

Ascension

Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) 2021

**Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of
The Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park**

Ascension

— MISSION STATEMENT —

Inviting those around us to encounter the living **Jesus** and be transformed to a life captivated by him.

— VALUES —

JESUS IS THE DEFINITION

We look at **Jesus** to see fully who God is, what it means to be human and how it looks to be fully alive.

PROPHETIC INTERRUPTION

We expect that **the Holy Spirit** will interrupt our plans, as he leads us as a community. We make space to respond to this as we follow him together.

EMPOWERING VOCATION

We are committed to helping people discover who **Jesus** has made them to be and empowering them to play their role in his rescue plan for creation.

JESUS ENCOUNTER

We expect to encounter **Jesus** as present with us and to be changed through this. We intentionally shape our gatherings to make space for this.

DEPENDANT PRAYER

We seek to engage deeper and more often in prayer, only with this foundation will we see the impossible happen and lives be transformed by **Jesus**.

Welcome to the Annual Report of Ascension Church in Bitterne Park. After the disruption of 2020, 2021 continued to be a challenging year, with COVID 19 still persistent in disrupting church life. Yet, despite these challenges, Jesus has been working amongst us, and there is much to be thankful for. We have seen the congregation continue to grow; we have seen the community adapt to the challenges that have presented; we have been able to meet more regularly to worship together; some normality is returning. This has been a time when everyone has pitched in, especially through the interregnum.

I want to say thank you to you all for those who are on the PCC, our churchwardens Andy and Loz, the staff team, and countless others who have volunteered, giving of their time and energy across all areas of the church. We have seen growth in children and youth work, where nearly a third of our community at Ascension is below 18 years old. That is amazing. We have also seen Jesus at work in Townhill Park through the ministry of Ruth, and we are excited about what God has in store.

There have been some extraordinary gifts given to the church for the sake of the mission, for which we are truly thankful.

Sadly, we have had several people pass away over 2021, and we give thanks for them and all they have been to the congregation.

Arriving in September, Sandy, Chloe, and I received a really warm welcome. We are so grateful to you all for supporting us as we settle in. It is a real privilege to be your vicar, and I look forward to seeing where Jesus will lead us in 2022. So let us keep on discerning together, looking out for where the Holy Spirit is moving and, prayerfully and expectantly, let us join in with what we see God doing within the life of the Benefice of Bitterne Park.

I warmly commend this report to you.

Revd Simon Robertson, Vicar

Every Church of England church has the same aim: 'to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.' Please read on to see how we fulfil that mission.

Worship and prayer

We welcome anyone who wishes to attend our **regular services**.

Throughout these challenging times we have continued to gather, in person, online, and sometimes both simultaneously, to worship together. We believe we are changed through these opportunities, whether in praise and sung worship, preaching, prayer or Eucharist, at home or at Ascension God is at work.

On Sundays, when in person worship was permitted, we have continued to offer two distinct services. A quieter, more formal, **9.00am Eucharistic service**, which once a month is reflective. The **10.45am service** is more informal and contemporary and always has specific provision for children. We have introduced a new monthly **6.00pm service** of praise and prayer. **Edge+** in Townhill Park continues fortnightly. The church family is continuing to steadily grow at all services, both in depth and numbers.

Small Groups Our small groups have continued to flourish over the course of the last year, with new groups being formed and existing groups growing in numbers. For many in the church, small groups are vital sources of pastoral care, family and friendship, for others a brilliant chance to grow in discipleship. Some of the groups established during the first national lockdown have adapted to life offline and have continued to meet, others came to natural conclusion following the re-opening of church buildings and the reintroduction of our regular pattern of Sunday worship. Our small groups continue to play a central role in the life of our Ascension community, and there is a hope that they can continue to develop in the coming years. If you are new to church and would like to get involved in a small group, please contact Peter or Marc

Marc Allez, Curate

Prayer ministry is an integral part of the life of our Church, and we seek to allow time to pray for one another when we gather to worship.

The **prayer chain**, for urgent or confidential needs, has received several requests during the year. Anyone can let the Parish Office know if they would like this team to lift a need in prayer.

