

Ascension

Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) 2022

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

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Ascension

Vision and Values

Vision

To see God's kingdom come to our communities through making and growing whole life followers of Jesus.

Values

We are a warm and welcoming community, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ, hungering for the in-filling, presence, and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and seeking to love the world in the name of Jesus. Therefore, we value:

Encountering Jesus

Our highest, greatest privilege and deepest joy is to have a relationship with Jesus. It is this relationship with Him that defines our lives. We are called to be His disciples, follow Him, worship Him, and be shaped by Him. We believe that our lives are changed forever when we encounter Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Deep community

Church is family where you can find your home. We seek to live generously, practice hospitality, release creativity, and have hearts of compassion. It's a place where we encourage one another to discover and follow God's call on each of our lives.

Loving mission

God is on a mission to reconcile all things to himself. Together we are called to join him in that mission, creatively and prophetically engaging with our local area, and seeing people come to faith and communities thrive.

Welcome

Welcome to the Annual Report of Ascension Church in Bitterne Park for 2022. What a difference a year makes. With restrictions lifted and people able to return to some normality, we find ourselves faced with a new set of challenges, the cost of living and the political uncertainties. Yet through all of this, we have seen the church respond to the needs of the local community, seeing people eager to learn more about Jesus, and here at Ascension, we have seen continued growth in those who call Ascension their home.

We have much to celebrate as we now have two new members of staff, Lizi and Anna, who are an incredible asset to us. We have partnered with Southampton City Mission and others to run the Market Place in Townhill Park. We have started a well-being café supported by NHS social prescribers and MIND. This has been expanded to every week over the winter period as part of our response to Warmer Place's initiative. We have seen continued growth in our children and youth work and are now in the process of appointing an assistant children and youth worker. We have now become a Centre of Mission, partnering with the Diocese and the Church Army, and now Claire has joined the team working alongside Ruth. These are just a few exciting developments; as you will read in the rest of this report, there is more besides.

In these challenging times, it is essential more than ever for the church to be a place of hope, a beacon, and a place where we share the light of Christ. Where we continue to grow in our discipleship to Jesus. I am grateful for everyone playing their part in seeing God's Kingdom come to Bitterne Park and beyond. Our vision is to see God's kingdom come to our communities through making and growing whole life followers of Jesus, where we value Encountering Jesus, Deep community, and Loving mission.

We will continue to discern God's guidance and look forward to another exciting year ahead.

I warmly commend this report to you.

Revd Simon Robertson, Vicar

Encountering Jesus

Sunday Services

Throughout 2022 we have continued to gather, in person and online, 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, we have continued to offer two distinct services each week. A quieter, more formal, **9.00am Eucharistic service** and a **10.45am service** is more informal and contemporary and has specific provisions for children. In addition, we have continued our monthly **6.00pm service** of praise and prayer. **Edge+** in Townhill Park continued to run fortnightly with a move to weekly in 2023. The church family continues to grow steadily at all services, in-depth and in numbers.

Prayer

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

Life Events

There were seventeen **baptisms** and one **thanksgiving/dedication Service** held during 2022. There were two **weddings** conducted, two **funerals** and two **services of thanksgiving** in our church, and a further six conducted by our team at a Crematorium. There were nine interments of ashes in Ascension's **Garden of Remembrance**.

Alpha

As last year, we have again had the opportunity to host several **Alpha** courses 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 currently exploring how we can work with other churches across the city to keep up this trend.

Marc Allez, Curate

The Rising Generation

Over the last year, our **Ascension Youth Group on Thursday evening** has continued to grow, with around 40 young people regularly attending. We begin each Thursday by eating together and 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, Ikea scavenger hunts and treasure hunts and chips in the park. We are excited to soon meet with another local youth group with a human 'among us' game. In the building, we have scrapheap challenge, baking, and crafts.

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, ask questions and continue to grow in their faith. We have also been blessed to have the input of Joy Chalke, who runs the Southampton **prophetic community**. Seeing unchurched kids hearing God was incredible, and we are excited that she will be coming more regularly.

