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Our Rector's report

"This is the curious case of the Rector's report for the year to Easter 2023."

"There is no Rector's report for the year to Easter 2023."

"That is the curious case" (with apologies to Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Silver Blaze)

Of course there can be no Rector's report, as this was the year when we had no Rector (and indeed, the year when the nation said a sad farewell to our Queen, a steadfast Defender of the Christian faith). We had a previous Rector, who left with our love, gratitude and blessing and we welcome our new one with prayerful love and anticipation; but no full-time clergy for the first time in living memory.

Yet the Church was not abandoned.

The Lord of the Church has built His church directly, as Jesus promised ('I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it') – all praise is rightly His.

The Lord has led us to pray and encouraged us with many answers to prayer ('ask and you shall receive') – how vital our corporate and private prayers have been.

The Lord has also built His church through His people, who have worked with humility, confidence, diligence, unity and above all love ('love one another – as I have loved you, so you must love one

another') – we honour Him by praising Him for each other.

In all of this, we have sought to fulfil our Vision – 'To receive His love and share it with all' – seeking to serve Him by reaching out to our wider parish ('love the Lord with your whole heart and your neighbour as yourself').

Thank you. Thank you Lord Jesus for your kindness, generosity and faithfulness.

Thank you to your people at St Margaret's – all of your people. Those who have worked evidently and those who labour has been less public, but no less visible to the Lord.

In this context, it seems invidious to mention individuals by name, so please forgive me for not doing so. All that might do is offend some whose work has been more discreet but no less valuable to the Lord Jesus – he knows, and His Father will reward the deeds done in secret. Suffice to say that we have prayed, we have worked, we have forgiven and we have loved together, remembering that 'love covers a multitude of sins'.

As our predecessors at the time of the Reformation put it, so we have lived: Sola Christus (Christ alone), Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), Sola Fide (Faith alone), Sola gratia (Grace alone) and all, ultimately, for God's glory alone

Sola Deo gloria

Steve Davies (Assistant Minister)



Our PCC Annual Report

It has been my first full year in the PCC secretary role. Since the last APCM in March 2022, our church has mostly been in a period of vacancy which, as a PCC, we have had to make decisions on life of the church whilst being guided by the Lord's presence.

Over the last year the PCC have met eight times and at the meetings we have discussed and made decisions on various things, including ministry works that need to be done, appointment of the parish reps as well as making plans for our new Rector to arrive.

I can honestly say I feel our prayers have truly been answered and I look forward to welcoming Ben just after Easter this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve, the churchwardens, treasurer, Jay and everyone who have given valuable time to ensure the church has been able to continue running.

As we look forward to the next the PCC being elected at the APCM, we will be working closely together with Ben to make decisions on the future running and ministry of St. Margaret's church.

We have a couple of vacancies to fill on the PCC for the term commencing on 30th April so please contact myself or any of the other PCC members if you are interested. Thankyou.

Matt Simms

Our PCC members

- Rector - Vacant
- Assistant Clergy Rev Steve Davies
- Church Wardens Adrian Barton and Simon Greaves (Chair)
- Secretary Matt Simms
- Treasurer Lisa Fincken
- Electoral roll officer Julia Davies
- Deanery Synod representatives: Esther Brown, Maddy Hill, Matt Simms
- Safeguarding Officer Sue Clifford
- Other members Rich Babbington, Lyndsey Edmonds, Chris Shepherd, Shirley Simms, Barbara Stafford, Janet Thomas.

Our Safeguarding

St Margaret's Church takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults seriously and has adopted the recommended safeguarding policy from the Coventry Diocese which reflects recent legislative changes.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). A copy of the Parish Safeguarding statement can be found on the parish



website which is available here:
<https://stmargaretschurchwhitnash.co.uk>

The PCC is the legal body responsible for safeguarding and the risk of liability rests with the PCC and the Church Insurers. The implementation of this important policy impacts how we work as a church and due to its nature is not negotiable.

Over the last year or so, the PCC has worked through and completed the online Parish Safeguarding dashboard and completing the Parish Safeguarding Action Plan to ensure that we are fully compliant with all current legislation. We have obtained level two and three. The PCC is updated on progress at each of its meetings and is grateful that all those involved in church activities have completed a confidential declaration form, with all PCC members, Sunday School leaders and staff being DBS checked.

We are grateful to William Clemmey for all of his work to make us compliant over recent years and we are happy to take on the responsibility from him.

If there are any questions or concerns about safeguarding in the parish then contact the Administrator.

Sue Clifford and Lyndsey Edmonds

Our Electoral Roll

Our roll for 2023 consists of 94 members, 21 of whom live outside the parish.

Julia Davies

Our staff

Parish Administrator - Jay has done a splendid job whilst we have been in interregnum, Jay has been sole contact for weddings & the funeral directors during this time. Jay has kept the Thursday morning services going by ringing round retired clergy & convincing them to come along & has resourced clergy for the weddings & funerals that have been booked. Jay has been such an asset with her professional approach to the inside workings of the church, Jay is a very valuable member of our team here at St Margaret's & she is looking forward to working with Rev Ben Cook and is excited to see what plans he has for us all.

Caretaker - Roger has been a great help over the last year helping out, doing odd jobs for us as & when needed.

Lisa Fincken



Our Prayers

We meet at varying times during the week and monthly, generally in small groups to pray together for Our World : Our Church and ourselves, through home groups and at other times. We have our monthly Mothers Prayers held in Church on the second Thursday of the month, if you wish to join please speak to either Ros Wood or Janet Thomas.

Esther Brown.

Our Services

Regular Weekly Services are now

Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion - A short service of Holy Communion (using Common Worship), typically lasting about 45 minutes. (on hold during the Vacancy period).

10:00am Informal Worship - A family-friendly service with creche and children's groups (except during school holidays). Holy Communion is held on the 2nd Sunday. Music led by a worship band. The service typically lasts about 1 hour and is followed by coffee and biscuits in the Chapter House. Sunday school is held on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Thursday

10:30am Holy Communion- A short service of Holy Communion (using Book of Common Prayer), typically lasting about 45 minutes – with our gratitude for the visiting clergy who have helped us so admirably over the last year or so.

Sunday School

Firstly, a massive thank you to all those who have helped with Sunday School through the vacancy, whether it be in person, with prayers and encouragement or for making the children feel at home within our church family. You are all very much appreciated.

Sunday school is generally a mix of children ranging from the age of about 3 years old up to 12 with attendance being from two to plus twelve! The average for 2022 was just a shade under 8 per week, an encouraging increase from the previous year when (possibly influenced by Covid) it had been just over 4 per week.

We began the year discussing the importance of prayer to God our Father and friend, why we pray and that we can pray anywhere and at any time about anything at all and that our prayers are always heard and answered - not always as we want, but that's ok, He knows best.