In the recent past **Quiet Days** have been held four times a year but following the onset of Covid and lockdowns this was not possible for much of 2021. But, in November we were finally able to run again, the format was a little different, attendees brought their own lunches and we provided drinks. Silence was

observed throughout the day except for over lunch. Reading and art materials were provided as well as prayer and meditation resources including our large labyrinth. This new format proved so popular we are likely to keep it for future days.

Jenny Hewett

Mission and evangelism

The **café** remained closed during 2021, but a committee was established, and a lot of background work has been done with a view to re-opening it during 2022. The vision is for it to be a place for the community to belong and to provide opportunity to equip those in our community to get back into employment and to support those in need.

Alex Hills

Footsteps the parent and toddler group continues to be very popular, with a new family joining almost every week. Thanks go to all who help at Footsteps for their faithfulness in their support of this group. The greatest joy of Footsteps recently has been the overlap between it and both EDGE+, the fresh expression emerging in Townhill Park, and with the 10.45 service.

We have a **Tuesday morning group** that began as an informal Alpha - informal due to the number of children around and has now become a small group. There are between 8-10 mums and their children, from 6 different nationalities ("make disciples of all nations" ... they come to my front room!). They are hungry to know Jesus and, although we often only get a few minutes of peace, we have had times of the Holy Spirit breaking in, wonderful questions, tears, and laughter. Thank you to the volunteers who have helped amuse the children enabling those few minutes of God time. They are starting from knowing absolutely nothing about scripture and it is so refreshing to have such honest questions. Please pray for their growing faith journeys.

Tuesday evening **EDGE** meeting is a lovely community who each have

their own struggles. They support and encourage one another beautifully and love their time together, child free. We have been doing some of Jesus' parables but with a modern take. Their reaction was priceless when I was "arranging" them to help me with clearing a local pond, offering £500 for the day to those I employed in the morning (how much? Wow, I'll work for you!) and the same amount to those at lunchtime and in the evening (a very irate...but that's not fair!). I hope you can spot the parable there? Please do pray for these lovely people as they tentatively try to find Jesus during their struggles.

EDGE+ continues to grow, both in numbers but, more importantly, growing in depth. In September we had 4 adult full immersion baptisms, the first of this little community, and very exciting. We now have a planning group, including some of the local ladies, who both help plan and lead the bi-weekly events. We have another local woman, who has begun to introduce some worship to us; she is an excellent musician but is learning to lead us in worship as we are learning to worship as a community. The ladies from the Tuesday morning group have really serving hearts and are very quick to help cook, wash up and clear up at the end. We are looking to find local

premises into which we could have a more consistent presence throughout the week. Please do pray for wisdom around that. Please also pray for God to draw more men into what we are doing. A big thank you to all who make that happen.

Ruth Hills

Over the last year, despite the many challenges created by covid, **Ascension Youth (ASC:Y)** has grown by over 150%, with around 35 young people in total (we had 15 before lockdown). We begin each Thursday by eating together which the young people love and is a time for them to really develop in their relationships. We have spent time on and off site with some highlights being: twilight kayaking up the Itchen, water fights and torch light tag at Deep Dene and treasure hunts and chips in the park. In the building we have made and raced go carts, baking, crafts, dodgeball, and many other events. Over 50% of the young people are non-churched but come together and engage with the spiritual input time, learning to hear the prophetic voice of God, to ask questions and continue to grow in their faith, we have also been blessed to have the input of Joy Chalke who runs Southampton prophetic community; it was incredible seeing unchurched kids hearing God and is something we have built on since. For Christmas we gave 18 bibles out and

a prophetic word for every young person; we were greatly encouraged by the number of non- church parents who said how touched they were and how accurate the words were. Asc:y provides a safe place for young people amidst the challenges of their lives, where they can come and chat and know they are unconditionally accepted and relationships continue to thrive and some have begun coming to Church on Sunday as a result of the Thursday eve group.

Since **schools** have begun to reopen to the outside world, we were pleased to have been invited to four schools over Christmas, creatively delivering sessions that related to their curriculum using interactive drama, crafts and songs and giving out almost 1000 copies of the Bible Societies Christmas story.

