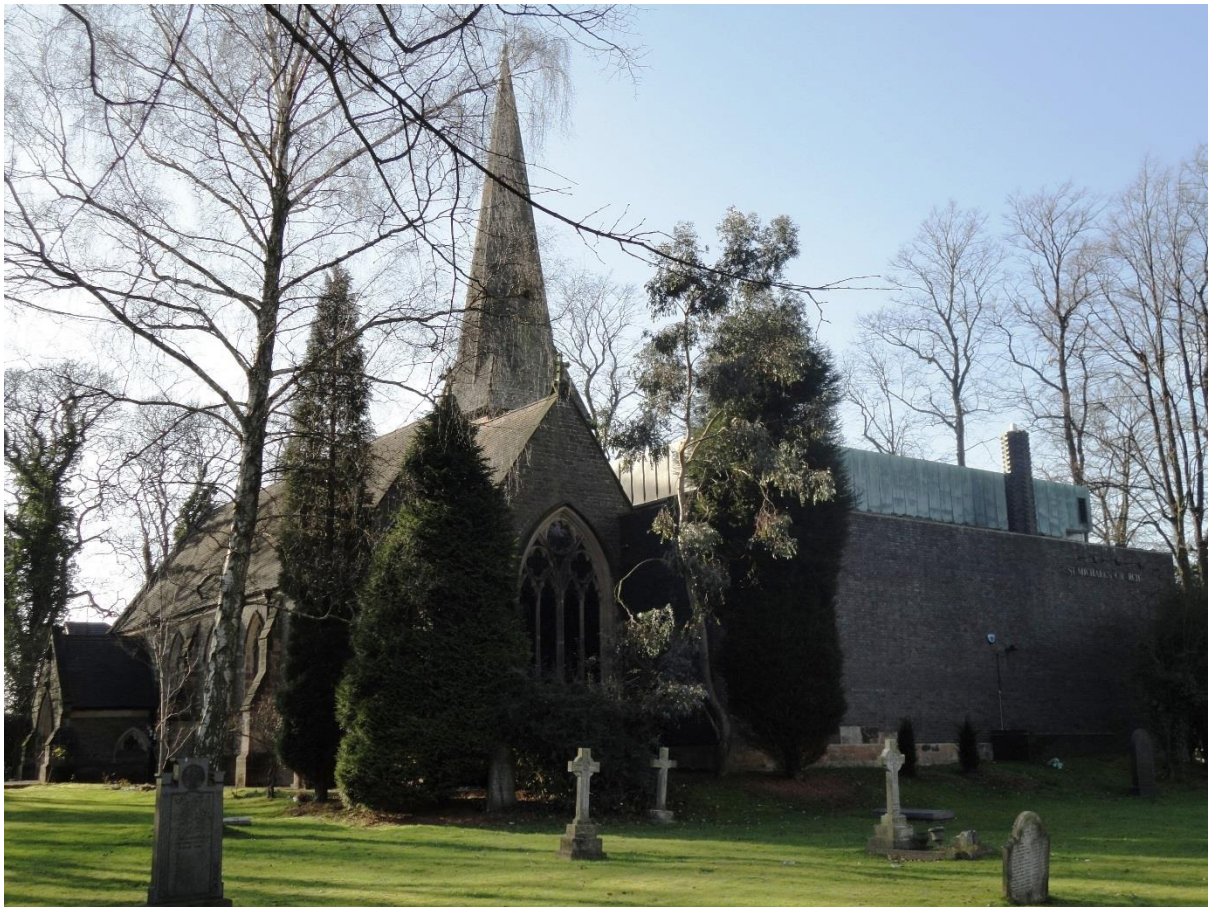


St Michael's Annual Report

Sunday 14th May, 2023



Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 14th May, 2023

10.00am following Holy Communion in St Michael's Church

1. Welcome and opening prayers
2. Minutes of previous APCM (these are in the Annual Report and will be taken as read)
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Election of two Churchwardens
 - a. Potential overriding of Churchwardens' Measure
5. Presentation of Electoral Roll
6. Election of up to nine members for the PCC
7. Elections to the Deanery Synod – Four vacancies
8. Appointment of Deputy Wardens/Sidespeople/Welcomers
9. Statement and presentation of Accounts
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner of 2023 Accounts
11. Safeguarding report
12. Receiving of Annual Report (circulated in advance and will be taken as read)
13. St Michael's Church Building discussion on ideas on how to develop the building.
14. Question Time
15. Closing Prayers

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

HELD ON 25th May, 2022 in St Michael's Church at 7.30pm

1. The meeting opened with prayers by Reverend Gary Birchall
2. The Minutes of the 2021 APCM were received and approved.
3. Appointment of Presiding Office – Rev'd Gary Birchall was appointed as Presiding Officer if a vote was required.

4. It was agreed that the Churchwarden's Measure be overridden in order for Peter Swaine to stand as Churchwarden.

5. Peter Swaine and Debbie Tye were elected as Churchwardens

6. Mark Williamson was elected to the PCC

7. Deputy Wardens and Welcomers were appointed for the coming year

8. Edwina Connell presented the 2021 Accounts and these were received unanimously.

9. Date Development were appointed as External Examiners for the 2022 Accounts.

10. A report on Safeguarding was received.

11. Rev'd Gary Birchall gave a presentation on how St Michael's church had responded to the different stages of COVID and Lockdown from March 2020

12. A photomontage video was shown portraying the life of the church over the last year.

13. The Annual Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was received as read.

14. Questions: Peter Edmonds asked if it would be possible for people to begin to lead the prayers of intercession in the Sunday morning worship again.

Peter Edmonds asked if the weekly notice sheet would be produced again.

Mark Edmonds presented a paper explaining how he believed that this was the right time to begin to assess the buildings that St

Michael's Church were responsible for in the light of the challenge of becoming Carbon Neutral, the financial costs of running the buildings and ensuring our buildings were fit for purpose for the coming years.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Vicar's Comments

We have just recently passed the third anniversary of COVID awareness in the UK and the beginning of the Lockdown measures that begin at the end of March 2020.

The third anniversary seems more poignant than the second anniversary, and I think it is because we are one more year removed from the massive changes that COVID brought about in our society. I was talking with someone who is responsible for Student Accommodation at one of our local universities and they were sharing about how they responded to the challenges of Lockdown and COVID. It was a timely reminder of how so many of us encountered and responded to the challenges.

Recently a video came up on my Facebook feed. It was a recording of myself saying prayers for the morning. It was one of our first responses to the Lockdown in 2020. It overwhelmed me to see it, to be reminded of it because it brought back all that we did as church through those years.

New ways of communication and worship were high up in our response. Only now I think we can begin to reflect back with some perspective. The further I am removed from my severe illness in April 2020, the more I am able to realise how seriously ill I was. I think this is also true as we reflect back on all that we went through together as a church community.

I am always hesitant to say that we are emerging from COVID because there are constant reminders that it is very much part of our life still. However, I am less hesitant to shake people's hands, I don't tend to cross the road when I see someone approaching on the same pavement. I don't tend to make sure that I am more than 2m from everybody. I would also say that in general, we are more aware of good hygiene in the church, the gel squirters are here to stay.

The sharing of the Peace has become far less tactile but, in my view, far more inclusive. I am aware that some churches have returned to drinking wine from the chalice, but I am still very hesitant to do that and so we continue with sharing the bread wafers dipped in wine to administer communion.

This report contains a good oversight of the life of St Michael's Church, and how in the midst of all these challenges, we see God at work in and amongst us. My hope for the coming year is that we continue to intentionally deepen our faith, encourage those who are becoming part of this church community,

to build up all those whose intention is to see the Kingdom of God grow in this place. I commend to you this Annual Report and thank all those who have contributed to it and the life and mission of the church in any way over the last year.

Rev'd Gary Birchall – April 2023

Churchwardens Report

Fabric Committee Report April, 2023

Most Covid restrictions ended at the end of March 2022 and the process of getting back to normal was able to begin. Committee meetings could once again be face-to-face, rather than on Zoom, and the first post-Covid Fabric Committee meeting was held in early May. The following items have been regularly discussed and progressed the necessary works to the Church, the Church Hall and our two properties, 7 Moorfield Court & 19 Southam Drive.

Quinquennial Inspection 2021

PCC agreed with the Committee's recommendation that initially, focus on repairs to the tower

(Subject to quotes) should be prioritised. The Quinquennial Report estimated the cost for the following works to be £18,750.

- Minor pitched roof repairs.
- Repairs to some parapet copings.
- Repair to the lead flashings on the tower over slates.
- Investigation of moisture penetration in the tower.
- Repairs to the tower stonework & internal plaster repairs.
- Minor pointing repairs to the external stonework.

Andy Schofield (Parish Buildings Surveyor) was contacted for his thoughts and advice. He agreed that this would be the best way to proceed and that he would begin the process of obtaining quotes. To date, he has supplied a draft Schedule of Works for the repairs to the exterior of the bell tower, external stonework on the west/north walls/tower and internal plastering of the bell tower stairs.

No prices were given in this document, but he has been asked to go ahead with arranging for quotes to be obtained. However, Andy Schofield is now the only Buildings Surveyor at the Diocese, so we are still waiting for these quotes before any work can begin.

Flood repair

At the time of the last APCM, most of the repair work had been completed but the following remedial work was still outstanding.

- Replacement of carpet tiles in the West Porch.
- The finish on parts of the wooden flooring was unsatisfactory & needed re-doing.
- Plastering & re-tiling in the ladies Toilet
- Flooring in Accessible Toilet
- Hole in the ceiling above the door to the Accessible Toilet.

After 19 months since the flood, these works were finally completed in January 2023!

Properties

Church

In November 2022, there was a significant lightning strike to the church spire. Fortunately, the lightning conductor ensured that there was no structural damage to the building. However, a surge of power into the church through the electrical cabling did cause significant damage to numerous sockets and electrical equipment within the building. Fortunately, most of the repairs were covered by our insurance.

7, Moorfield Court

In November 2022, Preferential Properties replaced Andersons as the managing agents for the property and following their November inspection, PCC were informed that there seemed to be issues and repairs that needed to be addressed on a regular basis and that a number of these would appear be as a result of the tenants misuse, rather than just general wear and tear. It was agreed that a recommendation to sell the property be discussed at the next PCC meeting. In response to recommendations from Fabric & Buildings Committees to PCC, it was unanimously agreed that the property should be sold. The tenant was given the required notice to vacate the property, which

he did towards the end of March 2023. In due course, the property will be marketed by Preferential

Properties.