Next, we followed the sermon series with visual aids, games, crafts etc talking about Jesus, our faith and how difficult it is to be



a Christian sometimes. This term we are at 'the cinema' watching the exciting series of 'The Storykeepers', based on the difficulties of being a Christian in Roman times, but how the stories of Jesus were kept alive despite adversity, as they are today!

I'm encouraged by how relaxed and inquisitive the children are about the Lord Jesus and that He is with us always and that they can talk to Him at any time when they're happy or sad. He is simply part of their everyday life!

With love and prayers, Julia Davies

Music Group

Music has always been an important part of worship at St Margaret's, and it has been good to return to mostly live music after the disruptions caused by Covid. Several members of the congregation have said that they appreciate having live musicians to enhance the worship.

As a music group we play for all Sunday morning services, as well as occasional weddings and funerals by request.

Following the merging of the three congregations into one since Richard's departure, we are conscious that there is a small number of people who prefer a more traditional style of music than we routinely offer. We do try to mitigate that by including at least one traditional hymn into most of our Sunday services, although being family services we do tend to prioritise the more contemporary music generally enjoyed by those for whom this is their service of choice. We acknowledge that we cannot please everyone all of the

time but feel this is the right approach for now.

We are still short of musicians. We said goodbye to Jacqui and her flute at the end of April last year, leaving the group further depleted with just two singers, a cello, and the occasional harmonica. We remain dependent, therefore on the midi player, kindly provided and operated by Sue Curran, for the bulk of our music. We occasionally also use MP3 and MP4 to supplement this in services and these are also used for weddings and funerals when there is no organist available. Although one or two people have asked why we don't just advertise outside of church for players, we feel it is important that our musicians have a genuine heart for worship as well as musical ability so this is not a route we will be exploring. We continue to rely on God to provide the people he wants at the right time.

Some of our sound equipment is very old now, and we are in the process of replacing two of our instrumental microphones and looking at the overall operation of the sound desk to ensure that it is working efficiently.

As a church we also said a fond farewell this year to our organist, Mrs Adrienne Lloyd, who has stepped down from playing at the 10 o'clock service after many years of dedicated, humble and godly service. We presented her with a gift hamper after the Remembrance service, with love and gratitude for all that she has given to our church during her years at St Margaret's, where she has led the robed choir as well as playing the organ. She continues to play for weddings and funerals, as well as the annual Carols By Candlelight service.



We are pleased to say that the recently formed all-comers choir has gone from strength to strength, singing special pieces in the advent services, as well as three songs during the carol service. The choir has provided music and fellowship for a number of the congregation, some of whom would not normally sing publicly, giving them an opportunity to sing for fun as well as to enhance the worship experience in our services. Thanks to Simon Greaves for his help with organising that. Although we have not prepared anything for this Easter's services due to the pressures of the interregnum, we hope to re-convene in the autumn.

Music is a gift from God, and we pray that our music blesses all who share in it.

Barbara Stafford

Sound-desk report

Over the last year it has been a pleasure to be operating the sound desk and AV systems on Sundays as well as special services, weddings and funerals as required. Over the Christmas period it was a great honour to be part of all the services by putting up words as well as playing the music. I would like to thank everyone who has put together the easy worship schedules each week to make sure that we can display words each week.

If you would be or know anyone interested in helping with sound-desk please let me know. Thanks.

Matt Simms

Visiting clergy & Thursday attendance

We have had so many different & interesting retired clergy visiting in the last year. I for one have really enjoyed the different ways of teaching that they have brought to our small but constant group of between 20-25. Over the winter it was agreed with the PCC that we could use the Chapter House which was a brilliant idea. The Chapter House has always had a great vibe but since holding our Thursday morning BCP there it feels more part of the church than it ever has & it is more like a chapel than a room attached to our church. We are heading back into church for Holy week & spring/summer but are really hoping we can use the Chapter House again in winter. A suggestion for our new incumbent.

Lisa Fincken

Our Evangelism

Outreach events

In September I was asked to head evangelism for our church in a PCC meeting, through my music and events. To me, evangelism means sharing the Good News with people outside our church. Our hope is that this will result in more Christians in Whitnash. This would be shown by Alpha course attenders; more numbers at Church worship services; and more attenders at our small group meetings.

I play music to others at • Café Club on Monday in the chapter house for improving Mental Health • Playing in the church music



group in Sunday services • Holding the December Beer and Carol three events • Other music events with the band from the Monday Café, such as at the Whitnash Hub one Saturday afternoon a month, jam sessions at the Somerville Arms, and various dementia cafés.

For the Beer and Carols, we shared the Christmas stories and carols with over thirty at the Sports and Social Club; about twenty at the Plough and Harrow pub, then another twenty at the Hodcarrier pub. This gave us a chance to share our faith in a community setting outside the church. One young man came to all three events yet has told us he was an atheist.

Next year, after Easter 2023, the Sports and Social Club has already asked us to return for a Beer and Carols Christmas event. I hope to continue with the Monday Café Club and Sunday music group. I also will talk to the new Rector, after his start with us, and other PCC members, about evangelism and sharing the Good News through • Church events (in the past these have included Easter breakfast, curry night, fish and chip supper, harvest supper, church decoration and Spring cleans on Saturday mornings) • Proposed Alpha courses.

Rich Babbington

Occasional offices

We have been greatly blessed by the number of clergy who have helped us during the Vacancy. We have conducted 7 baptisms, 8 weddings and 18 funerals (with 2 services of interment of ashes).

Mission support

The missions we support remain the same except 'Youth With A Mission' as the Wood family have now moved.

We support - Tear Fund: Cord: African Pastors: Flourish; Thrive and lately Open Doors .

We are hoping to continue with Open Doors and have a speaker to come to church to tell us more about the work they are involved in.

Esther Brown.

Our Schools

As a foundation Governor, I have been involved with delivering Collective Worship sessions at St. Margaret's, individually during the Interregnum. This academic year I have been able to go into school, rather than the Teams delivery I was doing during the pandemic. I've lead Collective Worship for Advent, Spirituality, Peace, Service, Pentecost and Courageous Advocacy.

I worked alongside a group of children as they produced their poster, presenting their "wish list" for their ideal Rector.

For St. Margaret's and Whitnash Primary schools I have been invited to welcome children and parents into church when they've held services of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Harvest and to give a prayer of blessing at the end.



During their Understanding Faith days, I've been invited to join children in church as they navigate the building and churchyard; join discussion groups about "What is Faith" with children from St. Margaret's, Radford Semele, Bishops Tachbrook and Shrubland Street schools; monitor activities for their "Spirituality" day.

Outside some classrooms at St. Margaret's school there is a garden which is to become a Reflection area. For this, I am working alongside children to plan and plant raised beds, including Bible quotations and a prayer tree with the theme, "I am the water of life".

Open the Book

We now have two teams of Storytellers delivering Bible stories, one for Briar Hill Infant school and one for St. Margaret's Junior school.

The St. Margaret's team has been storytelling all this academic year, one Collective Worship every half term.

