online "Activity Churches", which was a blessing to all who attended.

King Sterndale Hall
The hall had a net expenditure of £885 in the year.

Bath Road Centre
The Centre continues under the dedicated and resourceful control of Jennie Parker. The Parish is very blessed to have the services of Jennie Parker and the support she brings to all the churches in the Parish.
The various periods of lockdown meant that income from letting was greatly reduced. Income from lettings decreased to £5,851. In 2019 income had been £14,315. The decision was made not to furlough our two employees, both of whom work part time, as the work of communication and support for the Parish was now even more important. Many elderly or infirm members of the Parish received cooked meals, organised by the Parish during the first lockdown period. The work to reorder the offices was commenced towards the end of the year, (but was only invoiced to the Centre in 2021).
The Parish and the Diocese elected to waive any funeral fee costs during the period 22nd April to 31st August as an act of charity to help bereaved families.

Central
Our central costs of running the Parish were £28,113.
Other financial figures of note this year for the parish include: -

Church Collections - £6,646 (2019 £31,683)
Fees - £5,821 (2019 £27,733)
Fund Raising - £4,147 (2019 £18,270)
Standing Orders - £36,271 (2019 £35,181)
Gift Days - £896 (2019 £3,191)
Rent rec'd - £7,351 (2019 £24,485)
Total Income - £94,133 (2019 £219,936)

Church Maintenance - £12,234 (2019 £33,755)
Clergy Expenses - £1,845 (2019 £3,912)
Common Fund - £75,469 (2019 £73,056)
Total Expenses - £169,032 (2019 £227,122)

Deficit - (£74,899) (2019 (£7,186))

The cost at a central level of operating the Parish and Common Fund payments are divided between the churches in proportion with their per capita distribution of half the electoral roll and half the usual Sunday adult attendees.

The PCC strongly recognise the benefit of Gift Aid Giving by Standing Order and hopes more givers will join the scheme as it guarantees a church's income, (especially during periods of closure or non-attendance), streamlines the administrative work and allows us to plan for the future with more certainty. It is also worth noting that our banks no longer welcome large amounts of small denomination deposits and will in future reserve the right to charge for this facility.
The Treasurers and the PCC are grateful to everyone for their generosity whether they gave financially or with their talents or with both.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mrs E Tooze
Mrs J M Luton
Mr B Fell

Mrs P Woodroffe	
Mr E Butterley	
Mr P C Taylor	
Mr A P Leyland	
Mrs R Backhouse	
Mrs L A Marrow	
Mrs A Wood	
Rev M M Slyfield	
Miss J Hulme	
Mr R Gawel	
Mr E Thompson	
Mrs C Fell	
Mrs K Barton	
Mrs H Everatt	
Rev K Cocking	(Resigned 13 December 2020)
Mrs J E Parker	
Mrs M R Overton	
Miss M Falby	(Resigned 26 August 2020)
Mrs M E Shaw Davies	
Rev J Overton	
Rev E England	
Ms L Baldry	
Dr R Beck	
Rev C Hubbard	
E Haggis	
M Matthews	(Appointed 7 October 2020)
J Piercy	(Appointed 7 October 2020)
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All trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

The People Involved

Philip Leyland was re-elected as Parish Treasurer at the delayed AGM on the 7th October 2020 and with the assistance of Rosie Shipley, Finance Assistant, and help from Jennie Parker, Parish Administrator, and external resources, processed all the paperwork in the office, recording payments in and out during 2020. Philip was supported by the Treasurers from the churches in the Parish and the Wardens. Additional help was given by Eric Thompson, Ian Armitt and Robin Cundill who handled VAT and Gift Aid recovery procedures. Many thanks go out to all these very special people. The Parish continues to be very fortunate to have their freely given time and expertise.

Grateful thanks are also extended to all clergy, especially Rev Liz England and Rev Keith Cocking. Also to church members, who gave their time and talents in prayer, worship, mission, fund raising, administration, maintenance, gardening, cleaning, providing refreshments, safeguarding, outreach and supporting one another to further the life of our churches here in Buxton Parish.