Southam Drive

The property is being generally well maintained and Preferential Properties are overseeing and rectifying the minor issues that have arisen. The current tenant seems very happy with the property and the tenancy was recently renewed for a further six months.

Church Hall

A report on the future of the Church Hall was presented to PCC at the October 2022 meeting. This was then discussed fully at an extraordinary meeting of the PCC on 28th January 2023 and was followed by an Open Meeting on 11th February, to which all members of the church were invited and informed of what is being proposed. The Hall is now being actively marketed by Burley Browne.

I would like to thank all members of the Fabric Committee for their support and hard work in maintaining the fabric of the Church, the Church Hall, and the properties. I would also like to thank our Verger, Michelle Johnson (now retired), and Dave Reeves for their time in carrying out the general maintenance issues of the Church and the Church Hall. Their efforts over the years in maintaining acceptable working buildings is very much appreciated by the Wardens and the PCC.

Peter Swaine – April 2023

Church Wardens Report

Reflecting on last year's report, the previous year was all about how we got through everything using

Zoom and Facebook, and not giving up. This year all our services have been back in church, and we have been able to stream them live on YouTube, notwithstanding lightning strikes and floods!! It has been about how everyone (including the congregation) have adapted.

Celebrate has been going strongly for a year and we had another very successful Christmas Fayre. There have been more social evenings in church and elsewhere, e.g. Ladies and Men's Nights. The year has been much closer to normal but that has been because we adapted and moved on from Covid.

A big thank you to everyone for what you have done to support the church, no matter how small the contribution may have been. Moving forward is all about doing the same as we did through Covid, adapting to change as we look to sell the church hall and how we use the church at the heart of the community. Church is all about change.

We celebrate how we successfully did this through Covid and how we will continue to do so again in the years to come. Life doesn't stand still and neither does the church... we have to move on together!

Debbie Tye –April 2023

Everyday Faith Report

We started the Everyday Faith initiative at St Michael's back in 2021. The aim is simple:

"To enable the whole people of God to live out the Good news of Jesus confidently in all of life

Sunday to Saturday". The way to achieve this initiative is to make changes to the culture at St Michael's, not the easiest of tasks!

In a week's time from writing this report, we will attend our final Learning community, where we will outline our progress with other church Everyday Faith Groups in Birmingham Diocese.

One thing that has impressed us has been the way that the Everyday Faith actions have neatly dovetailed into the Transforming Church Action Plan (TCAP). As such some of the actions have worked in parallel with the TCAP, such as, having a diverse set of people preaching at our morning and evening services.

Things you might notice that have changed:

- We have a map in the South Aisle which plots the areas that people are engaged in from Sunday to Saturday.
- In our prayers and preaching you will hear references to Everyday Faith, not just as a phrase but as a way of talking about a faith engagement with the whole of our lives.
- You may have noticed leaflets and posters explaining Everyday Faith, not just in the church, but in the church hall.
- Every month we have a different tip which is aimed at encouraging us to take the next step in our Everyday Faith journey.

The journey to becoming an Everyday Faith church has made good progress, which is likely to be formally recognised following the learning community. However, we believe that there are still ongoing actions that need to be pursued, and that the progress will continue.

Therefore, watch out for actions around prayer, and other activities that will encourage us to live out our Everyday Faith lives.

The group members, who have brought their enthusiasm, hard work, and prayer are:

- Hayley Bryer
- Rev'd Simon Cocks
- Michael David
- Peter Swaine
- Pat Tennant

**Report prepared on behalf of the Everyday Faith group by Rev'd Simon Cocks
– April 2023**

Connell Home Group Report

Having continued the Home group throughout the Covid pandemic by meeting on zoom and following a period of normalisation, we decided to reinstate face to face meetings in September. One of the benefits of meeting on zoom was that it allowed some who through caring responsibilities could not attend face to face meetings. With this in mind we decided to meet at one such member's home to allow her to continue in the group and this has worked very well and now is our established meeting place.

Our meetings consist of 30 minutes of social interaction around refreshments and cakes a plenty, provided in the main by our champion baker Margaret Smolden.

We then continue with an opening prayer followed by approximately 60 minutes of bible study and exploration of scripture based on whatever theme or published bible study we are working through. Afterwards, we discuss our prayer list and update as needed on our groups 'WhatsApp' site (an invaluable tool for communication between members of the group), finishing with a closing prayer.

This year we have worked through a LICC bible study with video presentations around

Christianity and modern life, followed the Sunday lectionary readings, exploring the Gospel reading for the day. This was well received since it gave all an opportunity for all to offer up their own reflections and in doing so enlightened the passage for the following Sunday. We have looked at a study on the book of Ruth, again very interesting highlighting the human condition in very human circumstances and how God works through many people for the good. Currently, we are exploring the LICC study 'Growing on the Frontline' featuring Guide videos with hosts Tim Yearsley and Ennette Lainchbury, who walk through eight sessions full of biblical insight, real-life stories, and practical steps to inspire us to walk our life with Jesus at the centre.

If you feel inspired to attend a Home group but maybe have reservations why not contact me to arrange for a taster session in our group. You never know until you try, I've been attending/ leading this group for 25 years and continue to grow and be inspired by our conversations and fellowship around scripture.

Gary Connell - Home Group Leader - April 2023

THE MISSION AGENCY GIVING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR APCM 2023

For a variety of reasons, the Committee has not been able to meet regularly this year. We have continued to focus on the church's support for our two main charitable cause, and have made an effort to keep updated, generally by email and word of mouth. Our meeting to decide on the annual Mission Giving for 2022 was held on 28th March this year.

Unfortunately, the Committee is currently quite depleted in number, and we were immensely saddened to learn at the end of March that Margaret Wilkinson, who had been a loyal member of the Committee for many years, had died in hospital. Her wise and thoughtful input will certainly be missed.

Our support for the Diocesan Malawi Partnership remains an important focus. Having had to put the idea of a major fund-raising event in the autumn on hold, we were able to offer a Bread and Soup lunch recently, requesting donations specifically towards the costs of sending goods to

Malawi via the Container in June. The lunch raised over £375, which was an excellent outcome, and we were most grateful to receive a similar amount given at the Cello Recital by Joseph

Dawson just a fortnight later – an extremely generous gesture.

CMS: We had been hoping for an in-person visit from Azaria, our Mission Partner, who was on home leave from Guatemala for nearly 4 months before and after Christmas, but a suitable date couldn't be found. Some of us did have a Zoom meeting with her, arranged at very short notice, when she outlined her plans as she moves on to a different job with a new local partnership in

Guatemala City, and revealed the exciting news that she's now engaged! Her wedding is to take place later this year. We do hope we may be able to be more closely in touch in the months to come.

We remain hopeful that it will be possible to add at least 2 new names to the membership of this Committee once the new PCC has been formed.

Liz Carr (Convenor) - April 2023

Pastoral Report 2022-23

St. Michael's Pastoral team now numbers 7, so there is space for any volunteers! Five of the team, Liz Carr, Peter Edmonds, Fran Lumley, Helen Menniss and Lin Benson make up the visiting group and do their best to visit parishioners who would welcome them, possibly requesting home Communion or possibly enjoy a visit whilst in hospital. One of the team, Trudy Walsh contacts Baptism families and also works with the children during Morning Worship, whilst Margaret Smoldon keeps an eye on members of lunch club and reports back as necessary.

Holy Communion, once a month, now takes place again at lunch club, for those who would like to attend and is officiated by pastoral team members.

All The team attended a Safeguarding Training session, organised by the diocese last May. This involved theological discussion, relevant question and answer session, role play and further reflective discussion. This gave an opportunity for members to put forward questions and to receive advice on difficult situations.

Further pastoral training and exchange of ideas can be had during the annual Away Day for all pastoral teams in the diocese of Birmingham, which is a useful and informative occasion.

The team often feels that we do not hear about people's problems soon enough. If anyone wants support or knows of someone else in need of help please contact a pastoral team member.

Lin Benson – April 2023

Report from the Outreach Committee – April 2023

Throughout the last year the Lunch Club has continued to meet each Wednesday, with the exception of a two-week break over the Christmas period. 30 or more elderly people come and enjoy a nourishing meal and a friendly chat. We have just about enough drivers and kitchen staff to make the lunch club possible. All our volunteers give their time freely and generously, and I thank them for their loyalty, their kindness and unfailing service.

The communion service held on the second Wednesday of each month was re-instated in January 2023. The service is much valued by lunch club members, ten to fifteen attending each month.

Lunch Club celebrated 40 years on 18th May 2022 with a lovely lunch at Fairlawns Hotel. 66 people attended, that is, lunch club members, drivers and kitchen staff, including Andrew Mitchell, our MP. It was a very happy occasion, enjoyed by all.

Sadly the future of the lunch club is very much in jeopardy because of the imminent sale of the church hall. At the present time, no plans for the suitable relocation of the lunch club have been put forward.

The Outreach Committee have arranged two Teas over the last year, one at Harvest time and the other in the New Year. A Strawberry tea is planned for 16th July 2023, in the South Aisle. Numbers for these Teas have fallen, but those who come enjoy them very much.

For the children, the committee arranged an Advent Calendar Workshop on 19th November 2022, with two sessions, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

This proved as popular as ever.

The Outreach Committee served mince pies and mulled wine at the carol Service on 18th December 2022. About 120 people came to the Service.

Grateful thanks go to all members of the Outreach Committee and to those who help in any other way. Without this support, none of these many activities would take place.

Ruth Yates – April 2023

Tuesday Pilgrim Group – April 2023

For the past year, the Tuesday Home Group has met monthly in the Residents' Lounge at Boldmere

Place. Currently there are seven members, all of whom were keen to re-start after lockdown restrictions ended. The meetings have proved valuable for us all, including one or two people who are no longer able to get to church services for a variety of reasons.

We continue to start with a cup of tea and a chat, just by way of catching up – this is important to us all, in terms of fellowship and understanding each other. Invariably, we have agreed beforehand on a theme or range of topics for our Bible study, leading to discussion which often takes us in many directions. We have chosen both Old and New Testament passages, including a selection from Psalms, an Advent theme, and Women of the New Testament, which is our present topic, eliciting some thought-provoking ideas.