The first Assembly for Briar Hill since the pandemic went ahead on March 30th 2023. Future assemblies will also be once every half term.

It is great news that we have been invited into both schools so that the children and staff might hear the Word of God in a lively, entertaining way. Each assembly lasts approximately ten to fifteen minutes, but the teams are committed to rehearsing on a day beforehand, for which I'm very grateful. We read through and act out, whilst enjoying this time of fellowship. There are no lines to learn – we read the stories and mime, often

asking for the help of some children, who are always glad to participate on the day.

Anne Horsley (Leader of Open the Book Teams)

We have also formed a good relationship with Brickyard Barn Outdoor Learning Centre, a local specialist school for severely autistic children, over the past year. This has resulted in them attending St Margaret's church for their own Easter and Christmas services which we have specially tailored to their needs. They have thoroughly enjoyed coming, and it has been wonderful to give the children opportunities to become familiar with the church building and engage in meaningful worship activities with their teachers and family members in a way that many of them would not otherwise be able to do. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve them in this way, and we look forward to welcoming them back for their Harvest Festival later this year.

Barbara Stafford

Our groups

Home Groups

There are 6 home groups currently running, with nearly 40 individual members.

Although some group members have been nervous about re-convening since Covid, most people who were already in groups have now started to meet face-to-face



again, and the groups are almost back to full strength. Care is being taken to protect some of the more vulnerable members, and it is encouraging to see that there are groups meeting every day of the week from Monday to Friday, each with between 5 and 11 members.

However, there are still many people in our church who are not yet in a home group, and in the current state, there are not enough homegroups to accommodate any more people at present. There are concerns that some of the current groups are in danger of becoming too large to operate efficiently, ensuring that all members have an opportunity to share and be heard, any pastoral needs can be respectfully attended to, and that logistically there are enough seats etc for everyone who wants to attend. It is apparent that more groups may be needed, but as always, there is a shortage of leaders and an understandable reluctance on behalf of the members, where groups have bonded, to split the group up.

That said, we have been fortunate to start a new home group during the past year, running on a Wednesday morning, which is going well with 6 members; and Steve and Julia have taken over the hosting and running of the Wednesday evening group following Richard and Jacqui's departure, enabling their members to continue to meet. Grounds for encouragement indeed.

The home groups meet in members' homes, and study a wide range of subjects, using a variety of media – books, video, internet, courses etc – and enjoy their times of fellowship and learning immensely. Each group chooses its own material according to the needs or interests of its members, and topics

studied over the past year include the Bible books of Ephesians, Galatians, Romans, Esther, Ruth, Jonah, Daniel, Matthew and 1 Peter, as well as courses on Mary & Martha, Prayer, Spiritual Gifts and The Screwtape Letters. Members are particularly grateful for the opportunities for shared prayer, care and the opportunity to grow and learn from each other in a comfortable and safe environment.

Barbara Stafford

Mother's Union

Soon after last year's AGM, we were saying our farewells to the Rev Canon Richard Suffern, as he and Jacqui moved on to semi-retirement. Richard presided at our Holy Week Communion Service and he & Jacqui were presented with gifts from MU members.

In May, we enjoyed a splendid lunch, as always, thanks to Lynn Barber. In July, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Tea Party, with sandwiches and cakes galore. Ele even managed to find a cake shaped like a corgi! There was musical entertainment provided by Brian and his friends, and some of our members were seen on the dance floor! In July, several members enjoyed a crafting session, with acrylic paints. After the summer, meetings resumed in September, with a Beetle Drive and time to catch up with each other.

Our meetings always involve prayer, followed by an activity or a guest speaker. The raffle helps to raise funds for our branch and for MU projects. There is a greetings card stall, where orders can be



taken from members for items within the MU catalogue. New people have found a welcome among us.

Our guest speaker in September was the Diocesan President of Coventry MU, Karen Morris, who will be returning to us in September 2023. She thanked our members for their faithful prayer and service over many years.

2022 ended with Christmas crafts in November and our Carol Service, where Bishop David Evans led a reflection based on John 16: 33.

Catherine Bartlem came to speak to us in January about 'Coffee Tots', which is a community café for families with babies and young children based in Coventry City centre. Our MU branch supports 'Coffee Tots' with gifts at Christmas for the children and the parents. In December, 'Coffee Tots' team organised a huge Christmas Dinner Day, as many of the families were not able to outlay for such an expensive dinner in their homes. They were then able to choose presents for their children from all the donated gifts.

We were sad to lose Julie Brogan and Barbara Turnock, who both died peacefully. They are remembered with fondness, and we continue to pray for the bereaved families. We give thanks for their faithful service.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we are glad to welcome new members and guests, and hope that all will enjoy meeting together, praying together and supporting the work of the MU worldwide. We look forward to the arrival of our new Rector, the Rev Ben Cook, and his family. Ben will be speaking to MU in May.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the committee for their unfailing support, whether that is through providing refreshments, selling cards, selling raffle tickets, welcoming people, or visiting with flowers and cards for special occasions or in the event of illness.

Cathy Shearn

St Margaret's Circle

Since SMC resumed normal service after the pandemic receded, I am very pleased to report that the group has flourished and grown, with several new members signing up and others coming as guests, but who will become full members at our AGM in April.

We try to offer a varied programme of speakers and topics, some light-hearted, others more serious, which are usually enjoyed by all. There has been excellent attendance at the meetings during the past year, averaging around 28 ladies each time, which is very encouraging.

There continues to be a real sense of fellowship within the group, which is demonstrated by the members enjoying friendship, support & love for each other. SMC is an outreach group, and our aim is to welcome ladies of any age, colour, creed or status, promoting the Christian message by our actions, but always without any pressure. Here's what we've been doing:

April 2022 : Back to normal and starting our year properly this year with our AGM. However tinged with sadness, as we said farewell to Rev Richard Suffern, who has always been



such a valued support to SMC during his 23 years at St Margaret's. Richard spoke to us about his time in Whitnash and we presented him with a farewell gift. We wished him and Jacqui every happiness in their new parish of Long Itchington.

May and a welcome return of Alan Benjamin reprising his 'History of Morris Dancing' talk from aeons ago – just as hilarious as ever except his knees have gone now so no demos!

June: a very special occasion to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, SMC hosted a Celebration Tea Party on Sun 5th June for members, guests & our church fellowship. Decorations galore, lovely food, Bucks Fizz, a quiz.....ensured an enjoyable afternoon for all I think.....

July saw some of us (sadly not many) off on our annual Summer Outing, this year we went to York.

We arrived in rain but then the sun shone for us and we had a marvellous day.

August – no meeting

September and back after the summer break to another welcome return of Jo Golby, giving us Part One of her talk entitled 'The DomesticServant to Goddess'. Jo has spoken to us several times over the years and was as interesting as ever.

October - our annual Skittles Evening at Whitnash Club with a delicious fish n chip supper as usual

November: Finding out about Foodbank from Miriam Bowen, very informative and the story behind it.