It was a very difficult year for the whole of society and our churches and congregations were not immune from this. The first national lockdown saw all of our churches close their doors on March 23rd and remain closed for many months. During this period, congregations had to develop new ways of being church. At the beginning of August, St Anne's opened but only for private prayer. It wasn't until September that St John's opened and welcomed parishioners from the Parish to an organised service.

The full PCC met on a number of occasions. Where it was possible and allowed these were physical meetings (including the 2020 Annual Meeting). Where it wasn't possible there were meetings of the Standing Committee and also a number of Zoom PCC meetings.
During 2020 copies of the quarterly accounts were distributed to the trustees during the year. Financial updates were given at the various meetings.

The Data

The 2020 Financial Statements were presented to the PCC at its meeting on the 27th April 2021. The PCC recommended that the reports be presented for approval at its AGM on the 25th May 2021, following published copies in draft form having been in all six churches for at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Trustee
Dated: .....

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Smith Cooper Limited

7 Compton Street
Ashbourne
Derbyshire
DE6 1BX
United Kingdom

Dated: .....

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Endowment funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Income and endowments from:									
Donations and legacies	**3**	70,994	-	-	70,994	121,113	4,500	173	125,786
Charitable activities	**4**	19,368	-	-	19,368	83,161	-	-	83,161
Investments	**5**	1,925	-	-	1,925	2,232	-	-	2,232
Other income		-	-	-	-	52	-	-	52
Total income and endowments		92,287	-	-	92,287	206,558	4,500	173	211,231
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	**6**	62	-	-	62	1,085	-	-	1,085
Charitable activities	**7**	139,650	8,447	-	148,097	205,334	(56)	-	205,278
Other	**10**	20,072	775	-	20,847	19,647	-	-	19,647
Total resources expended		159,784	9,222	-	169,006	226,066	(56)	-	226,010
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**11**	2,134	-	-	2,134	8,517	-	-	8,517
Net income/expenditure		(65,363)	(9,222)	-	(74,585)	(10,991)	4,556	173	(6,262)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Net movement in funds	(65,363)	(9,222)	-	(74,585)	(10,991)	4,556	173	(6,262)
Fund balances at 1 January 2020	352,484	43,797	1,086	397,367	363,475	39,241	913	403,629
Fund balances at 31 December 2020	287,121	34,575	1,086	322,782	352,484	43,797	1,086	397,367

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		23,060		28,211
Investments	**13**		33,151		31,017
			56,211		59,228
Current assets					
Debtors	**15**	3,678		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		266,906		342,795	
		270,584		342,795	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(4,013)		(4,656)	
Net current assets			266,571		338,139
Total assets less current liabilities			322,782		397,367
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	**17**		1,086		1,086
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**18**		34,575		43,796
Unrestricted funds			287,121		352,485
			322,782		397,367

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....

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Mrs J M Luton	Mr A P Leyland
Trustee	**Trustee**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUXTON WITH BURBAGE AND KING STERNDALE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Buxton is a charity controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	20% Straight line
Church fixtures and fittings	25% Straight line
Office equipment	20% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments Issues’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Regular giving	36,271	-	-	36,271	35,211
Grants	1,669	-	-	1,669	7,965
Sundry donations	4,401	-	-	4,401	3,172
Gift aid	15,659	-	-	15,659	16,537
Collections	6,646	-		6,646	31,510
Gift days	486	-		486	3,191
Appeals and donations	5,862	-	-	5,862	28,200
	70,994	-	-	70,994	125,786
For the year ended 31 December 2019	121,113	4,500	173		125,786

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income 2020	Charitable Income 2019
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,780	18,613
Lettings of church properties	7,351	24,483
Fees	5,821	27,494
Sundry income	1,416	12,571
	19,368	83,161

5 Investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Dividends and interest	1,925	2,232

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity		
Cost of fund raising events	62	1,085
	62	1,085

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2020	Charitable Expenditure 2019
	£	£
Staff Costs	16,893	16,480
Common fund	75,470	73,058
Clergy expenses	2,479	1,436
Church running expenses	24,341	29,138
Church maintenance	20,772	62,985
Church hall costs	3,167	4,094
Provisions for worship	526	5,337
Organists and vergers	160	1,160
Charitable giving	1,836	3,102
Honorarium	690	4,553
Missions and Charities	1,763	3,935
	148,097	205,278
	148,097	205,278
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	139,650	205,334
Restricted funds	8,447	(56)
	148,097	205,278
For the year ended 31 December 2019		
Unrestricted funds	205,334	
Restricted funds	(56)	
	205,278	

8 Trustees

Remuneration of £12,870 (2019: £11,132) and pension contributions of £554 (2019: £236) were paid in respect of Mrs J Parker, a trustee solely for her work as the parish's administrator.