Our prayers at each meeting tend to be focused on issues which may have arisen during our discussion, on those who are absent, and on those people we know who are particularly in need of prayer.

Without wishing to comment on the age profile of this group, I'd say we are a good example of the saying, "It's never too late to learn"! We intend to carry on with our meetings as long as can keep going.

Liz Carr - April 2023

Reader Ministry at St. Michael's – April 2023

Anyone new to church, and perhaps many others who have been churchgoers for a long while, might be confused as to what a 'Reader' is.

Readers in Birmingham diocese undergo three or four years training, and are licensed by the Bishop as lay ministers – in other dioceses they are known as 'Licensed Lay Ministers' (LLMs).

The main focus in Reader ministry is about teaching and preaching in a pastoral context – but each and every Reader is different. We are worshippers, bringing different skills and life experiences. Most importantly, we are servants of God.

The three current Readers at St Michael's – Elaine Riley, Gary Connell, and Rob Rolfe – have continued to contribute in a number of ways. Here are some of the things we have been doing:

Devising, celebrating and preaching at Sunday evening services

Preaching, leading prayers and reading at online Morning Prayer

Contributing to the 'Celebrate' services

Acting as Communion Assistants

Running services at the Village, as part of Churches Together
Sermon series on Philippians, on Moses and (now) Joshua
Gathering together weekly as part of the St. Michael's ministry team
Organising and leading an Act of Remembrance in a nursing home
Assisting with preparation classes for baptism and confirmation reader ministry at St. Michael's
Being part of bible study groups and home groups
Conducting funerals in four different churches, and the associated pastoral work with bereaved families
Devising and facilitating online courses on The Mystery of Faith; on the History of Christianity; and on St. Matthew's Gospel (a course which had 30+ participants).
Attending Continuing Ministry Education diocesan courses
Praying in the Spirit
Attending Bishop's Study days
Making video reflections for Lent, Easter, Advent – still available online
Organising and leading the 'Breathe' services on Sunday evenings
Serving on the Birmingham Diocese Reader Training Steering Group
Leading worship and preaching on Sunday mornings at St. Michael's every reader is different
We are servant leaders
Could Reader ministry be for you?
Have a word with Rev'd Gary Birchall

Parish Annual Report Morning Prayer – April 2023

O Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Online Morning Prayer takes place every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., on Zoom. Having started in April 2020 at the beginning of the COVID lockdown, the weekly gathering has continued ever since.

Usually a dozen or so worshippers meet – from three different local C of E parishes. Each week there is a reflection on the daily readings - in turn by Reverend Jane Newsome, Reverend Canon Andrew

Menniss, Gary Connell, Elaine Riley, Rob Rolfe.

All of us are welcome at this act of worship (which lasts for 25 minutes).

In your resurrection, O Christ

Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Social Committee Annual Report – April 2023

This last year has seen very few social activities with coming out of Covid restrictions and many people's reticence to mix socially.

Now we are able to plan a series of opportunities to share time together- re-visiting some popular activities and introducing some new ones We are starting on Saturday April 29th with the return of the Church Breakfast, followed by the special Family Picnic on Sunday May 7th following the 10.00 Morning Service

To celebrate the King's Coronation when people bring their own picnic and chairs and enjoy a toast and celebration cake!!! (Of course!)

This will take place outside if weather permits (we will retreat indoors otherwise)

The next event, a shared lunch, is planned for Sunday 4th June.

Other events as yet to be confirmed are: a summer fair, a second family breakfast, a curry and quiz night, and our Christmas Market!!!

Many thanks to our social committee for their commitment and hard work and to the many who roll up their sleeves to help!!

Margaret Smoldon, Jan Peel, Debbie Swaine, Rose Smith, Pam Baxter, Tusheeta David, Helen Menniss and Madeleine Woodcock

BELLRINGING ANNUAL REPORT for the period 1 Jan to 31st December 2022

We currently have a regular band of eight ringers. Three of our ringers worship at other local churches. We are fortunate in maintaining a viable band as some local towers are struggling.

Ringling is normally carried out for the 6pm service although we ring for the morning service on festivals or special occasions when there is only one Sunday service. We also rang for two weddings during the year. A portion of the wedding fees provides the main source of income to the belfry fund and is supplemented by donations from occasional visiting ringers. The fund is used for minor repairs and upkeep of the bells.

Three members of the Boldmere band provide regular weekly assistance to the band at St Barnabas,

Erdington on their practice night as they have been building up a new band of ringers from scratch in recent years. We also occasionally attract ringers to our practice night and Sunday ringing from

Erdington and other local towers.

In December we shared a ringers' meal at the Parson & Clark Toby carvery restaurant.

No work has been carried out on the painting of the cast iron bell frame.

Visitors, both ringers and non-ringers, are always welcome. Practice night is on Wednesdays from

7:00 to 8:00 pm. The band is getting older and we would welcome new recruits. If you are interested or just want to know what goes on in the tower please come up and see us or talk to me.

David Reeves, Ringing Master - April 2023

Children's work at St Michaels

There is a spirit of co-operation between all the leaders of the children's work at St Michael's.

There are occasions when no leader is available and one of the leaders for a different group will step in to make sure there is provision on almost every Sunday in the year.

1. Celebrate

Trudy has sent this to you separately Danielle

2. South Aisle Saints

The past year has seen a slow return to normality.

We have welcomed our regular church families, returning families, visiting families and grandchildren.

We have followed the lectionary readings and subject themes where possible, so that the children's work runs parallel with the rest of our church family teaching.

At times the groups have gathered together and then split into age- related activities, as needed.

We always have a couple of songs, some simple teaching, a game and/or a craft- but fun is a guarantee!!!

Numbers have varied from 1/2 to 11/12 on occasions.

It is a promise that there will always be activities for the pre-school children every week so that whoever turns up are welcomed.

The children love to share what they have done in the service after communion, to emphasise that they are a valued part of our wider fellowship in church.

We pray that within their own understanding, the children will know that Jesus is with them and loves them

3. FLOK The FLOK continues to welcome children from reception to year 5 and we are always open to the needs of specific children.

Teaching and activities are usually based on the lectionary readings, using programmes from 'Roots on the Web' material which has been developed by Churches Together for specific age groups. This allows the learning in the group to follow the teaching in church and allows families to share Sunday worship more easily.

Numbers have dropped sharply as some families prefer to come to Celebrate and there is now provision for older children in Flok+. Gail Adams, Trudy Walsh, Ann Grice and Susan Toseland lead these sessions with occasional help from Bethany Bryer and Tayesha David

A typical session starts with a gathering prayer that the children have learnt, then followed by development of the story that they may have heard first in Church or watching a short film on YouTube to emphasise the meaning.

A craft activity, game, creative drama or short discussion may then be used to underline the main learning points finishing with a prayer before we join the congregation for the remainder of the service together.

Our aim is to provide learning about the love of Jesus in a warm and welcoming friendship group.

4. FLOK+

Flok + welcomes children from year five and above. Currently the age range of the children varies from 10 to 14.

Teaching and activities are usually based on the lectionary readings, using programmes from 'Roots on the Web' material which has been developed by Churches Together for specific age groups.

Occasionally we do other activities that might be indirectly related to the lectionary, but related to the life in church. We strive to engage the young adult's incorporating games, discussions and activities.

The programme is led by six of the parents on a rota. This includes Hayley & Richard Bryer, Jess &

David Underhill, and Tusheeta & Michael David. Our aim is to provide learning about the love of

Jesus in a warm and welcoming friendship group. Moving forward we hope to diversify the sessions to include: a Q&A with the clergy, excursions that promote Christian teachings, and look at inviting established youth ministers to one-off talks.

Trudy Walsh, Gail Adams, Jan Peel, Tusheeta David

Other children's workers are: **Ann Grice, Susan Toseland, Viv Poniatowski, Michael David, Hayley Bryer, Richard Bryer, Jess Underhill, David Underhill, Tyesha David.**

Celebrate Jesus at the Centre: APCM Report - April, 2023

It has been a privilege for us to welcome adults and children of all ages on a 2nd Sunday afternoon to 'Celebrate Jesus at the Centre' family time.

Since starting last March we have welcomed many different families to enjoy Songs;

Story; Craft activities and prayers while enjoying refreshments and the opportunity to meet other families.

Different themes have been covered each month from Creation to Easter gardens, and at the beginning of this year we introduced a 'Games Zone' for young people age 9 and over, which has proved very popular

'Celebrate' is led by a talented team who prepare and provide a fun afternoon.

2023: Pilgrim group Mondays 10.30 – 11.30am

Monday morning Pilgrim group meets at the Harvester between 10.30 and 11,30am.

At the present time there are eight of us, sadly missing the passing of Margaret Wilkinson who had been a faithful member of our group prior to her being housebound.

We use the Scripture Union study guides which provide a bible reading with good discussion points that promote lively conversation, and during the last year we have studied books from both the Old and the New Testament

Place of Welcome Report – April, 2023

The terrible and tragic news of the death of Laura Winham who died alone in her Surrey flat and whose body remained undiscovered for more than 3½ years highlights the huge twofold challenge of isolation in our society. Firstly, there is the isolation that can occur with mental illness, causing separation from family and friends. Secondly, there is the isolation that can occur in our communities where a neighbour's absence can go unnoticed for years.

Places of Welcome (POW) are a very simple response to loneliness and isolation. They are part of a national initiative that originated in the Birmingham Diocese and is now supported by the Church Urban

Fund. The vision is expressed in 5 core values:

The 5 Values of Places of Welcome:

1. Place: An accessible and hospitable building, open at same time every week
2. People: Open to everyone regardless of their circumstances or situation.
Staffed by Volunteers
3. Presence: A place where people actively listen to each other
4. Provision: Offering free refreshments (at least a cup of tea/Coffee & Toast) and basic local information
5. Participation: Every person will bring talents, experiences and skills that they may be willing to share locally

St. Michael's POW, started originally by the Rev'd Cath Walker, had to be closed because of the Covid Pandemic. It reopened after a two year pause on Friday 29th April 2022 and has been open every Friday from 9-11.30am at St. Michael's Church Hall since, with a wonderful new team of 14 volunteers from St.