December and our Christmas Party which was very well attended this year. Hot punch, cheese & wine, and well entertained by David Moylan on Funny Turns – a celebration of entertainers from days gone by. Singing, musical instruments, corny jokes, tricks, we had the lot! And the Christmas Elf came too.....

Into January and we again had a Beetle Drive which was a lot of fun, and a surplus Christmas Gift raffle, a wonderful selection which found a new home elsewhere.....

February - we learnt about 'The Friendship Project' from Cheryl Rawbone, a wonderful charity which matches older people to needy youngsters as a Senior Friend, so many have been helped by this valuable work.

March - Some of us took part in the World Day of Prayer service on 3rd March held at St Joseph's this year, written by ladies of Taiwan. The 2024 service will be at St Margaret's.

SMC finished our year with Jo Golby returning to give us Part 2 of her talk (see Sept 22). Brilliant!

To conclude: it's been another great year, considerably helped by my committee and others. My heartfelt thanks to all those for their love, support and unstinting loyalty, and keeping our group going!

SMC meets on the 1st Monday of each month, 7.30pm in the Chapter House, why not come along and have a look, all ladies very welcome. God bless you all.

Lynn Barber



Our Pastoral Care

Food Bank

It fluctuates from week to week but very much needed. We have a good group of volunteers who work well together. We thank all who give donations to the food bank it is really needed.

Esther Brown.

Visiting Teams/ Home Communion

We are able to take Home Communion to our elderly St Margaret friends who cannot now attend Church on their own. We aim to take it monthly which we are managing, except where illness prevents.

Hospitality

We welcome people into Church on a Sunday morning at the door as they come in. We also serve Coffee, Tea and Biscuits after the Service in the Chapter House where people can sit and chat and new people can get to know each other.

There are Rotas for both, managed by Pauline Walden who would happily welcome you to join.

Mothers Prayers

On the second Thursday of the month, Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and

anyone who has a heart for Families gather for a short time of prayer at 11:30am for about an hour (after the 10:30am Communion Service).

Janet Thomas

Our Communications

We currently communicate with the congregation and community through a variety of methods. A magazine, newsletter, website and social media.

Magazine

We produce 10 issues a year of our magazine with Dec/Jan and July/August being single issues. A special thank you to the 16 of volunteers who distribute the 237 copies of the magazines every month. We currently print 275 copies of our magazine which are distributed by a handful of dedicated volunteers to addresses in Whitnash with the remainder available at the back of church. A donation of £1 an issue is requested to cover printing costs which can be put in an envelope at the back of church.



Newsletter

Our newsletter is produced every fortnight and covers service information, prayer requests and important notices. The notice sheet can be emailed to you if you wish just contact Jay in the office.

Facebook

For congregation members there is a church facebook group which you can request to join. It is self-moderated by the group members and not run by church staff. We also have an outward facing instagram page and facebook page. These are primarily used to provide an outward face of our church on these platforms. We do not post as often as we could so if you have a passion for social media and feel God is calling you to please contact me and I can talk you through the social media guidelines and policies.

Website

Finally we have a church website <https://stmargaretschurchwhitnash.co.uk> which details how to contact leaders and staff members of the church, what's on, service times and much more. It also has copies of the latest magazine and newsletter available.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard to ensure that we communicate with each other and the outside world as well as possible.

Lyndsey Edmonds

Our Deanery

We have met three times this year in March, May and October. In March discussion took place regarding the Parish Share contributions. Plans for an Associate Minister at Holy Trinity, Leamington Spa were also discussed. A discussion also took place regarding St Paul's Leamington Mission Hub which is one of six in the Coventry Diocese.

In May, dates and times for 'Fire Unlocked' were given and all the churches encouraged to prayerfully join in. We were asked us to pray for Richard Suffern in his adventures and thanked him for being Area Dean especially through the covid period. Richard said he retired from Whitnash after a very exciting Easter week and was looking forward to becoming O.5 Priest in charge at Long Itchington and Marton also looking forward to going to Kenya in between. He was presented with a leaving gift as a thank you. Godfrey Armitage (diocesan ECO officer) gave a Power Point presentation on the Church's response to Climate change etc. He pointed us to the ECO Fest held in Leamington Spa at the start of September.

In October the synod discussed Worshipping Communities across the deanery.

*St Paul's Leamington Spa: Jonathan Jee reported on an exciting and surprising development with a Cantonese community beginning to worship with them.

*A warm welcome was extended to new clergy at both St John the Baptist and at our former plant church at Heathcote.

*St John's reported that they had taken 14 teenagers camping and a good time was had, with another church reporting that



their family Link Group were having a messy church afternoon and expecting 90 people. They also a 'lounge' Youth group with 5 young people at present. *St Nicholas Church, Warwick was busy developing their community in the new homes that are being developed and engaging with the households. *St. Chad's, Bishop Tachbrook reported that they had a Youth group of 17 in which an encouraging 11 of them were local. They have a Toddler Group of 22 Mums plus a Community cafe and a monthly project centred on help for Ukraine.

Esther Brown.

Our Churchwardens & Church Buildings

Review

It's been a very challenging 12 months since Rev Richard Suffern left at Easter 2022 after nearly 25 years of dedicated service to our Parish.

Richard and Jacqui saw many changes in our parish and lately guided us through 2 years of a world pandemic. Whilst face to face ministry may have been difficult at times, both of them ensured that there was always time for a phone call. Their time here was marked with a leaving lunch which was well attended, and we wish them every blessing in their new parish down the road at Long Itchington.

The interregnum has been a great time for the members of the congregation to shine, many members have stepped up

and shone, taking on challenges and discovering new talents which have been put to good use. The second most unwanted job at a church after the church wardens' job is the treasurer's As usual Lisa has dedicated the last few years to this task, involving some 4 mornings a week. It is very time consuming, but Lisa has been dedicated and meticulous to this most important task, we thank her for that.

The weekly services, Thursday 10.30am and Sunday 10am are well attended, with both attracting a consistent 30/40 members each week. Julie Dale (Thursday) and Steve Davies (Sunday), have both done an admiral job in ensuring that the services run smoothly and have a great structure.

We have had a variety of leaders and preachers, some from within the congregation and some from the wider area, all have brought their own take on readings, but all have been great to listen to and reflect on.

I suppose the highlight of the year was the advertising, collating and the interviewing of potential candidates for our vacancy. We had a wide variety of applicants, but in the end it was a unanimous decision and Rev Ben Cook was appointed. At times the phrase .. 'Leave it till Ben gets here ...' has been tempting to use but hopefully we have left the ship in a reasonable condition with not many ongoing 'maintenance' issues!

With no St Margaret's CEO, behind the scenes has sometimes been difficult, but with God's guidance and occasional intervention, we have got through this



challenging time. My thanks go to ALL the backroom staff for their dedication, unstinting support, guidance and wise words.

My thanks go to you all.