We have recently reinstated our relationship with Bitterne Park Secondary, taking part in a panel answering questions to roughly 100 children and we have been invited to continue our Q&A sessions visiting each form during years 7 and 8.

Although our **preschool** work was cancelled this year due to a rise in covid cases, we were able to provide almost 200 bags for the children each containing a small gift, a craft, and a book.

During 2021 there were 3 groups running each **Sunday morning**: Early years, older kids, and Youth. Again, despite the challenges, we are thankful to have seen rapid growth in all groups, almost 100% with now around 50 children “on the books” and just under 20 children each Sunday. We are excited to begin to have regular interactive family services led by our youth band while the children have streamers and sign to the worship. These have, so far, been well received. The youth begin their time together with homemade waffles and discussion, and all the children have a full programme that involves role-play, drama, worship, games, object lessons, a craft - all centring around a passion for them to learn the word of God and to develop a personal relationship based on reflective prayer and how they can work with Jesus to show others God’s love. One way we do this is to use their work to form a window display but sometimes it is more reflective: what is Jesus saying?

Our annual **Light Party** was a great success, with the youth helping to run it. There were ten creation/jungle inspired crafts and as many games on offer, it was attended by over 200 people. It was great to see so many of the dads in the community getting involved with tug of war! My

personal favourite was the crocodile and butterfly cave!

Because children and families and wider community are so interconnected, we also try and develop relationships with families. For example, a low-cost **wreath making workshop** before Christmas for over 30 people was a wonderful opportunity to come together, 'pause' and chat and creatively celebrate the festive season. In summer we will have a youth family's weekend away in Devon and a Rocket Day (we design and launch rockets in the new forest while having a picnic).

Jo Szedlak

Newcomers This year we are pleased to have seen a huge number of new people, across a variety of age groups, join our church family. As restrictions have eased, we have been delighted to be able to have more opportunities to get to know each other socially.

Marc Allez

The **student community** at Ascension are a core part of the wider church, and many serve in different ways across the different ministries. Several of the students have found mentors from the wider church community which has been a huge blessing and support to them.

Despite COVID restrictions, we saw new students visit us in October for their first time and hosted four weeks of student lunches after the 10.45 service. The student group meets on Wednesday evenings, and many have invited friends to church events or services over the past year. Although we couldn't have a **student weekend away** last year due to COVID restrictions, we look forward to an away day in March! Overall, we've seen God at work within our student community and have heard testimonies of new conversations students have had with their friends about Jesus. As we look to the year ahead, we are excited about forming deeper community and seeing more students come to know the living Jesus!

Lorna Allez

Many of the **events** we had planned for 2021 were disrupted by Covid, but we continue to try and create opportunities for the church family to come together for social events or to creatively worship together

Ladies Group having not met since the first lockdown, had our first meeting outdoors in July 2021 and have been meeting, mostly regularly, in the Ascension Centre since the autumn. Most of our members voted to change our meetings from evenings to afternoons and although we have sadly therefore lost some members who are working the move

may hopefully encourage older members and others who are free during the day to continue to support what is now a full, twice monthly, programme of talks, events, charity fund raising activities and most importantly fellowship.

Frances Samphire

The **Prayer Shawl** team have still not met up in person since the start of Covid, but they have still been praying and knitting shawls to be given to those in need of a blessing. They have given a few away during this time but do have several looking for homes. So, if you know of anyone, who perhaps is poorly, or recovering from an operation, facing particularly challenging circumstances or otherwise who would like (or needs) to know that they are loved and known please contact Diana Higgins.

Diana Higgins

The **Flower Team** is a small but enthusiastic group, who continue to bring colour to our worship space. We have been able to enhance the beauty of our church for the major festivals using arrangements that bring joy to worshippers and those who visit during the week. These have been created using mainly silk flowers, but fresh flowers on special occasions.

Even though worship in person wasn't possible on Mothering

Sunday, we were able to make our usual posies for the mothers in our church and they were distributed around the parish by the church team.

Our Easter Lily display rose from the font to remember those who have passed both in recent years and before.

And at Christmas the Advent Ring and other arrangements around the worship space brought life to our church.

Our Flower Team would love to welcome new members, whether it is to be on a regular rota or just available to help on special occasions. We can undertake weddings and other occasions on request.