Michael's. A further team of 4 people take turns in collecting the weekly food donations from The Incredible Surplus project in Winson Green. (The Incredible Surplus project distributes food donations from supermarkets and suppliers of items which are almost 'time expired', surplus to requirements, or with damaged packaging. In the past, these would have all gone to Land-fill. We make the food available at POW for a small donation according to means.) It is indicative of the depth of the current cost of living and economic crisis, that recently there hasn't been enough surplus food to collect. In autumn 2022 we

registered with Birmingham City Council as a warm space, so that anyone who cannot afford to heat their home knows where different warm spaces are available.

It has been really encouraging to see the support from members of St. Michaels, with many congregation members attending on a Friday. Whilst POW is primarily intended for the wider community, to have this support is really valuable as it provides a 'critical mass' so that when someone attends for the first time it feels like a place to be a part of.

We have a celebration of Holy Communion at 11am on the first Friday of every month. We have run special events for such things as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Commonwealth Games etc.

With the intended sale of the church hall, we propose moving to the south aisle of the church in time for the school summer holidays. We are excited by the opportunities that the different space will give us.

Please could every member of St. Michael's spread the word to neighbours and friends, anyone you think might appreciate a friendly place of welcome.

David and Jane Newsome

New Oscott Village services 2022.

The services at New Oscott Village take place on a Tuesday evening at 6:00p.m for approximately 45 minutes. The services are taken by Churches Together, with five of our local churches taking part. Each Church takes a service about once every five weeks, and each church takes the service in their own way. All that is asked is that the service is designed for the Village, not a rehash of a Sunday service. The services are interdenominational, so services can be very different each week depending on which church is leading. At long last, we have had a year of service free from Lock down and isolation. St Michael's was very lucky, and we were the first church to lead a Tuesday service there for 2022.

The services St Michael's lead contains hymns, prayers, bible readings and a talk.

4th January 2022 Epiphany. Matthew 2:1-12.

8th February 2022 Candlemas, Simeon, and Anna in the Temple. Luke 2: 22-38.

8th March St Patrick. Jeremiah 1:4-9.

12th April 2022 Holy week – reflections and meditations based on events of Holy week.

17th May 2022 St Matthias the Apostle. Acts 1:15-26

26th July 2022 A wedding at Cana and a big celebration. John 2: 1-11

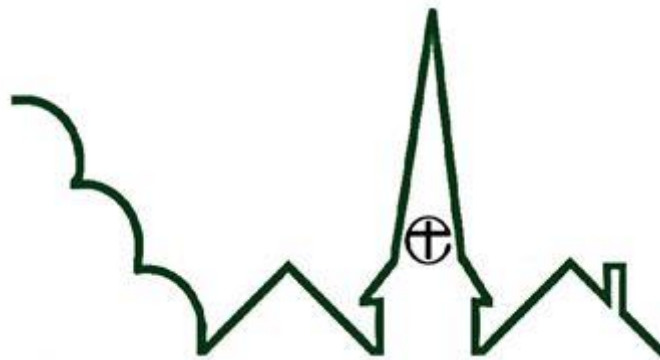
11th October God's harvest and our harvest – all we are thankful for. Matthew 13:1-23

15th November 2022 Matthew 25: 1-13

St Michael's is represented at New Oscott Village by a team, made up of Ian and myself, Trudy Walsh and Rev Simon Cox. It is a joy for all of us to be a part of the worship there on a Tuesday evening. I am very grateful to Trudy, as she will happily do the reading and a big thank you goes to Rev Simon who brings live music to the evening. Both Trudy and Rev Simon spend time talking to the people who come, and they really appreciate that. Having both Rev Simon and Trudy is a real bonus to us and a great support to both Ian and me.

Approximately 20-30 people attend the services of which 5 are members of St Michael's. We are very encouraged by the positive messages of support we are given by the people who attend. Some of this congregation are still able to attend St Michael's, but there are a few, who for various reasons are unable to. But they still have a link and lifeline to the church, which means they still feel connected. These services I feel are very important for many who attend. The people of New Oscott Village continue to support causes that we at St Michael's have. One of the most important is Harvest Festival. We collect a large amount of food from them, that is given to the Food bank. I feel privileged and honoured that I can represent St Michael's and lead the services at New Oscott Village. I look forward to the next twelve months.

Elaine Riley.



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST MICHAELS BOLDMERE

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2022 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Report of St Michael's PCC – January 2022 to December 2022

Members:

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	The Rev'd G Birchall	
Curate:	The Rev'd S Cocks	
Churchwardens:	Mr P Swaine	
	Mrs D Tye	
	Mrs J Peel	
Representatives on Deanery Synod:	Mrs M Smolden	
	Mr Gary Connell	
	Mrs D Tye	
	Mrs M Wilkinson	Term Expired May 2022
	Mrs E Connell (Treasurer)	Re-elected May 2022
	Mrs H Bryer	Term Expired May 2022
	Mr Mark Williamson	Elected May 2022
Elected Members:	Mrs E Riley	
	Mr M David	
	Mrs Vanessa Britton	Resigned January 2023
	Mrs P Baxter	
	Mrs H Harrison (Lay Chair)	Re-elected 25 May 2022

Note: Members of The PCC are elected for a term of 3 years, with a maximum of 6 years' continuous membership.

Structure, Governance and Management

Members of the PCC are ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC and report in to the PCC:

- **Standing Committee**
This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.
- **Finance Committee**
Oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St Michael's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and co-ordinating the annual review of the Christian Stewardship of money through planned giving.
- **Churchyard Committee**
Formerly set up to ensure the upkeep of the churchyard, this committee ceased to exist in 2022 with responsibility returning to the PCC.
- **Building Working Group**
Established to undertake a review of all Church Buildings and Properties to consider financial viability to maintain the properties in a fit for purpose state and achieve the C of E aim to be carbon neutral by 2030
- **Fabric Committee**
To attend to the upkeep and stewardship of the buildings and fabric belonging to the church, church hall, the house in Southam Drive and the flat at Moorfield Court.
- **Mission Agency Support Committee**
To promote awareness of the Gospel, to support and raise funds for mission organisations and mission partners.
- **Social Committee**
To arrange social functions for the benefit of all members of St Michael's and their friends.
- **Community Outreach Committee**
To extend the work and influence of St Michael's within the Parish.

Objectives and activities

- St Michael's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd G Birchall, in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of St Michael's.
- **Public Benefit**
The members of the PCC have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aim and objectives of the PCC and in planning any future activities. In particular, the members have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.
- **Church attendance**
There are 161 (2021: 152) parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The usual Church attendance was 77 adults and 12 children under the age of 16. The 10am service was also live streamed via YouTube with a Evening Prayer meeting via Zoom.
- On Easter Sunday 147 people attended Church
- 227 people attended Christmas services across Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

PCC Annual Report

A summary of the decisions and issues considered by the PCC in 2022

Transforming Church Action Plan

The PCC reviewed their TCAP for 2021 and prepared a TCAP for 2022. These are some of the items covered in the TCAP

- **Place of Welcome** – David Newsome reported on Place of Welcome. A range of suggestions were made on how it could be developed, and David agreed to produce a standard jpeg that could be used to promote Place of Welcome online.
- **FLOK+** - Michael David reported that FLOK+ had one trial meeting on a Sunday morning and that the intention was for FLOK+ to begin properly in September.
- **Celebrate** – Jan Peel and Elaine Riley spoke positively about how the monthly afternoon service was progressing.

- **Everyday Faith** – Rev'd Simon Cocks reported on developments with Everyday Faith. He highlighted the parish map that displayed the Everyday Faith responses. This was to be situated in the South Aisle. Michael David said that he had produced an Everyday Faith tip for each month up to December.
- Rev'd Gary Birchall reported back on the **Sunday sermon series** involving a range of different people speaking and said that he was very happy with the quality of the addresses. Michael David shared his experience of speaking in church
- Rev'd Gary Birchall highlighted four **Eco Church** events coming up, which were the Pet Service, Harvest Festival, Deanery Eco-Church Festival and an Eco event at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

Staff

- The PCC were informed that Danielle Woolaston had been appointed as Parish Administrator following the retirement of Liz Claybrook.

Ministry and Mission

- The PCC was informed that a number of people had volunteered to assist with the reopening of the Place of Welcome in the Church Hall. It would be held on Friday mornings from 11th March 2022.
- Rev'd Gary Birchall shared a document about the Oversight Minister role. The PCC discussed what this would mean for St Michael's and St Columba's Banners Gate. Three actions were agreed.
 - For each PCC to visit the morning worship of the other church.
 - The two Standing Committees would meet
 - Have a social gathering for the two PCCs.

Gary Birchall spoke about his retreat and how enjoyable he found it at Foxhill Retreat Centre in Chester Diocese. He then explained about A Retreat in Daily Life for Lent. This will be open to all to help with spirituality, with a team of prayer companions.

Gary talked about what a retreat is and how it helps deepen your relationship with God. It is intended to share this retreat with St Columba's Church, Banners Gate.

The PCC also heard about plans for a Residential Retreat for May or June 2023

Ideas were also shared about deepening our Spirituality in 2023. Ideas were Holding Cross Prayer day, Reading the Psalms, People giving feedback and reflection on the Retreat in Daily Life, Prayer Ministry, Healing Services, Jesus

Prayer service, 'Treasure Hunting' prayer on the streets, developing prayer in Home Groups.

Safeguarding

Rev'd Gary Birchall reported that the Pastoral Team had recently attended their tri-annual Safeguarding training.

Gail Adams reported to the PCC on Safeguarding developments.

- a) We have a list of activities/groups, the leadership of which all need role descriptions.
- b) November 20th is Safeguarding Sunday, when Elaine Riley will be speaking.
- c) We have a Bronze level for Safeguarding and need to complete more PCC members DBS checks towards the Silver award.
- d) The whole PCC has to be DBS checked together with "Responding to domestic abuse" training.
- e) Gail Adams had prepared a letter for each member of the PCC informing each of what they have to do (to be completed by November 27th) we will be adopting the Birmingham

Diocesan safeguarding policy at the 1st December PCC meeting when all completed.