Looking forward to an exciting 2023/24.

Adrian Barton

Main Church Building

No significant works were carried out on the church in the reporting period other than general maintenance.

There were some minor issues with the heating system and a survey established that some radiators and radiator valves will soon need to be repaired or replaced. The plan is to consider options and carry out initial remedial works later this year in the summer.

The stonework and glass to the rose window has continued to deteriorate and we have appointed an architect and structural engineer to carry out a full appraisal and recommendations. The survey on site has been arranged for 11th April 2023 with the aim of issuing the report to the PCC in early May.

The outer glass to the chancel east gable window has been broken and the main stained-glass window is showing signs of stress. This window will be included in the survey works booked for 11th April.

A stained-glass window expert surveyed the Rose window and chancel window on Sunday 12th March and will be producing a report to be incorporated into the architect's report in early May.

The church organ received a full service in January 2023.

Chapter House

General maintenance work has taken place throughout the reporting period but no significant works have been carried out.

The fire escape door is in a poor state of repair and options to replace or repair it are being considered by the Building and Finance Action Group.

Closed churchyard

The churchyard surrounding the church is closed and therefore maintained by Warwick District Council. The council team procured and managed the reconstruction of the perimeter retaining wall to the front of the church tower in May and June of 2022.

Churchyard extension

In the reporting period, the following interments took place:

- Two burials in new plots
- Six burials in existing plots
- One ashes interment in a new plot
- Two ashes interments in existing plots

The burial area to the south-east which has been mainly used over recent years is now nearly full. We have commenced using the area to the south-west which will mostly be used for the next three years. Work to



clear the next area for use will commence this year.

General maintenance, mowing and care of new graves continued throughout the reporting period generally by me but with support from a number of volunteers.

There has been storm damage to some of the trees in the churchyard and parts of the hedgerow to the north boundary have died. We have met with an arboriculturist at the churchyard to discuss options and are in process of arranging for a survey and report so that we can apply for a faculty to carry out the necessary works.

One new plot reservation faculty was approved in the reporting period.

Church Centre

Redecoration of key internal areas was carried out during the school summer holiday period of 2022.

Further minor areas will be decorated during the 2023 school summer holiday period.

We have had ongoing issues with the ground source heat pump system but we are now pleased to report that Jay has worked hard to successfully find and appoint a new specialist contractor who has agreed to carry out the maintenance works.

General maintenance has continued throughout the reporting period and it was noted that the toilet cubicles, vanity units and vinyl floor finishes to the wc and kitchen are all nearing the time when they will have to be replaced. A survey and

budget exercise was carried out but it was decided to postpone these works to 2024.

Simon Greaves

Bells & Belltower

The year has seen two momentous occasions with the Queens Platinum Jubilee and then her funeral we were able to ring for both. The Funeral ringing was unusual as all the bells were fully muffled making the bells sound very mournful. The only time this is done is on the death of a monarch.

We took delivery of the new ropes in January these had been on order for 6 months there are only a few places making ropes. We have entered the modern age having the top ends of the ropes made of dyneema, which is a very new entry into the bell rope market. Dyneema braided rope have a very strong, polyethylene core, shrouded with a polyester sheave. The ultra-low stretch and hard-wearing properties of Dyneema rope make them a perfect top end rope for all bells, helping to make them last a little longer. It has been 10 years since we last had new ropes.

We do get a lot of use from our bells not as much over the interregnum as we have in the past with only one service on each Sunday but this year we had 9 visiting bands and rang for 7 weddings.



As with most towers we are short of people to ring. we are lucky to ring 6 of our 8 bells on most Sundays and we are able to practice on Fridays mainly because of visitors from other towers.

It is our intention to ring for the new incumbent's licencing and for the King's coronation.

Tower Clock

The clock continues to keep reasonably good time after being refurbished last year. It does suffer from the vagaries of the weather.

Tom Houghton and Chris Shepherd

Our Finances

2022 – Odd year, I was expecting giving to be back up to pre covid times, but it's gone down. Our donations either into the bank or through The Parish Giving Scheme totalled £31,538.88, Envelopes given in church totalled £2,187.45, cash plate giving was £7,665.45. This means we are paying our parish share of £62,500 by giving & VLC hire alone.

The rest of the income from the houses plus odd bits of hire are being spent on maintenance, wages, utilities for the church & the centre. Overall, we can pay our bills but don't have much spare cash if anything big happens, in that case we will need to dip into the investments but most

of the investment money is tied up in restricted and designated funds.

A few more people have signed up for The Parish Giving Scheme again which is brilliant, and this has helped somewhat. It is very easy to do, and I would encourage anyone to join and give this way or of course giving on the plate. In 2023 we hope to have a cashless beep beep machine in church.

We claimed back £8,386.03 from gift aid alone from the giving we collected so if you pay tax its great if you can add extra to your giving this way. As a treasurer who manually claims back each gift aid donation from envelopes & Standing Orders it would help me greatly if everyone changed over to The Parish Giving Scheme as they do this laborious and time-consuming job for me.

Our advent appeal in 2022 raised £158.50 for Kimngoror Health Centre Maternity Unit in Kapsabet Diocese again, as we had no incumbent the PCC agreed just to go with the good cause we supported last year. Our church restoration fund total has now reached £57,407.09 in our restricted fund and we will need every penny and more once the Rose window restoration is started. We have given away in tithes the amount of £4,276.81 which is amazing.

Giving is integral to every church. Whether this is time, money, spiritual gifts, practical skills, or other resources. Being generous with all that God has given us is Biblical, is a key Spiritual practice and is an essential factor in growing healthy churches. As a Church are we seeking to promote a culture of generosity to further the good work already happening in St Margaret's? We need to encourage others



in the important relationship between generous giving and mission. We need to develop and demonstrate a culture of generosity and how to align our resources with our vision and mission.

A great big thank you for all involved with finances, Simon, and Christine for counting the collection, Jay for banking, paying bills, raising invoices, dealing with weddings, baptisms and funerals, Lisa for processing gift aid and everyone who is being generous with their giving this year.

Lisa Fincken
(and thanks from Adrian Barton)

Our Useful contacts and links

stmargaretschurchwhitnash.co.uk

St. Margaret's Church and Chapter House,
Church Close, CV31 2HJ

<https://stmargaretschurchwhitnash.co.uk/meet-the-team/>

<http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/>

<http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/definingtheeqs>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/>

<http://www.africanpastors.org/>

<https://www.cord.org.uk/>

<https://www.helpinghandscharity.org.uk/>

<https://www.tearfund.org/>

<http://www.thriveym.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ywamamsterdam/>

<https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

Our Help and support

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? James 2:15-16

<https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://capuk.org/>

Attached appendices

- Appendix A – Annual financial report
- Appendix B – Independent Examiner Statement (B Simango)

ST MARGARET'S WHITNASH



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WHITNASH Reg. Charity No: 1128890

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Rector: Interregnum
The Rectory
2 Church Close
Whitnash
Leamington Spa
CV31 2HJ

Treasurer: Lisa Fincken
7 Nursery Lane
Leamington Spa
CV31 2PW

Independent Examiner: Blessing Simango
12 Field Close
Warwick
CV34 4QD

Bankers: Unity Trust Bank
Nine Brindleyplace
Birmingham
B1 2BR

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WHITNASH PCC
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Funds

General funds- represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. These may include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Designated Funds- these are funds designated for specific purposes by the PCC (see note 11).