Donations are welcome towards the flower fund for displays in the church. Please contact the church office or members of our team.

Jane Tudor

Covid impacted on attendances at the Ascension **Art Groups** as it did for other groups. Early in the year, whilst still under lockdown, we maintained contact with members by telephone and a series of lengthy newsletters which included our "Lockdown Muses" - poetic reflections on our experiences. This provided us all with a lively and amusing outlet for our lockdown frustrations.

The PCC supported us running our annual Hampshire Open Studios

Exhibition in August. This was well attended, and we raised £1,500 for The Church Army via the auction and sale of paintings together with the sale of Cream Teas & refreshments. During the week we had many enquiries and requests to join our groups, so many in fact we had to create a “reserve list”. Eventually we commenced our new sessions on Tues 14th & Thurs 17th Sept, with an average of 24 attending each week since then across both groups. One of our members whilst recognising that there are some talented painters in the groups as well as others who continue to develop their technique observed that “we are all amateurs, and we really operate as a Church led support group which does a bit of painting”.

Dave Hewett. Tutor

Ascension Running Community continues to deliver free community running activities to promote good mental health and wellbeing. It has been exciting to see our group grow over the last 12 months, and we particularly enjoy getting to know those who have been joining us from outside the Church community. Thanks to the grants from All churches Trust and Southampton Council’s Community Chest, we have been able to train up a fantastic team

of Run Leaders and Mental Health Champions to support our activities. We now have three people who have completed run leader training and initiated new activities including: a weekly Mental Health Miles session, a gentle run and café social (accessible even for parents with pre-schoolers in tow), and a monthly run and social activity just for men. We now also have another Mental Health Champion who supports our activities, and another person in training as a Run Leader. Each leader’s background and gifts have enriched our activities and facilitated our connection with different groups within our community. The Project Coordinator role is established for a fixed term, providing administrative support for our current activities and team, whilst pursuing the development of new activities.

Anna Gordon

This year we have again had the need to run multiple **Alpha** courses, both at Ascension and in our Edge+ community. It has been enormously exciting seeing so many people taking the chance to explore the big questions of life and faith, and we are hugely thankful for all involved in helping to run these courses so brilliantly.

Marc Allez

We continue to provide a venue for the weekly **Basic Clothing Bank**. There were over 1000 interactions with people looking for clothing during 2021, the first 4 months were clearly impacted by Covid, with less than 30 visiting each week, as low as 13 in March, by contrast in September 151 people were helped. We now have a clothing bin in the car park which enables donations to be made 'out of hours', and although there is a facility for SCM to request items of clothing it is mainly revenue for basics bank that is generated from items donated. We continue to collect food donations to pass on as well.

Peter Goodall

This past year has been particularly tough globally in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic - Our link parish, **Naminage** has seen a change in vicar which coupled with covid has restricted our ability to make links with the Parish. We do however continue our link with the Reverend Richard Rukundo supporting him in his work as children and young person's lead for the Anglican Province of Uganda - he plays a significant role in supporting and training the dioceses and parishes in relation to safeguarding and parenting.

Peter Goodall

Pastoral

We have a small but loyal team of people who visit those who are sick or housebound. More than ever the capacity to take **Home Communion** to those who are sick, dying or otherwise unable to attend church has been important this year. There were 13 **baptisms** but no thanksgiving / **dedication** services. Two **weddings** were conducted here during 2021. There were four **funerals** or **services of thanksgiving** in our church, and a further one conducted by our team at a Crematorium during 2021. There were 7 interments of ashes in the **Garden of Remembrance**.

Personnel

2021 did see some significant changes to the team. The newly ordained Revd Lauren Cheshire left us in July to take up her Curacy in Bournemouth, but we are pleased that Revd Marc Allez had his Curacy placement continuing with us confirmed, and Revd Peter Goodall is now an SSM Curate with us part-time. Sara Whitmarsh, Licensed Lay Minister, made a move to be nearer her family. We are grateful for her time with us. After 15 months interregnum, during which Andy Gordon and Loz Foskett,

our Churchwardens, led the church alongside our staff team, in September we were delighted to welcome our new Vicar, Revd Simon Robertson and his family, Sandy & Chloe.