Fabric

- The defibrillator at the Church was now fully operative and registered with the NHS.
- The PCC agreed that the *management company for Moorfield Court will be changed from Andersons to Preferential.*
- The PCC received a report on the Church Hall.
- Quinquennial Report received to be reviewed by Fabric committee. Surveyor had suggested an estimate of £40,000 be allocated for works over the next five years.
- The PCC agreed that a Buildings Working Group be formed to review all four of the buildings in the care of St Michael's PCC. This group would be chaired by Mark Edmonds.
- The PCC agreed to the placement of flower planters at the front of the Church Hall to clear the area from cars parking in front of the Hall.
- The PCC approved the installation of an automatic switch between the two church boilers at a cost of £735 plus Vat which would be paid from the building contingency fund.

- It was reported that rented properties had to have a Reg Energy rating of at least C by 2025. Moorfield Court is currently rated as D. A new boiler would be required to achieve a C rating. Southam Drive is also currently rated at D but the work required to move it to a C rating would be significantly less than Moorfield Court.
- Rev'd Gary Birchall reported on the impact of a Lighting strike on the church on 7th September 2022. The photocopier, internet, landline, heating controls and AV equipment were all damaged. Update on Lightning Strike on Church (8.50pm) – Rev'd Gary Birchall reported
- On the recommendation of the Buildings Working Group the PCC agreed to sell Moorfield Court as soon as possible.

Finance

- Parish Giving Scheme rolled out resulting in benefits of simplified accounting, regular monthly income and gift aid receipts. By year end 42 donors onboarded with 15 index linking
- Contractors employed to maintain churchyard replacing salaried employee with a cost saving of c £1500 pa
- Agents managing Moorfield Drive switched from Andersons to Preferential Properties for improved service and communication
- £75,000 switched from CCLA deposit fund to CCLA Investment Fund to maximise income. This was prior to market turbulence in Q4 and Bank of England base rate increases
- Crown Gas 3-year contract agreed. Although a substantial contracted price increase the agreement was made prior to energy price escalation
- Energy Grant of £2,787.49 received from Birmingham Diocese. £1000 was returned to support other Parishes to provide warm spaces to their communities
- Lightning Strike resulted in sourcing a new reconditioned photocopier, repairs to the boiler, BT phones and Internet, electrics and repairs and replacement parts for the AV sound desk The Church £500 insurance excess paid
- The PCC agreed to transfer £1600 from General Funds to the Lime Tree Fund and £7,900 to the Upkeep of Church Buildings, Properties and Churchyard Fund as 50% of estimated spend for years 1&2 following the Quinquennial review.

Worship

- The PCC agreed to the establishment of a monthly service for young families to be held on Sundays at 3.30pm in the South Aisle. This was to be called Celebrate Jesus at the Centre. The service would be for younger families and comprise elements of song, prayer, story, craft, celebration, and refreshments.

- The PCC agreed to purchase 80 new bibles for the Church using the NRSV translation. This was to be funded by the money left from the Bob Parker fund.

Churchyard

- Following the resignation of Ryan Stackhouse from his role of Churchyard Maintenance, Ben's Garden Services were appointed to maintain the churchyard.

Communication

- The PCC heard that there has been positive feedback on the AV equipment installed in December 2021. It was also noted that there needed to be two people on the AV team each Sunday.

Rev'd Gary Birchall 1st March 2023

Financial Review

Total income for funds was £163,078 of which £80,466 was unrestricted voluntary income which consisted of: £65,447 Donations & £15,019 from Gift Aid. Restricted voluntary income of £3,695 was also received and is detailed in the Financial Statements.

Overall voluntary income from unrestricted funds decreased by 13.73% or £12,805. This was made up of a £5,552 decrease in Job Retention Scheme income and a £7,253 decrease in Planned Giving.

The global pandemic caused significant reductions to Hall Hire Income in 2020. In 2021 this income started to recover in the second half of the year, which continued into 2022 with strong growth. Hall Hire increased by £7,326 to £15,350 representing a 91.3% increase compared to 2021.

£140,513 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Michael's representing a slight reduction of 0.7%. While there wasn't much movement in overall expenditure there were more significant changes in certain expenditure areas. Common Fund expenditure decreased by £9,996 or 15.4% to £55,008 while there were significant increases in Utilities, Office / Admin Costs & Church Service Costs. Utilities (Church & Hall) increased by £4,368 (85.5%) to £9,478 in total. Office & Admin Costs increased by 57.2% to £5,675 however £2124 was to replace the photocopier following lightning strike damage and was covered by an insurance claim as were Church Service Costs increasing by £5,258, though the majority of that was due to replacement AV desk which was mostly covered by the insurance claim.

Restricted expenditure in 2022 was £10,456.

Investment assets decreased in value by £40,397 during in 2022 as a result of the market reaction to the September 23rd mini-budget.

The net result for the year was a decrease in total funds of £28,287 this being made up of a decrease in unrestricted funds of £17,358 and a decrease in restricted funds of £10,929. The total fund balances at the year-end stood at £1,016,342 (Unrestricted: £410,894 ; Designated £372,661 and Restricted £232,787).

End of Financial Review

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

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

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity
Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement

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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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

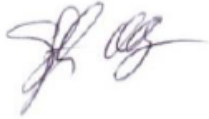
In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Date: 12th April 2023

Signed:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'S. Hendy', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Hendy

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Voluntary income	(2a)	80,466	-	3,695	84,161	96,546
Activities for generating funds	(2c)	3,941	282	-	4,223	5,699
Investment income	(2b)	33,281	-	2,404	35,685	27,188
Church activities	(2d)	22,873	14,223	1,914	39,010	17,887
Total income		140,561	14,505	8,012	163,078	147,320
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	(3a)	116,551	10,992	10,454	137,997	137,133
Costs of generating funds	(3b)	12,970	-	2	12,972	8,694
Total expenditure		129,521	10,992	10,456	150,969	145,827
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		10,472	3,513	(2,444)	11,541	1,493
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in		1,501	10,500	-	12,001	309,244
Gross transfers between funds - out		(10,500)	(1,380)	(121)	(12,001)	(309,244)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets		(32,032)	-	(8,365)	(40,397)	12,354
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		-	-	-	-	29,680
Net movement in funds		(29,991)	12,632	(10,929)	(28,288)	43,527
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		441,454	360,029	243,715	1,045,198	1,001,672
Total funds carried forward		410,894	372,661	232,787	1,016,342	1,045,198

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

BALANCE SHEET

	General	Designated	Restricted	At 31/12/202 2 £	At 31/12/2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible Assets	6,527	-	-	6,527	8,703
Investments	380,682	-	144,318	525,000	525,000
	387,209	-	144,318	531,527	533,703
Current assets					
Cash At Bank and In Hand	16,909	84,497	28,467	129,873	190,828
Stocks And Work in Progress	-	75	-	75	72
Debtors	4,004	472	3	4,478	4,306
Investments	10,086	290,000	60,278	360,364	325,761
	30,999	375,044	88,748	494,791	520,967
Liabilities					
Creditors: Falling Due in One Year	7,313	2,383	279	9,975	9,472
	7,313	2,383	279	9,975	9,472
Net current assets less current liabilities	23,685	372,661	88,469	484,815	511,495
Total assets less current liabilities	410,894	372,661	232,787	1,016,342	1,045,198
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	410,894	372,661	232,787	1,016,342	1,045,198
Fund Totals	410,894	372,661	232,787	1,016,342	1,045,198

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Summary of Significant Account Policies

General Information and basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity with the meaning of FRS102. The financial Statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations “true and fair view” provisions, they have also been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Report by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets:

Consecrated and benefice property

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded and not capitalised in the financial statements in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

Fixed Assets

In accordance with FRS02 investment properties are carried at their fair value and professionally valued every five years. The properties were professionally valued November 2020 and the next professional valuation is due November 2025.

Depreciation has been provided on church equipment on a straight-line method based on the estimated economic life of the asset, which 4 Years in the case of Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment.

Investments

Investments are recognised at their quoted market price. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Funds:

The financial statements have been prepared using fund accounting. Whereby income, expenditure, assets & liabilities are classified by fund. The 2 types of fund classification present in these accounts are:

1. **Unrestricted Funds** (General & Designated):
 - a. General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering the aims and objectives of the charity.
 - b. Designated Funds are funds that have but have been set aside by the PCC for a particular purpose from the general fund.
2. **Restricted Funds** represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for a specific purpose .

The purpose of funds held by the charity are set out in notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
a) Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving	62,695	-	360	63,055	68,628	
Collections At Service	2,270	-	-	2,270	1,438	
Donations & Appeals	482	-	240	722	2,947	
Gift Aid	15,019	-	108	15,126	16,481	
Grants	-	-	2,987	2,987	1,500	
Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	
Grant	-	-	-	-	5,552	
Voluntary income total	80,466	-	3,695	84,161	96,546	

b) Investment Income

Bank & Deposit						
Interest	1,385	-	-	1,385	182	
Dividends	8,067	-	2,404	10,470	3,976	
Rental Income	23,830	-	-	23,830	23,030	
Investment income						
total	33,281	-	2,404	35,685	27,188	

c) Activities for Generating Funds

Events Fundraising	3,578	-	-	3,578	3,255	
Regular Fundraising	362	282	-	644	2,443	
Activities for generating funds						
total	3,941	282	-	4,223	5,699	

d) Church Activities

Hall Hire	15,350	-	-	15,350	8,025	
Church Hire	600	-	-	600	235	
Parochial Fees	6,464	-	-	6,464	6,654	

Other Income	459	8,728	273	9,459	124
	22,873	8,728	273	31,873	15,038
Bell Ringers Group	-	275	20	295	405
Womens Guild	-	226	-	226	30
Flower Guild	-	-	926	926	784
Lunch Club	-	4,995	695	5,690	1,631
	-	5,495	1,641	7,136	2,850
Church activities total	22,873	14,223	1,914	39,010	17,887

3. Expended Resources

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
a) Church Activities					
Common Fund	55,008	-	-	55,008	65,004
Charitable Giving	4,002	-	-	4,002	4,335
Vicarage Costs	1,350	695	-	2,044	1,402
Curates House Costs	-	-	-	-	550
Ministry Expenses & Costs	458	111	2,085	2,653	2,821
Mission & Outreach Work	176	240	349	765	1,741
Youth Work	-	-	-	-	115
Children's Work	313	-	177	490	305
Church Service Costs	3,484	6,101	-	9,585	4,328
Church Staffing	11,777	-	-	11,777	12,512
Training & Other Staff Costs	142	-	-	142	180
Office & Admin Costs	3,437	2,238	-	5,675	3,609
Communication Costs	233	-	-	233	215
Insurance	6,358	-	-	6,358	6,430
Church Utilities	5,506	477	221	6,203	4,535
Cleaning & Hygiene	349	-	-	349	108
Safety & Security	2,039	-	-	2,039	406