For Christmas, we gave out bibles to many of the young people 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. Ascension Youth 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, relationships continue to thrive, and some have begun coming to Church on Sunday because of the Thursday evening group.

In summer, we had a **youth family's weekend away** in Devon and are set to have another this year. Also, in collaboration with two other churches, we helped run a **'Youthfest'**. A weekend of worship, friendship and teaching for young people, which saw many young people saved and spiritually grow. This event was attended by around 100 young people from seven different churches. We celebrated this within Ascension Church in January with a similar format, hosting 130 young people. Seeing so many of our Thursday evening youth attend and enjoy the evening was lovely. We look forward to another 'Youthfest' in June and all that Jesus will do in the young people's lives.

Our **school's work** has been exciting, particularly as relationships grow. Over Christmas, we saw over 1,400 children in 7 different schools and preschools.

During the last year we have continued to see growth, in all areas of **Sunday Children's and Youth work**, with around 90 children on the books, making up a third of the congregation each Sunday. The increase in our youth group has led to the formation of an older youth group both on a Sunday morning and a Weekday evening. It has been exciting to see the kids grow in worship and prayer, engaging with the Sunday morning worship in the main service and their own groups. We are very excited to see many of them attend a monthly **youth worship band**. As in previous years, the youth begin their time together with breakfast and fellowship, and all the children have a full programme that involves role-play, drama, worship, games, object lessons, a craft. Our heart is to see children and young people grow in their relationship with Jesus, walking in the fullness of his plan for their lives, knowing who He says they are and sharing that faith with those around them.

Our annual **Light Party** was a great success, with the youth helping to run it. With a 'League of Super Pets' theme, it was attended by over 200 people. It was great to see so many of the dads in the community getting involved in a tug-of-war! My personal favourite was the guinea pig gauntlet and the bat cave, but it was also so lovely that leaders from other churches offered to help with this event.

Because children, families, and the wider community are so interconnected, we also try to develop relationships with families. For example, a low-cost wreath-making **workshop** before Christmas for 90 people was a wonderful opportunity to come together, 'pause' and chat and creatively celebrate the festive season.

It was also lovely at Christmas to be present in **'Christmas in the Triangle'** running a craft table and chatting to parents and children was a real privilege and it is lovely to see those inter-church relationships deepen.

Jo Szedlak, Children & Youth Worker

EDGE (Every Day God Encounters)

The Church Army Southampton **Centre of Mission** moved from Sholing to Bitterne Park in September 2022 and to the parish of Ascension. Ruth Hills is now the full-time Lead Evangelist, and Claire Lingard has joined us from Middlesbrough as the Pioneer Evangelist. Claire works part-time in Townhill Park with Ruth and EDGE+ and is part-time across the Diocese rolling out Envoy, a discipleship community.

Footsteps, the parent and toddler group which Claire is now leading, continues to be very popular. The greatest joy of Footsteps is the overlap between it and EDGE+, the fresh expression emerging in Townhill Park, and the 10.45am service.

The **Tuesday morning group, EDGE Disciples**, is a wonderful small group that meets to grow in faith and understanding of walking with Jesus. There is a hunger to know Jesus and, thanks to Rosemary looking after the children, where we have begun to have worship, times of the Holy Spirit breaking in, wonderful questions, prayer, tears, and laughter.

Tuesday evening's EDGE meeting is a lovely community. We support and encourage one another beautifully and love our time together. We have been watching The Chosen together and have had some wonderful discussions as they see the Bible fleshed out for them. Working out our faith together in amongst the complicated messiness of life and encouraging each other to see where God is moving in each other's lives.

EDGE+ continues to grow in numbers and, more importantly, in the depth of understanding. We have now had a total of 10 baptisms, with another one pending. From the beginning of 2023, we will meet weekly, with food offered each week, a huge undertaking for which we are very grateful to our team of volunteers who cook and clear up afterwards. It is especially difficult to cater when the number who attend fluctuates so much! The team normally cater for around 40, and either we have smaller portions or there is enough for folks to take some home with them. It always works out! We are a community of people working together to see God's kingdom grow in that place, which is evident every week as everyone mucks in throughout to help.