Restricted funds- represent monies or assets raised or given for specific purposes. These may not be used for any other reason without express permission of the Charity Commissioners or reverting to the original donors or their representatives.

Income and Expenditure Recognition

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Sources

Collections are recognized when made. Amounts receivable under Gift Aid are recognized only when honoured by the Donor. All Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is included in the accounts. The Gift Aid Small Donations top up payment is claimed on a regular basis and we made full use of the Community Buildings element of the scheme to claim for cash. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.

Other Ordinary Income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is accounted for fully.

Parochial Fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event-by-event basis.

Income from Investment

Interest / dividends are accounted for when due.

Application of Resources

Costs directly related to work of the Church

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets: Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) (c) of the Charities Act 1993. St Margaret's Church buildings and contents cover with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Co have a combined sum assured of £7.8 million. We have a public liability cover of £10 million and Employers Liability cover of £10 million.

Property Valuations

	Accounts Value	Insurance Valuation
13 Palmer Road	£250,000	£ 220,000
101 Whitnash Road	£250,000	£ 269,500
St Margaret's Centre	£ 451,532	£ 2,900,000

Valuations of the above properties are based on current use and do not reflect any value that might occur if sold for a different usage. The insurance valuations are based on the cost of rebuilding the properties. Within the definition of the Charities Act these assets have their value restricted as defined by the Act and should the asset be realised, the monies raised would then be restricted. Such funds could be used to replace the asset unless the Charity Commissioners agreed the funds could be used for another purpose.

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Church Assets

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Paper and other sundry stocks are written off as they are purchased.

Investment Policy

The PCC invests any surplus with the Central Board of Finance using its Investment Account and Fixed interest Securities. Interest and dividends received from these funds is reinvested. Investment of funds is reviewed at each Buildings and Finance Meeting and by the PCC.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has agreed the funds outlined below and that the PCC should hold free reserves equal to a six month's unrestricted (general) expenditure from Analysis of income & expenditure sheet £168,383.87

2022	2021
£84,191.93	£101,419

Conflicts of interest

The following disclosable transactions occurred:

Who	Regarding	2022	2021
Adrian Barton - Linleigh	Electrical works via Linleigh Electrical	£12,000.83	£22,084.00
Rev Richard Suffern	Chair of the African Pastors Fellowship	£712.80	£800
Jacqui Suffern	Mentor within the flourish organisation	£712.80	£800
Simon Greaves	Painter - Lizzie Edmundson – Sister in Law	£7,070.45	£0

All of these transactions were approved by the PCC through the Buildings and Finance Committee.

2 & 3 The breakdown of Income and Expenditure is shown in the **Analysis of Income and Expenditure** statement attached to these accounts.

4 Staff costs

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	General	Designated	Total Funds	Total funds
Salaries	£23,062.15	£0	£23,062.15	£27,895.42
Pensions	£1,373.99	£0	£1,373.99	£994.97
Total	£24,436.14	£0	£24,436.14	£28,890.39

No member of staff received employer benefits of exceeding £60,000.

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5 Charitable giving

		2022	2021
African Pastors Fellowship		£712.80	£800
Open Doors		£712.80	£0
Thrive		£712.80	£800
Tear Fund		£712.80	£800
CORD		£712.80	£800
Flourish		£712.80	£800
Rectors Discretionary Fund		£200.00	£164.42
Food bank		£500	£500
Good news for everyone		£100	£100
George Muller Trust		£0	£800
Total		£5,076.80	£5,564.42

6 Tangible fixed assets

Freehold property at cost or valuation		2022	2021
St Margaret's Centre		£451,532	£451,532
101 Whitnash Road		£250,000	£250,000
13 Palmer Road		£250,000	£250,000
Total		£951,532	£951,532

7 Capital commitments

Quotations and work to the Church in particular the Rose window are being obtained. Work will hopefully commence during 2023. Funds will be raised from grants and donations.

2022	2021
£0	£5256

Short term investments

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The investment income is derived from the following holding with the Central Board of Finance. Any gains or losses are shown on the SOFA. Interest received is reinvested. The values at 31 December are shown below.

		Units held	Unit cost	Value
Fixed interest securities	2022	147.92	1.3710	£202.80
	2021	143.92	1.5835	£227.90
Investment account	2022	6267.81	20.6614	£129,501.73
	2021	6092.17	23.4181	£142,667.05
Total values	2022			£129,704.53
	2021			£142,894.95
Amount of (loss) / gain in the year	2022			(£13,190.42)
	2021			£22,051.67

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9 Accounts Receivable - Debtors (owing to us)

	2022	2021
VLC	£0	£6,240.00
LWAD	£0	£1,065.00
Local government for elections	£0	£900
Magic Voices	£0	£600
Entrust	£0	£100
Insurances on Properties	£0	£1,419.54
Elderly Asian Men	£40	£0
Rainbows	£50	£0
Total	£90	£10,324.54

10 Accounts Payable - Creditors (we owe)

	2022	2021
Living Wages	£72	£72
Diocese – wedding & funerals	£0	£2,656
HMRC tax & NI	£0	£121.50
Total	£72	£2,849.50

11 Designated funds

	Bal 1 Jan 2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec 2022
Church Restoration	£56,423.49	£983.60	£0	£0	£57,407.09
Advent	£12	£0	£0	£12	£0
Deanery Synod	£14,984.13	£0	£471.00	£0	£14,513.13
Total	£71,419.62	£983.60	£471.00	£12	£71,920.22

Represented by

Church Restoration represents monies donated and allocated for future restoration of the church building, directly for the structure of the church.

Advent represents funds donated on an annual basis for St Margaret's advent appeal, these will be paid out to the relevant appeal annually

Deanery Synod – represents funds held on behalf of the Deanery.

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12 Restricted Funds

	Bal 1 Jan 2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec 2022
St Margaret's Centre	£451,532.00	£0	£0	£0	£451,532.00
Properties	£500,000.00	£0	£0	£0	£500,000.00
Rent deposit – 13 Palmer Road	£600	£0	£0	£0	£600.00
Building for the future – St Margaret's Centre	£18,008.00	£0	£0	£0	£18,008.00
Tower/Bells	£80	£620.00	£0	£0	£700.00
Church yard legacy	£19,721.20	£0	£0	£0	£19,721.20
Organ	£7,756.80	£750.00	£474.00	£0	£8,032.80
Ready Steady Grow	£201.00	£0	£0	£201.00	£0
	£997,899.00	£1,370.00	£474.00	£201.00	£998,594.00

St Margaret's Centre represents the build cost of the centre.