Maintenance & Improvements	736	755	-	1,491	1,813
Depreciation	2,177			2,177	
Independent Examiners Fees	900		- 120	1,020	714
Other Expenditure	701	66	67	835	475
	99,145	10,682	3,019	112,846	111,086
Hall - Staffing	5,489	-	-	5,489	7,179
Hall - Maintenance & Improvements	1,086	-	34	1,120	3,632
Hall - Cleaning & Hygiene	215	-	-	215	230
Hall - Insurance	2,008	-	-	2,008	2,031
Hall - Running Costs	-	-	-	-	75
Hall - Utilities	3,496	-	-	3,496	1,074
	12,293	-	34	12,327	14,221
Churchyard Upkeep	5,113	-	1,533	7,213	9,574
Churchyard Equipment Depreciation	-	-	-	-	386
	5,113	-	1,533	7,213	9,960

Bell Ringers Group Costs	-	248	-	248	435
Womens Guild Costs	-	40	-	40	189
Flower Guild Costs	-	-	1,029	1,029	847
Lunch Club Costs	-	22	4,839	4,861	946
	-	310	5,868	6,178	2,416
Church activities total	116,551	10,992	10,454	138,565	137,683

b) Costs of generating funds

		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
Giving Costs	85	-	-	85	254	
Events Fundraising Costs	1,158	-	-	1,158	187	
Regular Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	1,148	
Moorfield Flat Overheads Southam Drive	4,121	-	-	4,121	4,446	
Overheads	7,606	-	-	7,606	2,107	
Investment Costs	-	-	2	2	2	
Costs of generating funds total	12,970	-	2	12,972	8,693	

4. Transfers Between Funds

	Note	General	Designated	Restricted Funds	Total
General Fund to Upkeep of Church, Churchyard...	1	(7,900)	7,900	—	—
Nancy Baker to General Fund	2	121	—	(121)	—
	3	(1,600)	1,600	—	—
General Fund to Lime Tree Fund					
Luncheon Club to General Fund	4	1,380	(1,380)	—	—
General Fund to Insurance Claim Fund	5	(500)	500	—	—
General Fund to Diocese Decorating Fund	6	(500)	500	—	—
		(9,001)	9,120	(118)	—

- 1 A £7,900 transfer was agreed by the PCC being 50% of estimated costs for schedule of work as highlighted in the 2021 Quinquennial Report for years 1 & 2. No work was undertaken in 2022 hence the provision for 2023
- 2 The Place of Welcome offers a warm space to the community for two and a half hours per week in the Church Hall. The transfer of £121 from Nancy Baker is a contribution towards the utility costs of heating and lighting the space during that time for the year
- 3 The PCC agreed the transfer of £1,600 to top the Lime Tree Fund back up to £10,000 as for maintenance, removal and replacement of trees
- 4 Luncheon Club operates in the Church Hall and the transfer of £1380 is the contribution for use of the hall and kitchen facilities
- 5 Due to a lightning strike of the Church in September which caused a substantial amount of damage to key electrical equipment an insurance claim was made which was managed via a new 'Insurance Claim' fund. The transfer of £500 represents the policy excess fee
- 6 The PCC agreed in 2021 for an annual amount of £500 to be transferred to the Diocese Decorating fund as provision towards decorating the Vicarage. Under the scheme the Diocese add an additional 50%. This Scheme ended 31 December 2022

5. Unrestricted Fund Movements

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	440,885	140,561	129,521	(8,999)	(32,032)	410,894
Sub-totals	440,885	140,561	129,521	(8,999)	(32,032)	410,894
Designated						
Bell Ringers	643	275	248	-	-	670
Bob Parker Memorial PCC						
Designated Fund	877	-	279	-	-	598
Communication Media And Equipment	3,510	282	224	-	-	3,568
Diocese Decorating Fund	1,386	500	695	500	-	1,691
Insurance Claim	-	8,228	8,727	500	-	-
Jim Carr Memorial	1,075	-	-	-	-	1,075
Lime Tree	8,412	-	-	1,600	-	10,012
Lunch Club	3,213	4,995	22	(1,380)	-	6,806
Musical Worship And Organ	864	-	451	-	-	413
Social	3,704	-	-	-	-	3,704
St Michael's Mission	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
Upkeep Of Church Buildings, Churchyard And Properties	85,000	-	-	7,900	-	92,900
Vicars Compassion Fund	600	-	240	-	-	360
Womens Guild	746	226	106	-	-	865
Sub-totals	360,029	14,505	10,992	9,120	-	372,661

Unrestricted Fund Purposes:

General Fund:

- Available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering its aims and objectives.

Designated Funds:

- **Bell Ringers Fund** is used to cover costs of church bells
- **Bob Parker Memorial PCC Designated Fund** is being held by the PCC to be designated / used for a purpose in memory of Robert Parker
- **Communication, Media & Equipment Fund** is for costs associated with communication for the life of the church including media, equipment and communication costs
- **Diocese Decorating Fund** is for any internal decorating to the vicarage
- **Insurance Claim Fund** was opened in 2022 following a Church lightning strike in September 2022 to manage funds flowing in from the Ecclesiastical Insurers and flowing out to settle invoices for replacement equipment and work completed
- **Jim Carr Memorial** is being held by the PCC to be designated / used for a purpose in memory of Jim Carr
- **Lime Tree Fund** has been established to fund the upkeep of Lime Trees in the churchyard and the replacement of the current Lime Trees at the end of their life
- **Luncheon Club Fund** is for costs associated with running the weekly Luncheon Club at St Michael's and any income associated with its activities
- **Organ & Musical Worship Fund:** A fund for costs associated with organ maintenance and musical worships resources and costs. Previously the Organ Fund which was incorrectly classed as restricted funds and re-designated in 2021
- **Social Fund** is for the costs associated with providing social functions at St Michael's throughout the year along with any income received at those functions
- **Upkeep of Church, Churchyard and Properties** is for covering any expenditure associated with the Church building, Churchyard & Other PCC properties in the future
- **Vicar's Compassion Fund** has been established and supported with proceeds from the Nancy
- **Women's Guild Fund** is for the income and expenses associated with St Michael's Women's Guild
- **St Michael's Mission Fund** is being held by the PCC to be designated in accordance with the mission of the church

6. Restricted Fund Movements

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Restricted						
Bell Ringers	-	20	-	-	-	20
Churchyard	980	553	1,533	-	-	-
Credit Union	1,094	5	2	-	-	1,098
Defibrillator	590	-	-	-	-	590
Energy Fund	-	1,787	221	-	-	1,567
Epiphany	217,200	2,671	2,272	-	(8,365)	209,233
Flowers Guild	2,218	926	897	-	-	2,247
Hilda Wilson Flower Fund	352	-	56	-	-	296
Lunch Club	5,873	695	4,839	-	-	1,729
Nancy Baker	4,115	1,200	559	(121)	-	4,634
Natalie Moore Flower Fund	568	-	76	-	-	492
Youth Work - Youth Work	10,725	155	-	-	-	10,880
Sub-totals	243,715	8,012	10,456	(121)	(8,365)	232,787

Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Bell Ringers Fund** is for donations specifically given to the upkeep and maintenance of the bell tower/ bells and bell ringing activities
- **Churchyard Restricted Fund** is for donations specifically given to the churchyard for the upkeep and maintenance of it
- **Credit Union Fund** is a fund held with credit union from donations received towards that purpose
- **Defibrillator Fund** was from a donation to the Church where the request was made for the monies to be used to purchase and install a defibrillator
- **Energy Fund** is to manage a grant received, via the Birmingham Diocesan Board of Finance, from the Archbishops' Council assist parishes that are facing escalating energy costs in carrying out their activities
- **Epiphany Fund** was from legacy where the benefactor stated that the expenditure should be to or for the benefit of the clergy in the parish
- **Flower Guild Restricted Fund** is for donations / contributions towards the costs associated with the flowers at services, memorials and events held at St Michaels
- **Hilda Wilson Fund** is a memorial fund which states that the monies are to be used for flower displays within the church on specific dates

- **Luncheon Club Restricted Fund:** From donations given specifically towards Luncheon Club events & outings
- **Nancy Baker Fund** has been established for the yearly income received from the Nancy Baker Trust. The fund is used towards the pastoral care and evangelical work of the PCC
- **Natalie Moore Fund** is a memorial fund which states that the monies are to be used for flower displays within the church on specific dates
- **Youth Work Fund** is for donations received specifically to be used for the Youth Work at St Michael's

7. Staff Costs

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Wages & Salaries	18,355	25,092
Social Security Costs	184	172
Pension Costs	—	—
	18,539	25,265
The average number of employees	2	4

During the year, no employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

There are no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

8. Fixed Investment Assets

	Southam Drive	Moorfield Flat	Total
Market Value – 1 st January	375,000	150,000	525,000
Additions	—	—	—
Revaluation gain / (loss)	—	—	—
Market Value – 31st December	375,000	150,000	525,000

9. Fixed Assets For Use By PCC

		Churchyard Equipment	AV Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation	At 1st January 2022	22,640	—	22,640
	Additions	—	8,703	8,703
	Revaluation Gain / (Loss)	—	—	—
	At 31st December 2022	22,640	8,703	31,343
Depreciation	At 1st January 2022	22,640	—	22,640
	Charge for the year	—	2,176	2,176
	Disposal	—	—	—
		22,640	2,176	24,816
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2022	—	6,527	6,527

In addition to the above assets the PCC owns the church hall which together with contents is valued at £2,690,00 by the PCC for insurance purposes. The deeds of these properties are held by the Diocesan Registrar on behalf of the PCC for safekeeping. However, the PCC considers that, although these properties are not consecrated buildings, they should be treated as operationally inalienable properties and therefore not included in the accounts.