EDGE Parent Support Group, which will begin shortly at the SureStart centre in Townhill Park, will cooperate with the local council and with local mums as volunteers. This is an exciting step forward in the ministry of EDGE, and we will see how it goes.

We continue to look for premises in the Townhill Park area that we could use as our own but have, as yet been unsuccessful, though discussions with the council around a couple of future possibilities are ongoing. Your prayers for all the work God is doing are much appreciated.

Ruth Hills, Lead Evangelist

Deep community

Newcomers: This year, we have continued to see new people join our community. This has been across the whole breadth of our community, from the 9:00 service to Edge+, in our youth and children's groups, and our 10:45 congregation. We are delighted with how Jesus is bringing people to us, but we would love to see this continue.

Marc Allez, Curate

Small Groups

Our **small groups** have continued to flourish over the course of the last year, with another new group being formed. For many, small groups are essential to their discipleship journey, being places of care, family, friendship, teaching, prayer and encouragement. 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.

Marc Allez, Curate

The **student community** continue to meet on a Sunday evening, sharing a meal followed by a bible study or joining with the whole church for evening worship. This year we've tried to find natural ways of helping students get to know other members of the church. This has included running workshops for the whole church on Sunday evenings on topics like prayer and prophesy and joining in with the monthly worship evenings. We've had a few socials throughout the year, including a scavenger hunt at IKEA and we look forward our day away together in March. We've seen God at work through the increase in new students coming, in seeing how we're growing closer as a community, and seeing people serve in all different ways. Looking ahead we're excited about being witnesses wherever we are, and seeing people grow in their faith so they're able to share Jesus with their friends and colleagues.

Anne Ranasinghe, Student group co-leader

Our **Seniors Group** is now in its second year, meeting every other month on a Saturday afternoon. Interest in the group is still growing as the word gets around. Chris starts each afternoon with twenty minutes of Armchair Keep Fit to music, followed by tea, cake and time to chat. During tea, Jennifer sells photographic cards in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. After tea the group continue with a talk, music or quiz and a variety of interesting subjects and entertainment have been arranged for the coming year. Many thanks to Jenny and the ladies who supply and serve the tea and cake and to all who help and take part. Any enquiries and ideas for the future, please contact Barbara.

Barbara Winsborough

The long running **Ladies Group** continues to meet mostly twice a month at the Ascension Centre with a programme of talks and social events, craft, quizzes etc. We continue to fund raise and were able to donate £400 to the work of the Wessex branch of the Blood Bikers. Most importantly we continue to be a friendly and supportive group and are always happy to welcome new members.

Frances Samphire

Social Events

We have enjoyed running **social events** again this year – creating opportunities for the church family to unite socially or worship together creatively. We held a Maundy Thursday meal and worship evening, a Summer Ball, a Volunteer's Thank You BBQ, a Quiz and Chips Night and a Christmas Party. All of which were well attended and a wonderful opportunity to spend time together. 2022 also saw the return of our regular Baked Potato Sundays – an opportunity to share a simple meal together after our 10:45 service.

Lizi Fewtrell, Operations co-ordinator

Loving mission

Ascension Running Community

The **Ascension Running Community** continues to lead free community running activities to promote good mental health and wellbeing through running together. We regularly have 2 groups out running each Monday and have resumed our gentle weekly Friday morning runs with cafe social afterwards. We continue to have new people join our community, the majority of whom are not otherwise connected with our church, and we encourage discussion and open conversation about wellbeing to offer support and encouragement in pursuing good mental health and seeking support as required.

We will soon launch a daytime walking activity which we hope will help us engage with a different audience and promote the benefits of physical activity on mental health and wellbeing. We are grateful to our team of volunteer Run Leaders and Mental Health Champions for supporting our activity in this way and strive to seek God's plans for this activity going forward.

Anna Gordon, Run Leader

Wellbeing Café

In May, we opened a monthly **Wellbeing Café**. The Wellbeing Café is a welcoming space where anyone from the community can come and relax, chat, and have a free drink and something to eat. We run the café with partners from various community groups, including Mind and Social Prescribers from the NHS Living Well Partnership. Due to its success, and in response to the cost-of-living crisis and warm spaces initiative, the Wellbeing Café will run weekly from January 2023.