Anna Gordon joined the team as Running Co-ordinator, this is a part-time post funded for 1 year by a grant. Her role is to develop free community running activities within our local community, to promote mental and physical health through running and walking together.

Meg Bailey continues as the **safeguarding** officer, and we have continued to comply with section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Disciplinary Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Objectives and Activities

Facilities

Since the building has become more fully re-opened, we have been able to complete some bigger repairs – the canopy on the entrance and the wall along the driveway. We have also sorted some cracked windows and minor plumbing grumbles (faulty taps and cistern as well as a leaky sink). We have changed the heating contractors we use, and they appear

to have managed a temporary fix for the heating in the extension – in particular for the office and the cafe, work is scheduled Feb 2022 to sort these issues more permanently. They also have made the heating in the old part of the building much more effective and reliable. Additionally, there has also been some work on the automated fire protection systems.

Churchwardens

(GrACE) Greening Ascension's Community and Environment Steering Group.

This small group of people, passionate about caring for the world that God has made.

Our key aim is to encourage Church members to become more aware of how we can each care for God's creation better, and our aspiration is to help us all to do that through:

reducing the Church's carbon footprint; encouraging more recycling; encouraging purchase of fair trade and environmentally-friendly products; and continuing to improve the grounds for wildlife.

We have begun several projects this year: the Ascension gardeners each 1st and 3rd Wednesdays to manage the Church grounds for us and wildlife, to which all are welcome to join; the Church has signed up for EcoChurch and gained the Bronze Award; and we have a Facebook page to keep you all updated.

Our future plans include reducing the Church's carbon footprint; encouraging more recycling; encouraging purchase of fair trade and environmentally friendly products; and continuing to improve the grounds for wildlife.

Helen Pain, Co-ordinator

Financial review

2021 has been a good and stable year for us financially. We have seen an increase in regularly giving which is wonderful along with two legacy gifts. Income from hall hiring's is now starting to return and we expect it to increase further into 2022. We still own and rent out the house at 25 Lacon Close and our medium-long term investment has increased in value.

Expenditure was in line with our planned budget, except for a few

unforeseen maintenance issues around heating and café roller shutter. The Parish has met all its routine commitments including salaries, and the Diocesan Common Mission fund.

The PCC has decided to tithe 10% of the legacy given last year to help fund local community projects, and we expect to receive applications in 2022. The PCC has also generously donated £3000 to St George Foundation in Sierra Leone who work closely with ToyBox to support street children in Freetown.

Reserves policy It is PCC policy to maintain reserves equivalent to three months' running costs, £22,000.

It is our policy to invest the short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Tim Nutt, Treasurer

Structure, governance, and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met (in person or on zoom) 8 times during 2021.

Some additional meetings were also held specifically related to the recruitment of the new Vicar.

Each year at least a third of the PCC members stand down. At the APCM there were four retiring members, these were Marc Allez, Lorna Allez, Ann Devereux (all of whom were then co-opted back onto the PCC as staff members). The fourth was Alex Hills to whom the PCC gave thanks for his role as Treasurer.

The elections of their replacements were conducted as set out in the Church Representation Rules and Tim Nutt, Megan Bailey, Rosemary Haughton, and Alex Walker were appointed to the PCC. We would like to thank all who served on the PCC during 2021. For full details of the current PCC please see back page. Additionally, Matt Fewtrell moved away and consequently left the PCC in July.

The average weekly attendance, at Ascension, counted during October was 136. We continue to offer live youtube broadcast of our 10:45 service, with an average of 35 views per week during the same period. This is very encouraging given the continued prevalence of covid, the nervousness around covid and the desire to offer covid safe worship. We would usually expect attendance to be higher for the various festivals.

All those who attend our services, are encouraged to register on the **Electoral Roll** to enable them to vote for the PCC membership and to stand for election themselves. The electoral roll has been prepared in accordance Church of England rules. At the APCM on 23rd May 2021 the number on the electoral roll was declared at 105. During the past year 10 members have moved and I have received 10 new enrolments - leaving a total of 105 members on the roll - 61 who live inside the Parish and 44 out of the Parish.