10. Cash At Bank & In Hand

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Church Current Account	37,101	23,143
Credit Union	1,098	1,094
Church Petty Cash	82	127
	38,280	24,364
Short-Term Deposits		
CCLA 6002D Deposit Account	69,110	144,110
Diocesan Decorating Fund	1,691	1,386
	70,801	145,495
Group Accounts:		
Epiphany HSBC Account	4,643	4,512
Flower Guild Santander Account	2,156	2,166
Lunch Club TSB Account	8,458	9,009
Social Club Lloyds Account	3,644	3,644
Bell Ringers Santander Account	617	582
Women's Guild HSBC Account	670	716
Group Petty Cashes	345	251
Group Floats	260	90
	20,792	20,969
Total Cash At Bank & In Hand	129,873	190,828

11. Investments

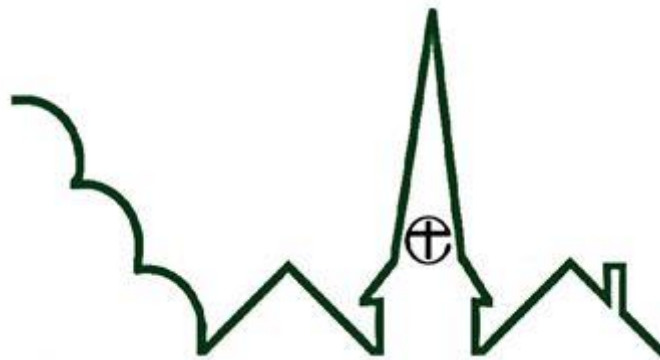
	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Market Value – 1 st January	325,761	63,407
Additions	75,000	250,000
Revaluation gain / (loss)	(40,397)	12,354
Market Value – 31st December	360,364	325,761

12. Debtors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
HMRC Debtors	518	1,275
Hire Debtors	183	207
Other Debtors	3,378	1,817
Total Debtors	4,079	3,299
Prepayments	399	1,007
Total Debtors & Prepayments	4,478	4,306

13. Liabilities

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Liabilities:		
Independent Examination	850	600
Mission Giving	4,002	4,335
Epiphany	5	—
Utilities	1,780	799
Other Creditors	3,035	3,688
Agency Collections	53	—
Total Liabilities	9,725	9,422
Deferred Income	250	50
Total Liabilities & Deferred Income	9,975	9,472



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST MICHAELS BOLDMERE

Annual financial statements for the year ended 2022

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2022 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Report of St Michael's PCC – January 2022 to December 2022

Members:

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	The Rev'd G Birchall	
Curate:	The Rev'd S Cocks	
Churchwardens:	Mr P Swaine	
	Mrs D Tye	
	Mrs J Peel	
Representatives on Deanery Synod:	Mrs M Smolden	
	Mr Gary Connell	
	Mrs D Tye	
	Mrs M Wilkinson	Term Expired May 2022
	Mrs E Connell (Treasurer)	Re-elected May 2022
	Mrs H Bryer	Term Expired May 2022
	Mr Mark Williamson	Elected May 2022
Elected Members:	Mrs E Riley	
	Mr M David	
	Mrs Vanessa Britton	Resigned January 2023
	Mrs P Baxter	
	Mrs H Harrison (Lay Chair)	Re-elected 25 May 2022

Note: Members of The PCC are elected for a term of 3 years, with a maximum of 6 years' continuous membership.

Structure, Governance and Management

Members of the PCC are ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC and report in to the PCC:

- **Standing Committee**
This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.
- **Finance Committee**
Oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St Michael's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and co-ordinating the annual review of the Christian Stewardship of money through planned giving.
- **Churchyard Committee**
Formerly set up to ensure the upkeep of the churchyard, this committee ceased to exist in 2022 with responsibility returning to the PCC.
- **Building Working Group**
Established to undertake a review of all Church Buildings and Properties to consider financial viability to maintain the properties in a fit for purpose state and achieve the C of E aim to be carbon neutral by 2030
- **Fabric Committee**
To attend to the upkeep and stewardship of the buildings and fabric belonging to the church, church hall, the house in Southam Drive and the flat at Moorfield Court.
- **Mission Agency Support Committee**
To promote awareness of the Gospel, to support and raise funds for mission organisations and mission partners.
- **Social Committee**
To arrange social functions for the benefit of all members of St Michael's and their friends.
- **Community Outreach Committee**
To extend the work and influence of St Michael's within the Parish.

Objectives and activities

- St Michael's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd G Birchall, in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of St Michael's.
- **Public Benefit**
The members of the PCC have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aim and objectives of the PCC and in planning any future activities. In particular, the members have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.
- **Church attendance**
There are 161 (2021: 152) parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The usual Church attendance was 77 adults and 12 children under the age of 16. The 10am service was also live streamed via YouTube with a Evening Prayer meeting via Zoom.
- On Easter Sunday 147 people attended Church
- 227 people attended Christmas services across Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

PCC Annual Report

A summary of the decisions and issues considered by the PCC in 2022

Transforming Church Action Plan

The PCC reviewed their TCAP for 2021 and prepared a TCAP for 2022. These are some of the items covered in the TCAP

- **Place of Welcome** – David Newsome reported on Place of Welcome. A range of suggestions were made on how it could be developed, and David agreed to produce a standard jpeg that could be used to promote Place of Welcome online.
- **FLOK+** - Michael David reported that FLOK+ had one trial meeting on a Sunday morning and that the intention was for FLOK+ to begin properly in September.
- **Celebrate** – Jan Peel and Elaine Riley spoke positively about how the monthly afternoon service was progressing.

- **Everyday Faith** – Rev'd Simon Cocks reported on developments with Everyday Faith. He highlighted the parish map that displayed the Everyday Faith responses. This was to be situated in the South Aisle. Michael David said that he had produced an Everyday Faith tip for each month up to December.
- Rev'd Gary Birchall reported back on the **Sunday sermon series** involving a range of different people speaking and said that he was very happy with the quality of the addresses. Michael David shared his experience of speaking in church
- Rev'd Gary Birchall highlighted four **Eco Church** events coming up, which were the Pet Service, Harvest Festival, Deanery Eco-Church Festival and an Eco event at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

Staff

- The PCC were informed that Danielle Woolaston had been appointed as Parish Administrator following the retirement of Liz Claybrook.

Ministry and Mission

- The PCC was informed that a number of people had volunteered to assist with the reopening of the Place of Welcome in the Church Hall. It would be held on Friday mornings from 11th March 2022.
- Rev'd Gary Birchall shared a document about the Oversight Minister role. The PCC discussed what this would mean for St Michael's and St Columba's Banners Gate. Three actions were agreed.
 - For each PCC to visit the morning worship of the other church.
 - The two Standing Committees would meet
 - Have a social gathering for the two PCCs.

Gary Birchall spoke about his retreat and how enjoyable he found it at Foxhill Retreat Centre in Chester Diocese. He then explained about A Retreat in Daily Life for Lent. This will be open to all to help with spirituality, with a team of prayer companions.

Gary talked about what a retreat is and how it helps deepen your relationship with God. It is intended to share this retreat with St Columba's Church, Banners Gate.

The PCC also heard about plans for a Residential Retreat for May or June 2023

Ideas were also shared about deepening our Spirituality in 2023. Ideas were Holding Cross Prayer day, Reading the Psalms, People giving feedback and reflection on the Retreat in Daily Life, Prayer Ministry, Healing Services, Jesus

Prayer service, 'Treasure Hunting' prayer on the streets, developing prayer in Home Groups.

Safeguarding

Rev'd Gary Birchall reported that the Pastoral Team had recently attended their tri-annual Safeguarding training.

Gail Adams reported to the PCC on Safeguarding developments.

- a) We have a list of activities/groups, the leadership of which all need role descriptions.
- b) November 20th is Safeguarding Sunday, when Elaine Riley will be speaking.
- c) We have a Bronze level for Safeguarding and need to complete more PCC members DBS checks towards the Silver award.
- d) The whole PCC has to be DBS checked together with "Responding to domestic abuse" training.
- e) Gail Adams had prepared a letter for each member of the PCC informing each of what they have to do (to be completed by November 27th) we will be adopting the Birmingham

Diocesan safeguarding policy at the 1st December PCC meeting when all completed.

Fabric

- The defibrillator at the Church was now fully operative and registered with the NHS.
- The PCC agreed that the *management company for Moorfield Court will be changed from Andersons to Preferential.*
- The PCC received a report on the Church Hall.
- Quinquennial Report received to be reviewed by Fabric committee. Surveyor had suggested an estimate of £40,000 be allocated for works over the next five years.
- The PCC agreed that a Buildings Working Group be formed to review all four of the buildings in the care of St Michael's PCC. This group would be chaired by Mark Edmonds.
- The PCC agreed to the placement of flower planters at the front of the Church Hall to clear the area from cars parking in front of the Hall.
- The PCC approved the installation of an automatic switch between the two church boilers at a cost of £735 plus Vat which would be paid from the building contingency fund.

- It was reported that rented properties had to have a Reg Energy rating of at least C by 2025. Moorfield Court is currently rated as D. A new boiler would be required to achieve a C rating. Southam Drive is also currently rated at D but the work required to move it to a C rating would be significantly less than Moorfield Court.
- Rev'd Gary Birchall reported on the impact of a Lighting strike on the church on 7th September 2022. The photocopier, internet, landline, heating controls and AV equipment were all damaged. Update on Lightning Strike on Church (8.50pm) – Rev'd Gary Birchall reported
- On the recommendation of the Buildings Working Group the PCC agreed to sell Moorfield Court as soon as possible.

Finance

- Parish Giving Scheme rolled out resulting in benefits of simplified accounting, regular monthly income and gift aid receipts. By year end 42 donors onboarded with 15 index linking
- Contractors employed to maintain churchyard replacing salaried employee with a cost saving of c £1500 pa
- Agents managing Moorfield Drive switched from Andersons to Preferential Properties for improved service and communication
- £75,000 switched from CCLA deposit fund to CCLA Investment Fund to maximise income. This was prior to market turbulence in Q4 and Bank of England base rate increases
- Crown Gas 3-year contract agreed. Although a substantial contracted price increase the agreement was made prior to energy price escalation
- Energy Grant of £2,787.49 received from Birmingham Diocese. £1000 was returned to support other Parishes to provide warm spaces to their communities
- Lightning Strike resulted in sourcing a new reconditioned photocopier, repairs to the boiler, BT phones and Internet, electrics and repairs and replacement parts for the AV sound desk The Church £500 insurance excess paid
- The PCC agreed to transfer £1600 from General Funds to the Lime Tree Fund and £7,900 to the Upkeep of Church Buildings, Properties and Churchyard Fund as 50% of estimated spend for years 1&2 following the Quinquennial review.