Lizi Fewtrell, Operations Co-ordinator

Townhill Christmas Presence

Over Christmas, we ran the **Townhill Christmas Presence** – a fun filled day in Townhill where families, identified as being most in need, were invited to share a meal, enjoy some festive crafts and, most importantly, pick out and wrap some gifts for members of their family to be given on Christmas Day. Through the amazing generosity of our congregation, this project saw over 100 gifts donated and £1440 received in cash donations to be spent on gifts for the project. Through this project 60 children and 38 adults had gifts chosen and wrapped for them.

GrACE

GrACE (Greening Ascension's Community and Environment Steering Group). This small group of people, passionate about caring for the world that God has made, has organised a number of projects this year: the Ascension gardeners each 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 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 supporting the church in reducing its carbon footprint; encouraging more recycling; encouraging the purchase of fair trade and environmentally- friendly products; and continuing to improve the grounds for wildlife.

Helen Pain, Co-ordinator

Market Place and Basic Clothing Bank

We have partnered with Southampton City Mission and others to run the **Market Place** initiative from the community centre in Townhill Park. The aim of the Market Place is to offer "choice and dignity through a personal selection of discounted, quality, fresh, refrigerated, and frozen food products to supplement people's weekly shopping. They are also intended to be small, welcoming communities offering all the health and wellbeing benefits of regular contact with a supportive network of peers and friends. Additional support will be offered by having regular visits and workshops by other charities and agencies such as Social Prescribers, Debt Advice, Mental Health nurses etc."

We continue to provide a venue for the weekly **Basic Clothing Bank**. Following the Pandemic lockdowns, the number of people taking advantage of the free clothing project based at Ascension has been steadily climbing – clothing 1906 people in 2022. As usual, the clientele are from mixed backgrounds: single people, couples, and families; unemployed, retired, part-time and full-time workers; those referred in because of a tragic life event, because of addiction or mental health struggles and those who are just not coping financially in the current climate. We continue to be blessed with enough donated clothes to meet demand and to be able to sort carefully and be very selective about only putting the best quality of clothing out for clients to choose from. It has been a privilege to operate this free service and welcome people into the space with dignity, respect, and warmth.

We continue to collect food donations to pass on as well.

Peter Goodall, Curate

Ascension Café

The **Ascension café** remained closed during 2022, but the café committee is exploring re-opening it during 2023.

The vision is for it to be a place for the community to belong and to provide an opportunity to equip those in our community to get back into employment and support those in need.

Lizi Fewtrell, Operations Co-ordinator

Community Art Group

We continue to host to a **Community Art Group** which remains popular after 14 years, over which time they have raised many thousands of pounds for various charities. Since last July, the Art Group has moved from twice weekly to once a week, meeting on a Tuesday morning.

A brief report from the group leaders provided the following additional information which readers may find useful: "there are 25 members currently, with a waiting list of 8. The Art Group's annual Hampshire Open Studios Exhibition in August raised £1,250 to support Ukrainian families, and the charity has acknowledged receipt of this donation. We welcome painters of all abilities, and we know that church member-led groups such as ours are increasingly recognised as supporting those who attend. Given the backgrounds of those within our membership and our operating ethos of "caring and sharing", we can provide some degree of support for our student's physical, mental and spiritual well-being. "

Dave Hewett, *Painting Tutor*

Jenny Hewett, *LLM*

Personnel

2022 saw some significant changes to the staff team. We said goodbye and thanked our Parish Administrator of over 10 years, Isobel White, and welcomed Anna Gordon into this role. To support the operational management of the church, Lizi Fewtrell was appointed to the new role of Operations Co-ordinator.

We also welcomed Charlie Gibbs to the Ascension team. Charlie is on the Discipleship Year programme, so he will be interning with us for a year.

The final member of the team to join us in 2022 was Claire Lingard. As part of the Church Army, Claire will work closely with Ruth in our outreach activities and with the Diocese of Winchester, spreading the love of Jesus all over the place!