Frances Samphire, Parish Clerk

October 2021 Peter became the **Southampton Deanery** Chapter Secretary. Throughout 2021 Synod continued to meet on zoom. The first in person meeting in 18 months will be March 2022.

Peter Goodall

Administrative information

The Church of the Ascension is in Thorold Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton SO18 1HZ. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is

The Parish Office, Ascension Centre, 1 Thorold Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton SO18 1HZ.

We continue to **Bank** with National Westminster Bank and our **Independent Examiner** is Jonathan Marchant.

Registered charity number 1128861

PCC members for 2021/2022

Chair Revd Simon Robertson (from Sept 2021)

Church Wardens Andy Gordon, Loz Foskett

Secretary Marc Allez

Treasurer Tim Nutt

Deanery Synod Peter Goodall, Sam Nichols Ben Parkin

Other Members

Lorna Allez, Megan Bailey, Karen Clucas, Jackie Cooper, Ann Devereux, Rosemary Haughton, Helen Pain, Christophe Szedlak and Alex Walker.

Ex Officio Ruth Hills (Licensed Lay Worker)

Approved by the PCC.
signed on their behalf by

Rev Simon Robertson

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bitterne Park PCC

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Bitterne Park, Southampton ('the PCC') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

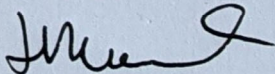
Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:



Name: Jonathan Marchant

Address: 31 Glen Eyre Drive, Southampton SO16 3NQ

Date: 26 APRIL 2022

Bitterne Park Parish
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at: 31 December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	44,374.14	17,998.80
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	42,162.11	67,139.75
CBF Church of England Investment Fund at valuation	1,004,727.71	878,420.90
Net current assets less current liabilities	1,091,263.96	963,559.45
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	1,039,216.61	917,921.45
Represented by		
Designated		
Designated - Family & Children Worker	-	-
Designated - Garden of Remembrance	40,884.82	36,161.00
Designated - 25 Lacon Close	-	-
Designated - Windows Cafe	-	-
Designated - Windows Cafe equipment renewals reserve	- 7,118.51	- 7,118.00
Designated - Tithe	10,350.53	10,350.00
Designated - Uganda	-	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Running Club	5,554.71	6,000.00
Restricted - Lift Maintenance	1,500.00	-
Restricted - Poverty Fund	875.80	245.00
Total Designated and Restricted Funds	52,047.35	45,638.00
Funds of the church	1,091,263.96	963,559.45
Total Income	£138,279	£116,854
Total Expenditure	£136,996	£173,047

Approved: April 2022

Bitterne Park Parish
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Lift-Fund - Lift Maintenance (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Freewill Offerings		1,500	—
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income and endowments		1,500	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		1,500	—
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		1,500	—
RunClub - Ascension Running Club (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other trading activities			
Takings		100	—
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>100</u>	<u>—</u>
Other income			
External Funding		2,432	6,000
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>2,432</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total income and endowments		2,532	6,000
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Courses and training		1,810	—
Equipment & Books		188	—
Salaries		980	—
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>2,978</u>	<u>—</u>
Total expenditure		2,978	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		-445	6,000
Brought forward balance		6,000	—
Total carried forward balance		5,554	6,000
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Alms		1,819	1,757
Freewill Offerings		72,463	49,197
Gift Aid		10,992	11,859
Lauren Leaving Gift		100	—
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>85,375</u>	<u>62,814</u>
Other trading activities			
Hirings		3,888	4,268
Takings		98	475
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>3,987</u>	<u>4,743</u>
Investments			
Dividends		24,548	14,993
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>24,548</u>	<u>14,993</u>