Properties represents the freehold and leasehold properties acquired (and part) transferred by the PCC.

Rent deposit represents the rent deposit from 13 Palmer Road (This will be placed in a tenancy account 2023)

Building for the future, St Margaret's Centre represents cost of maintaining the building of St Margaret's Centre.

Tower/Bells represents monies donated for spending on the Church tower belfry and bells.

Church yard legacy represents money left in a legacy for major works at the churchyard extension.

Organ Fund represents monies donated for spending on the church organ maintenance & repair.

Ready Steady Grow represents the funds donated for the use of Ready Steady Grow group – This group had money stolen & the balance has been donated to St Margaret's 2022 advent appeal in 2022.

13 Warwick and Leamington Deanery Synod

To note that £14,513.13 is being held on behalf of the Warwick and Leamington Deanery Synod in a fund.

St. Margaret's Church Whitnash Leamington Spa

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	£21,132.95	-	-	£21,132.95	£26,761.53
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	£2,187.45	-	-	£2,187.45	£2,445.60
0111 - Advent appeal	-	£1,479.99	-	£1,479.99	£198.25
0201 - Non Gift Aidable - Bank & PGS	£7,595.93	-	-	£7,595.93	£4,419.80
0202 - HMRC - JRS Grant	-	-	-	-	£5,413.11
0301 - Cash collection - GASDS	£7,665.45	-	-	£7,665.45	£4,080.62
0501 - Gift Aid - one off donations	£2,810.00	-	-	£2,810.00	£6,126.00
0601 - Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid	£8,386.03	-	-	£8,386.03	£11,219.71
0702 - Organ Fund	-	-	£750.00	£750.00	£720.00
08A1 - St Margaret's Centre - Non-recurring one-off grants	£4,000.00	-	-	£4,000.00	-
1340 - Church - Project Income	-	£983.60	-	£983.60	£482.20
303 - Donations to church activities	£521.50	-	-	£521.50	-
Donations and legacies Totals	£54,299.31	£2,463.59	£750.00	£57,512.90	£61,866.82
Income from charitable activities					
0704 - Bells	£3,523.80	-	£620.00	£4,143.80	£80.00
1101 - Weddings & Funerals - PCC	£9,307.70	-	-	£9,307.70	£7,538.00
1102 - Weddings & Funerals - Diocese	£4,034.00	-	-	£4,034.00	£4,889.00
1228 - St Margaret's Centre - Room Hire Damages	£19.99	-	-	£19.99	-
1229 - St Margaret's Centre - Room Hire Deposit	£100.00	-	-	£100.00	£360.00
1230 - Chapter House - Hire	£8,764.34	-	-	£8,764.34	£8,332.00
1231 - St Margaret's Centre - Hire	£37,700.99	-	-	£37,700.99	£40,139.32
1232 - 101 Whitnash Road - Rent	£14,230.06	-	-	£14,230.06	£4,774.88
1233 - 103 Whitnash Road - Rent	£11,400.00	-	-	£11,400.00	£11,400.00
1234 - 13 Palmer Road - Rent	£8,400.00	-	-	£8,400.00	£8,400.00
1235 - Churchyard Income	£1,424.00	-	-	£1,424.00	£3,004.00
1260 - Church - Parish magazine sales	£317.00	-	-	£317.00	£42.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	£99,221.88	-	£620.00	£99,841.88	£88,959.20
Other trading activities					
1211 - Flowers	£426.10	-	-	£426.10	£536.75
Other trading activities Totals	£426.10	-	-	£426.10	£536.75
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	£99.04	-	-	£99.04	£1.02
Investments Totals	£99.04	-	-	£99.04	£1.02
Other income					
1330 - Wages/Additional Ministry Refund - from Deanery	£844.15	-	-	£844.15	£844.35
Other Income Totals	£844.15	-	-	£844.15	£844.35

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments Grand totals	£154,890.48	£2,463.59	£1,370.00	£158,724.07	£152,208.14

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Church Giving to missionary individuals & societies	£6,762.80	£1,844.94	-	£8,607.74	£8,698.25
1850 - Church Evangelism/Outreach/Alpha	£69.97	-	-	£69.97	£212.99
1851 - Church Sunday School	-	-	-	-	£19.21
1901 - Church Diocesan Quota	£62,500.00	-	-	£62,500.00	£62,500.00
2001 - Church Staff expenses	-	-	-	-	£40.47
2101 - Church Clergy Expenses - Services	£78.88	-	-	£78.88	£144.79
2170 - Church Education & Training	£88.49	-	-	£88.49	-
2320 - Church Organ/piano tuning	-	-	£474.00	£474.00	£570.60
2350 - Churchyard - Maintenance	£420.42	-	-	£420.42	£245.39
2360 - Church Bells/Tower/Clock	£420.00	-	-	£420.00	£60.00
2370 - Church Visiting speakers / locums	£45.00	-	-	£45.00	£200.00
2380 - Church Weddings & Funerals - PCC	£1,138.50	-	-	£1,138.50	£769.00
2381 - Church Weddings & Funerals - Diocese	(£2,656.00)	-	-	(£2,656.00)	£7,423.50
2400 - Church Expenses	£1,297.87	-	-	£1,297.87	£2,327.18
2401 - Church Utilities	£3,899.30	-	-	£3,899.30	£1,561.74
2402 - Church Repairs	£5,034.00	-	-	£5,034.00	£6,888.00
2403 - Church Maintenance	£3,915.83	-	-	£3,915.83	£275.15
2404 - Church Wages	£18,648.08	-	-	£18,648.08	£16,253.55
2405 - Church Phone	£1,310.62	-	-	£1,310.62	£1,057.58
2407 - Church Insurance	£4,378.17	-	-	£4,378.17	£4,386.18
2410 - Chapter House - Expenses	£42.36	-	-	£42.36	-
2412 - Chapter House - Repairs	£144.00	-	-	£144.00	-
2413 - Chapter House - Maintenance	£109.80	-	-	£109.80	£481.42
2421 - 101 Whitnash Road - Utilities	-	-	-	-	£350.25
2422 - 101 Whitnash Road - Repairs	£204.00	-	-	£204.00	£47,048.26
2423 - 101 Whitnash Road - Maintenance	-	-	-	-	£210.00
2427 - 101 Whitnash Road - Insurance	£222.99	-	-	£222.99	£555.42
2428 - 101 Whitnash Road - Vacant Costs	-	-	-	-	£183.28
2432 - 103 Whitnash Road - Repairs	£1,275.45	-	-	£1,275.45	£4,808.11
2433 - 103 Whitnash Road - Maintenance	£1,075.00	-	-	£1,075.00	£50.00
2437 - 103 Whitnash Road - Insurance	£283.26	-	-	£283.26	£253.20
2442 - 13 Palmer Road - Repairs	£12,945.47	-	-	£12,945.47	£191.93
2443 - 13 Palmer Road - Maintenance	-	-	-	-	£100.00
2447 - 13 Palmer Road - Insurance	£186.96	-	-	£186.96	£223.34
2449 - St Margaret's Centre - Expenses	£56.00	-	-	£56.00	-
2450 - St Margaret's Centre - Room hire deposit refund	£140.00	-	-	£140.00	£250.00
2451 - St Margaret's Centre - Utilities	£11,324.90	-	-	£11,324.90	£7,305.09
2452 - St Margaret's Centre - Repairs	£1,597.23	-	-	£1,597.23	£2,082.26
2453 - St Margaret's Centre - Maintenance	£12,795.36	-	-	£12,795.36	£6,331.45
2454 - St Margaret's Centre - Wages	£1,170.30	-	-	£1,170.30	£6,401.76
2455 - St Margaret's Centre - Phone	£1,180.62	-	-	£1,180.62	£1,176.47
2456 - St Margaret's Centre - Council Tax	£895.20	-	-	£895.20	£363.51
2457 - St Margaret's Centre - Insurance	£2,751.04	-	-	£2,751.04	£2,319.11
2458 - Church wages professional fees	£804.51	-	-	£804.51	£851.51
2459 - Church Professional Fees - project	-	-	-	-	£840.00
2465 - Church Clergy Costs - Phone	£204.86	-	-	£204.86	£420.46