Looking to the year ahead, we hope to expand our staff team further in 2023 with the recruitment of an Assistant Children and Youth Worker to support our ever-growing ministry for the rising generation.

We celebrated a double ordination in the summer, with Revd Marc Allez being ordained a priest and Revd Lorna Allez a deacon. Both Lorna and Marc have continued their curacy training with us this year.

Revd Peter Goodall continues to serve as SSM Curate with us part-time, Ann Devereux continues part-time as an ordinand, and Simon continues to lead us as the vicar alongside his shared role of assistant area Dean.

As ever, the staff team are supported by a wider team of volunteers, without which we would be unable to carry out even a fraction of what we do. We would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our congregation who has volunteered their time and expertise to support us in our mission.

Facilities

The ongoing care of our building has continued to be a priority this year. We had a Quinquennial Report completed by an external architect at the start of the year, highlighting areas of the building that need attention. A 5-year building maintenance plan has been drawn up to ensure the building is well-maintained. As well as ongoing maintenance and cleaning, a number of larger projects have been completed this year, including repairs to the boiler and underfloor heating, repair to the roof following storm damage, clearing and pigeon-proofing the roof voids and repainting flaked areas of the worship space.

Lizi Fewtrell, Operations Co-ordinator

Financial Review

2022 has been a good and stable year for us financially. We have seen an increase in regularly giving which is wonderful to allow us to expand our work. Income from hall hirings is now starting to return to pre-COVID levels and we want to increase this further into 2023. We still own and rent out the house at 25 Lacon Close. Due to the economic downturn our medium-long term investment has decreased in value by around 11% since the beginning of 2022.

Expenditure was in line with our planned budget and the Parish has met all of its routine commitments including salaries, and the Diocesan Common Mission fund.

I'd like to thank the staff team for being prudent with their expenditure and keeping to the agreed budget.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain reserves equivalent to three months' running costs, this was increased at the end of 2022 from £22,000 to £27,000.

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 (PCC)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 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 8 times during 2022.

At the APCM, Andy Gordon and Loz Foskett agreed to continue in their roles as Church Wardens and were duly nominated. Tim Nutt agreed to continue in his role as treasurer and was duly nominated. There were two PCC members who stepped down - Matt Fewtrell and Karen Clucas.

The elections of their replacements were conducted as set out in the Church Representation Rules and Lizi Fewtrell (as Secretary) and Sunke Trace-Kleeberg were appointed to the PCC.

We would like to thank all who served on the PCC during 2022. For full details of the current PCC please see back page.

Attendance and Electoral Roll

The average [weekly attendance](#), at Ascension, counted during October, was 120 adults and 38 under 16s at our Ascension Services, and 23 adults and 14 under 16s at our EDGE+ service. We continue to offer a live YouTube broadcast of our 10:45 service, with an average of 35 views per week during the same period.

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 25th May 2022 the number on the electoral roll was declared at 105. During the past year 10 members have moved and we have received 10 new enrolments - leaving a total of 105 members on the roll.

Frances Samphire, Parish Clerk

Southampton Deanery Chapter

Peter continues as secretary to the [Southampton Deanery Chapter](#) and in 2022 Simon took on the shared role of assistant area Dean. In June 2002 Reverend Sheena Williams stepped down as Area Dean and Simon together with the Reverend Dan Clark (St James by the Park, Shirley) held the reins. At the beginning of 2023, both Dan and Simon were licensed by +Debbie as joint Area Deans for the Southampton Deanery.

Peter Goodall, Curate

Safeguarding

The **Safeguarding** of children and vulnerable adults continues to be a priority at Ascension. 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).

Over 2022 we have worked through the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to ensure that we are compliant with all safeguarding regulations and best practice.

Megan Bailey continued in her role of Safeguarding Officer, standing down from the role at the end of 2022. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Megan for her dedication and support whilst in this voluntary role.