Other income		
Events	1,051	545
External Funding	38	906
Fees	3,856	3,282
Fundraising	—	195
Miscellaneous	10	121
Refunds	459	2,778
Students	—	245
Smith Gift	15	1,405
NHS Gift Bags	—	60
<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>5,429</u>	<u>9,540</u>
Total income and endowments	119,340	92,092
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charities	—	490
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>490</u>
Other expenditure		
Children and families	—	2,610
Cleaning	4,865	4,718
Courses and training	593	1,303
Curates' expenses	141	846
Distribution of external funding	660	750
Electricity	2,034	2,096
Equipment & Books	4,033	536
Events Social	1,453	1,335
Events Outreach	144	664
Fees	1,760	1,619
Fire Protection	207	418
Food	20	307
Gas	5,511	4,542
Hire Deposit return	—	96
Insurance	4,773	4,572
Maintenance, fixtures and fittings	9,282	24,544
Discretionary fund	146	379
Music	316	377
Office expenses	2,348	1,785
Ordinands' expenses	297	336
Outreach worker's expenses	1,161	652
Parish Administrator Costs	10,071	9,679
Parish Share - CMF	40,932	40,932
Refuse	775	726
Sanctuary	976	537
Stationery and Literature	—	8
Vicar's expenses	115	961
Water	2,168	1,049
Students	623	573
Marketing	1,225	530
Licences	1,038	924
Parish Phone/Broadband	779	721
IT Operations	929	979
Payroll Costs	291	259
COVID-19	792	1,346
Smith Gift Expenses	15	1,405
NHS Gift Bags	—	253
Lauren Leaving Expense	224	—
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>100,712</u>	<u>115,381</u>
Total expenditure	100,712	115,871
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	18,627	-23,778
Brought forward balance	75,713	69,025
Transfers to/(from)	-19,942	42,762

Transfers to/(from)	—	-12,296
Total carried forward balance	74,398	75,713

Garden - Garden of Remembrance (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offerings	525	200
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>525</i>	<i>200</i>
Investments		
Dividends	1,006	971
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>1,006</i>	<i>971</i>
Total income and endowments	1,531	1,171
Expenditure		
Other expenditure		
Gardening	1,786	1,390
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>1,786</i>	<i>1,390</i>
Total expenditure	1,786	1,390
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-255	-218
Brought forward balance	1,546	2,754
Transfers to/(from)	—	-990
Total carried forward balance	1,291	1546

F-C-Worker - Family & Children Worker (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offerings	—	20
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>20</i>
Other trading activities		
Takings	237	—
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>237</i>	<i>—</i>
Other income		
Events	489	—
External Funding	—	1,000
<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>489</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Total income and endowments	727	1,020
Expenditure		
Other expenditure		
Children and families	3,499	429
Events Social	565	—
Children & Youth Worker Costs	25,886	25,945
Light Party	669	—
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>30,620</i>	<i>26,375</i>
Total expenditure	30,620	26,375
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-29,892	(25,355)
Brought forward balance	—	(1,379)
Transfers to/(from)	29,892	26,734
Total carried forward balance	—	—

Poverty - Poverty Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offerings	200	200

	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Total income and endowments		200	200
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Distribution of external funding		200	650
Electricity		35	—
Equipment & Books		85	—
Discretionary fund		250	—
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>570</u>	<u>650</u>
Total expenditure		570	650
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		-370	(450)
Brought forward balance		245	695
Transfers to/(from)		1,000	—
Total carried forward balance		875	245
Cafeequip - Windows Cafe equipment renewals reserve (Designated) Fund			
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Maintenance, fixtures and fittings		—	1,346
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,346</u>
Total expenditure		—	1,346
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		—	(1,346)
Brought forward balance		-7,118	-7,233
Transfers to/(from)		—	1,461
Total carried forward balance		-7,118	-7,118
Tithe - Tithe (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		10,350	10,058
Transfers to/(from)		—	292
Total carried forward balance		10,350	10,350
Lacon - 25 Lacon Close (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other trading activities			
Rent		12,450	11,400
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>12,450</u>	<u>11,400</u>
Total income and endowments		12,450	11,400
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Insurance		329	294
Maintenance, fixtures and fittings		—	1,668
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>329</u>	<u>1,962</u>
Total expenditure		329	1,962
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		12,120	9,437
Brought forward balance		-1,170	14,258
Transfers to/(from)		-10,950	-24,865
Total carried forward balance		—	-1,170
<i>There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown</i>			

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bitterne Park PCC

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Bitterne Park, Southampton ('the PCC') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

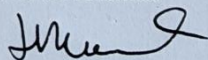
I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed: 

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Date: 26 APRIL 2022