The trustees Rev Cocking, Rev Slyfield, Rev England and Mr E Butterley were reimbursed a total of £1,200 for expenses in relation to their duties as clergy of the parish (2019: £3,291).

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
	2	2

Employment costs	**2020 £**	**2019 £**
Trustees' salaries	12,870	11,132
Staff salaries	2,079	1,821
Trustees' pensions paid	554	236
Trustees' expenses	1,200	3,291
RF CA1 - Trustee' expenses	190	-
	16,893	16,480

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
			£	£
Net loss on disposal of intangible fixed assets	-	-	-	(2,948)
Depreciation	9,848	-	9,848	7,294
Bank charges	28	-	28	12
Telephone and postage	752	-	752	754
Printing and stationery	1,606	727	2,333	2,532
Advertising	175	-	175	758
Sundries	2,455	48	2,503	5,953
Accountancy	5,208	-	5,208	5,292
	20,072	775	20,847	19,647
For the year ended 31 December 2019	19,647	-		19,647

10 Other **(Continued)**

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2020	2019
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	2,134	8,517

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Church fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2020	1,140	43,501	8,553	53,194
Additions	4,697	-	-	4,697
At 31 December 2020	5,837	43,501	8,553	57,891
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2020	1,140	20,226	3,617	24,983
Depreciation charged in the year	517	8,170	1,161	9,848
At 31 December 2020	1,657	28,396	4,778	34,831
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2020	4,180	15,105	3,775	23,060
At 31 December 2019	-	23,275	4,936	28,211

13 Fixed asset investments

13 Fixed asset investments **(Continued)**

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	31,017
Valuation changes	2,134
At 31 December 2020	33,151
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	33,151
At 31 December 2019	31,017

14 Financial instruments

	2020 £	2019 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	33,151	31,017
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	4,013	4,656

15 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	3,678	-

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	2,729	2,721
Other creditors	1,284	1,935
	4,013	4,656

17 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments				
St John's endownment	313	-	-	313
Burbage graveyard endowment	773	-	-	773
	1,086	-	-	1,086

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£
St Johns Music	545	-	-	545
St Anne's fabric	2,706	-	(100)	2,606
St Anne's minor renovations	437	-	-	437
Christ Church Burbage fabric	8,997	-	(5,808)	3,189
Christ Church Burbage churchyard	811	56	(867)	-
St James' fabric	9,172	-	-	9,172
Christ Church King Sterndale fabric	7,731	-	-	7,731
Christ Church King Sterndale churchyard	756	-	(520)	236
Christ Church King Sterndale youth work	207	-	-	207
Outreach	1,943	-	(1,528)	415
St John's CCTV	212	-	(212)	-
World War One commemoration	51	-	-	51
St John's footpaths	243	-	(243)	-
St John's lighting	4,801	-	-	4,801
Burbage Graveyard	685	-	-	685
Bingham Trust Grant (Lighting)	4,500	-	-	4,500
	43,797	56	(9,278)	34,575

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	23,060	-	-	23,060	28,211
Investments	33,151	-	-	33,151	31,017
Current assets/(liabilities)	266,571	-	-	266,571	338,139
	322,782	-	-	322,782	397,367

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

21 Affiliated societies and groups

The affiliated societies and groups of the parish are considered not to be under the direct control of the parish, consequently their incoming resources and resources used have not been incorporated into the financial statements 2020 year end. The funds held by the above at 31 December 2020 were:

	£
Anglican Women's Fellowship	386
Mothers Union	184
Monday Lunch Club	578