Any Safeguarding concerns can be reported to safeguarding@ascensionsouthampton.co.uk

Lizi Fewtrell, Operations co-ordinator

Administrative information

The Church of the Ascension is on 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 2022/2023

Chair	Revd Simon Robertson
Church Wardens	Andy Gordon, Loz Foscett
Secretary	Lizi Fewtrell
Treasurer	Tim Nutt
Deanery Synod	Peter Goodall, Sam Nichols and Ben Parkin

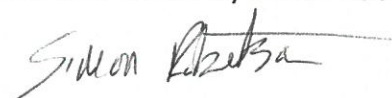
Other Members

Marc Allez, Lorna Allez, Megan Bailey, Jackie Cooper, Ann Devereux, Rosemary Haughton, Helen Pain, Christophe Szedlak, Sunke Trace-Kleeberg and Alex Walker.

Ex Officio - Ruth Hills (Licensed Lay Worker)

Approved by the PCC 27/03/2023.

Signed on their behalf by 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 2022.

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: 53 Wood End Way, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 4LN

Date: 11 APRIL 2023

Bitterne Park Parish
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at: 31 December 2022

	As at 31/12/2022 £	As at 31/12/2021 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	45,364.83	44,374.14
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	17,557.53	42,162.11
CBF Church of England Investment Fund at valuation	886,978.83	1,004,727.71
Net current assets less current liabilities	949,901.19	1,091,263.96
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	903,336.02	1,039,216.61
Represented by		
Designated		
Designated - Family & Children Worker	-	-
Designated - Garden of Remembrance	36,115.00	40,884.82
Designated - 25 Lacon Close	-	-
Designated - Windows Cafe	-	-
Designated - Windows Cafe equipment renewals reserve	-	7,118.51
Designated - Tithe	7,350.53	10,350.53
Restricted		
Restricted - Running Club	1,341.85	5,554.71
Restricted - Lift Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Restricted - Poverty Fund	257.79	875.80
Total Designated and Restricted Funds	46,565.17	52,047.35
Funds of the church	949,901.19	1,091,263.96
Total Income	£155,452	£138,279
Total Expenditure	£179,383	£136,996

Approved:

11-Apr-23

Bitterne Park Parish
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 Jan 2022 31 Dec 2022	01 Jan 2021 31 Dec 2021
Lift-Fund - Lift Maintenance (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Freewill Offerings		—	1,500
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total income and endowments		—	1,500
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		<u>—</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Brought forward balance		1,500	—
Total carried forward balance		1,500	1,500
RunClub - Ascension Running Club (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other trading activities			
Takings		57	100
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		<u>57</u>	<u>100</u>
Other income			
External Funding		—	2,432
<i>Total Other income</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>2,432</u>
Total income and endowments		57	2,532
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Courses and training		1,169	1,810
Equipment & Books		189	188
Events Outreach		9	—
Salaries		2,901	980
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<u>4,270</u>	<u>2,978</u>
Total expenditure		4,270	2,978
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		<u>(4,212)</u>	<u>(445)</u>
Brought forward balance		5,554	6,000
Total carried forward balance		1,341	5,554
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Alms		2,204	1,819
Freewill Offerings		72,611	72,463

Gift Aid	12,504	10,992
Lauren Leaving Gift	—	100
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>87,321</i>	<i>85,375</i>
Other trading activities		
Hirings	12,426	3,888
Takings	227	98
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>12,654</i>	<i>3,987</i>
Investments		
Dividends	25,754	24,548
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>25,754</i>	<i>24,548</i>
Other income		
Events	2,613	1,051
External Funding	2,829	38
Fees	5,365	3,856
Miscellaneous	(100)	10
Refunds	140	459
Smith Gift	—	15
Staff Leaving Gift	103	—
<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>10,951</i>	<i>5,429</i>
Total income and endowments	136,682	119,340
Expenditure		
Other expenditure		
CEMES scheme expenses	57	—
Cleaning	6,034	4,865
Courses and training	1,646	593
Curates' expenses	2,889	141
Distribution of external funding	1,825	660
Electricity	3,052	2,034
Equipment & Books	8,179	4,033
Events Social	1,963	1,453
Events Outreach	1,336	144
Fees	2,074	1,760
Fire Protection	560	207
Food	1,431	20
Gas	4,538	5,511
Hire Deposit return	240	—
Insurance	5,322	4,773
Maintenance, fixtures and fittings	11,226	9,282
Discretionary fund	692	146
Music	290	316
Office expenses	2,455	2,348
Ordinands' expenses	45	297
Outreach worker's expenses	2,486	1,161
Parish Administrator Costs	11,743	10,071
Parish Share - CMF	38,628	40,932
Refuse	802	775
Sanctuary	3,508	976
Vicar's expenses	389	115
Water	1,914	2,168
Students	637	623
Marketing	514	1,225
Licences	1,442	1,038
Parish Phone/Broadband	899	779
IT Operations	4,699	929