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
2468 - Church Clergy Costs - Travel	£148.50	-	-	£148.50	£257.30
2501 - Church Magazine expenses	£1,565.00	-	-	£1,565.00	£757.08
2502 - Church Website Expenses	£57.58	£321.00	-	£378.58	£366.02
2520 - Church Office Stationery	£376.81	-	-	£376.81	£211.21
2602 - Church Subscriptions/ Licences	£579.87	-	-	£579.87	£455.65
2603 - Church Computer Software	£313.20	£150.00	-	£463.20	£1,342.41
2604 - Church Bank Interest & Charges	£424.65	-	-	£424.65	£380.00
2720 - Church Staff Pension Costs	£1,373.99	-	-	£1,373.99	£994.97
2721 - Church Staff HMRC Tax & NI	£2,439.26	-	-	£2,439.26	£5,232.95
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	£164,040.10	£2,315.94	£474.00	£166,830.04	£206,428.00
Other expenditure					
1802 - Church Clergy expenses NOT Sunday's	£1,451.90	-	-	£1,451.90	-
1803 - Church Advertisement/Interview/Collation of new rector	£2,268.60	-	-	£2,268.60	-
1852 - Church Flowers	£623.27	-	-	£623.27	£626.56
Other expenditure Totals	£4,343.77	-	-	£4,343.77	£626.56
Expenditure Grand totals	£168,383.87	£2,315.94	£474.00	£171,173.81	£207,054.56

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	£56,762.90	£750.00	£57,512.90	£61,866.82
Income from charitable activities	£99,221.88	£620.00	£99,841.88	£88,959.20
Other trading activities	£426.10	-	£426.10	£536.75
Investments	£99.04	-	£99.04	£1.02
Other income	£844.15	-	£844.15	£844.35
Total income	£157,354.07	£1,370.00	£158,724.07	£152,208.14
Expenditure on:				
Expenditure on charitable activities	£166,356.04	£474.00	£166,830.04	£206,428.00
Other expenditure	£4,343.77	-	£4,343.77	£626.56
Total expenditure	£170,699.81	£474.00	£171,173.81	£207,054.56
Net Income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(£13,345.74)	£896.00	(£12,449.74)	(£54,846.42)
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	£209,135.73	£9,926.00	£219,061.73	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£208,934.73)	(£10,127.00)	(£219,061.73)	-
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	(£13,165.32)	-	(£13,165.32)	£38,028.30
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(£25.10)	-	(£25.10)	(£9.34)
Net movement in funds	(£26,335.16)	£695.00	(£25,640.16)	(£16,827.46)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	£133,803.82	£997,899.00	£1,131,702.82	£1,148,530.28
Total funds carried forward	£107,468.66	£998,594.00	£1,106,062.66	£1,131,702.82

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Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Advent - Advent	£12.00	£1,479.99	£1,844.94	£352.95	-	-	-
ChurchYard - ChurchYard	£19,721.20	-	-	-	-	-	£19,721.20
Deanery Synod - Deanery Synod	£14,984.13	-	£471.00	-	-	-	£14,513.13
Deposits - Rent Deposit - 13 Palmer Road	£600.00	-	-	-	-	-	£600.00
Future - Building - St Margaret's Centre	£18,008.00	-	-	-	-	-	£18,008.00
Organ - Organ Fund	£7,756.80	£750.00	£474.00	-	-	-	£8,032.80
Props - Properties	£500,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	£500,000.00
Restore - Church Restoration	£56,423.49	£983.60	-	-	-	-	£57,407.09
RSG - Ready Steady Grow	£201.00	-	-	(£201.00)	-	-	-
St Margaret's Centre - St Margaret's Centre	£451,532.00	-	-	-	-	-	£451,532.00
Tower - Tower/Clock/Bells	£80.00	£620.00	-	-	-	-	£700.00
General - General fund	£62,384.20	£154,890.48	£168,383.87	(£151.95)	-	(£13,190.42)	£35,548.44
Totals	£1,131,702.82	£158,724.07	£171,173.81	-	-	(£13,190.42)	£1,106,062.66

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
Heritage assets	£951,532.00	£951,532.00
	£951,532.00	£951,532.00
Current assets		
Debtors	£1,092.24	£10,324.54
Investments	£129,704.53	£142,894.95
Cash At Bank And In Hand	£23,805.89	£29,800.83
	£154,602.66	£183,020.32
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	£72.00	£2,849.50
	£72.00	£2,849.50
Net current assets less current liabilities	£154,530.66	£180,170.82
Total assets less current liabilities	£1,106,062.66	£1,131,702.82
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	£1,106,062.66	£1,131,702.82
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	£35,548.44	£62,384.20
Designated		
Designated - Advent	-	£12.00
Designated - Church Restoration	£57,407.09	£56,423.49
Designated - Deanery Synod	£14,513.13	£14,984.13
Restricted		
Restricted - Building - St Margaret's Centre	£18,008.00	£18,008.00
Restricted - Church Yard	£19,721.20	£19,721.20
Restricted - Organ Fund	£8,032.80	£7,756.80
Restricted - Properties	£500,000.00	£500,000.00
Restricted - Ready Steady Grow	-	£201.00
Restricted - Rent Deposit - 13 Palmer Road	£600.00	£600.00
Restricted - St Margaret's Centre	£451,532.00	£451,532.00
Restricted - Tower/Clock/Bells	£700.00	£80.00
Fund Totals	£1,106,062.66	£1,131,702.82

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Margaret's Whitnash Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the St Margaret's Whitnash PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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