Payroll Costs	237	291
COVID-19	—	792
Smith Gift Expenses	—	15
Lauren Leaving Expense	—	224
GRACE Group	50	—
Worship Team Expenses	403	—
Community Engagement	934	—
Bank Charges	260	—
Operations costs	8,964	—
The Christmas Presence (TCP)	1,490	—
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>135,868</i>	<i>100,712</i>
Total expenditure	135,868	100,712
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	695	18,627
Brought forward balance	74,398	75,713
Transfers to/(from)	-23,900	-19,942
Total carried forward balance	51,192	74,398

Garden - Garden of Remembrance (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offerings	—	525
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>525</i>
Investments		
Dividends	1,040	1,006
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>1,040</i>	<i>1,006</i>
Total income and endowments	1,040	1,531
Expenditure		
Other expenditure		
Gardening	1,170	1,786
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>1,170</i>	<i>1,786</i>
Total expenditure	1,170	1,786
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-129	-255
Brought forward balance	1,291	1546
Total carried forward balance	1,161	1,291

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

Income and endowments		
Other trading activities		
Takings	2,628	237
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>2,628</i>	<i>237</i>
Other income		
Events	1,562	489
Refunds	83	—
<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>1,645</i>	<i>489</i>
Total income and endowments	4,273	727

Expenditure

Other expenditure

Children and families	4,127	3,499
Courses and training	100	—
Equipment & Books	190	—
Events Social	2,602	565
Children & Youth Worker Costs	27,175	25,886
Light Party	—	669

<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>34,196</i>	<i>30,620</i>
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Total expenditure

34,196	30,620
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(29,922)	(29,892)
Brought forward balance	—	—
Transfers to/(from)	29,922	29,892

Total carried forward balance

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Poverty - Poverty Fund (Restricted) Fund**Income and endowments**

Donations and legacies

Freewill Offerings	199	200
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<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>200</i>
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Total income and endowments

199	200
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Expenditure

Other expenditure

Distribution of external funding	678	200
Electricity	100	35
Equipment & Books	—	85
Maintenance, fixtures and fittings	100	—
Discretionary fund	—	250

<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>878</i>	<i>570</i>
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Total expenditure

878	570
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(678)	(370)
Brought forward balance	875	245
Transfers to/(from)	60	1,000

Total carried forward balance

257	875
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Cafeequip - Windows Cafe equipment renewals reserve (Designated) Fund

Brought forward balance	(7,118)	(7,118)
Transfers to/(from)	7,118	—

Total carried forward balance

—	(7,118)
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Tithe - Tithe (Designated) Fund**Expenditure**

Expenditure on charitable activities

Charities	3,000	—
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<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>—</i>
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Total expenditure	3,000	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(3,000)	—
Brought forward balance	10,350	10,350
Total carried forward balance	7,350	10,350

Lacon - 25 Lacon Close (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments		
Other trading activities		
Rent	13,200	12,450
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>13,200</i>	<i>12,450</i>
Total income and endowments	13,200	12,450
Expenditure		
Other expenditure		
Insurance	—	329
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>329</i>
Total expenditure	—	329
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	13,200	12,120
Brought forward balance	—	(1,170)
Transfers to/(from)	(13,200)	(10,950)
Total carried forward balance	—	—

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

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 2022.

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: 11 APRIL 2023