Worship

- The PCC agreed to the establishment of a monthly service for young families to be held on Sundays at 3.30pm in the South Aisle. This was to be called Celebrate Jesus at the Centre. The service would be for younger families and comprise elements of song, prayer, story, craft, celebration, and refreshments.

- The PCC agreed to purchase 80 new bibles for the Church using the NRSV translation. This was to be funded by the money left from the Bob Parker fund.

Churchyard

- Following the resignation of Ryan Stackhouse from his role of Churchyard Maintenance, Ben's Garden Services were appointed to maintain the churchyard.

Communication

- The PCC heard that there has been positive feedback on the AV equipment installed in December 2021. It was also noted that there needed to be two people on the AV team each Sunday.

Rev'd Gary Birchall 1st March 2023

Financial Review

Total income for funds was £163,078 of which £80,466 was unrestricted voluntary income which consisted of: £65,447 Donations & £15,019 from Gift Aid. Restricted voluntary income of £3,695 was also received and is detailed in the Financial Statements.

Overall voluntary income from unrestricted funds decreased by 13.73% or £12,805. This was made up of a £5,552 decrease in Job Retention Scheme income and a £7,253 decrease in Planned Giving.

The global pandemic caused significant reductions to Hall Hire Income in 2020. In 2021 this income started to recover in the second half of the year, which continued into 2022 with strong growth. Hall Hire increased by £7,326 to £15,350 representing a 91.3% increase compared to 2021.

£140,513 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Michael's representing a slight reduction of 0.7%. While there wasn't much movement in overall expenditure there were more significant changes in certain expenditure areas. Common Fund expenditure decreased by £9,996 or 15.4% to £55,008 while there were significant increases in Utilities, Office / Admin Costs & Church Service Costs. Utilities (Church & Hall) increased by £4,368 (85.5%) to £9,478 in total. Office & Admin Costs increased by 57.2% to £5,675 however £2124 was to replace the photocopier following lightning strike damage and was covered by an insurance claim as were Church Service Costs increasing by £5,258, though the majority of that was due to replacement AV desk which was mostly covered by the insurance claim.

Restricted expenditure in 2022 was £10,456.

Investment assets decreased in value by £40,397 during in 2022 as a result of the market reaction to the September 23rd mini-budget.

The net result for the year was a decrease in total funds of £28,287 this being made up of a decrease in unrestricted funds of £17,358 and a decrease in restricted funds of £10,929. The total fund balances at the year-end stood at £1,016,342 (Unrestricted: £410,894 ; Designated £372,661 and Restricted £232,787).

End of Financial Review

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

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

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity
Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement

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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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

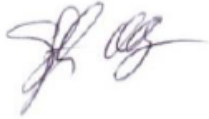
In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Date: 12th April 2023

Signed:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'SH' followed by a stylized flourish.

Stephen Hendy

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Voluntary income	(2a)	80,466	-	3,695	84,161	96,546
Activities for generating funds	(2c)	3,941	282	-	4,223	5,699
Investment income	(2b)	33,281	-	2,404	35,685	27,188
Church activities	(2d)	22,873	14,223	1,914	39,010	17,887
Total income		140,561	14,505	8,012	163,078	147,320
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	(3a)	116,551	10,992	10,454	137,997	137,133
Costs of generating funds	(3b)	12,970	-	2	12,972	8,694
Total expenditure		129,521	10,992	10,456	150,969	145,827
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		10,472	3,513	(2,444)	11,541	1,493
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in		1,501	10,500	-	12,001	309,244
Gross transfers between funds - out		(10,500)	(1,380)	(121)	(12,001)	(309,244)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets		(32,032)	-	(8,365)	(40,397)	12,354
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		-	-	-	-	29,680
Net movement in funds		(29,991)	12,632	(10,929)	(28,288)	43,527
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		441,454	360,029	243,715	1,045,198	1,001,672
Total funds carried forward		410,894	372,661	232,787	1,016,342	1,045,198

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

BALANCE SHEET

	General	Designated	Restricted	At 31/12/202 2 £	At 31/12/2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible Assets	6,527	-	-	6,527	8,703
Investments	380,682	-	144,318	525,000	525,000
	387,209	-	144,318	531,527	533,703
Current assets					
Cash At Bank and In Hand	16,909	84,497	28,467	129,873	190,828
Stocks And Work in Progress	-	75	-	75	72
Debtors	4,004	472	3	4,478	4,306
Investments	10,086	290,000	60,278	360,364	325,761
	30,999	375,044	88,748	494,791	520,967
Liabilities					
Creditors: Falling Due in One Year	7,313	2,383	279	9,975	9,472
	7,313	2,383	279	9,975	9,472
Net current assets less current liabilities	23,685	372,661	88,469	484,815	511,495
Total assets less current liabilities	410,894	372,661	232,787	1,016,342	1,045,198
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	410,894	372,661	232,787	1,016,342	1,045,198
Fund Totals	410,894	372,661	232,787	1,016,342	1,045,198

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Summary of Significant Account Policies

General Information and basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity with the meaning of FRS102. The financial Statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations “true and fair view” provisions, they have also been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Report by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets:

Consecrated and benefice property

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded and not capitalised in the financial statements in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

Fixed Assets

In accordance with FRS02 investment properties are carried at their fair value and professionally valued every five years. The properties were professionally valued November 2020 and the next professional valuation is due November 2025.

Depreciation has been provided on church equipment on a straight-line method based on the estimated economic life of the asset, which 4 Years in the case of Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment.

Investments

Investments are recognised at their quoted market price. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Funds:

The financial statements have been prepared using fund accounting. Whereby income, expenditure, assets & liabilities are classified by fund. The 2 types of fund classification present in these accounts are:

1. **Unrestricted Funds** (General & Designated):
 - a. General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering the aims and objectives of the charity.
 - b. Designated Funds are funds that have but have been set aside by the PCC for a particular purpose from the general fund.
2. **Restricted Funds** represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for a specific purpose .

The purpose of funds held by the charity are set out in notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
a) Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving	62,695	-	360	63,055	68,628	
Collections At Service	2,270	-	-	2,270	1,438	
Donations & Appeals	482	-	240	722	2,947	
Gift Aid	15,019	-	108	15,126	16,481	
Grants	-	-	2,987	2,987	1,500	
Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	
Grant	-	-	-	-	5,552	
Voluntary income total	80,466	-	3,695	84,161	96,546	

b) Investment Income

Bank & Deposit Interest	1,385	-	-	1,385	182	
Dividends	8,067	-	2,404	10,470	3,976	
Rental Income	23,830	-	-	23,830	23,030	
Investment income total	33,281	-	2,404	35,685	27,188	

c) Activities for Generating Funds

Events Fundraising	3,578	-	-	3,578	3,255	
Regular Fundraising	362	282	-	644	2,443	
Activities for generating funds total	3,941	282	-	4,223	5,699	

d) Church Activities

Hall Hire	15,350	-	-	15,350	8,025	
Church Hire	600	-	-	600	235	
Parochial Fees	6,464	-	-	6,464	6,654	

Other Income	459	8,728	273	9,459	124
	22,873	8,728	273	31,873	15,038
Bell Ringers Group	-	275	20	295	405
Womens Guild	-	226	-	226	30
Flower Guild	-	-	926	926	784
Lunch Club	-	4,995	695	5,690	1,631
	-	5,495	1,641	7,136	2,850
Church activities total	22,873	14,223	1,914	39,010	17,887

3. Expended Resources

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
a) Church Activities					
Common Fund	55,008	-	-	55,008	65,004
Charitable Giving	4,002	-	-	4,002	4,335
Vicarage Costs	1,350	695	-	2,044	1,402
Curates House Costs	-	-	-	-	550
Ministry Expenses & Costs	458	111	2,085	2,653	2,821
Mission & Outreach Work	176	240	349	765	1,741
Youth Work	-	-	-	-	115
Children's Work	313	-	177	490	305
Church Service Costs	3,484	6,101	-	9,585	4,328
Church Staffing	11,777	-	-	11,777	12,512
Training & Other Staff Costs	142	-	-	142	180
Office & Admin Costs	3,437	2,238	-	5,675	3,609
Communication Costs	233	-	-	233	215
Insurance	6,358	-	-	6,358	6,430
Church Utilities	5,506	477	221	6,203	4,535
Cleaning & Hygiene	349	-	-	349	108
Safety & Security	2,039	-	-	2,039	406

Maintenance & Improvements	736	755	-	1,491	1,813
Depreciation	2,177			2,177	
Independent Examiners Fees	900		- 120	1,020	714
Other Expenditure	701	66	67	835	475
	99,145	10,682	3,019	112,846	111,086
Hall - Staffing	5,489	-	-	5,489	7,179
Hall - Maintenance & Improvements	1,086	-	34	1,120	3,632
Hall - Cleaning & Hygiene	215	-	-	215	230
Hall - Insurance	2,008	-	-	2,008	2,031
Hall - Running Costs	-	-	-	-	75
Hall - Utilities	3,496	-	-	3,496	1,074
	12,293	-	34	12,327	14,221
Churchyard Upkeep	5,113	-	1,533	7,213	9,574
Churchyard Equipment Depreciation	-	-	-	-	386
	5,113	-	1,533	7,213	9,960

Bell Ringers Group Costs	-	248	-	248	435
Womens Guild Costs	-	40	-	40	189
Flower Guild Costs	-	-	1,029	1,029	847
Lunch Club Costs	-	22	4,839	4,861	946
	-	310	5,868	6,178	2,416
Church activities total	116,551	10,992	10,454	138,565	137,683

b) Costs of generating funds

		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
Giving Costs	85	-	-	85	254	
Events Fundraising Costs	1,158	-	-	1,158	187	
Regular Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	1,148	
Moorfield Flat Overheads Southam Drive	4,121	-	-	4,121	4,446	
Overheads	7,606	-	-	7,606	2,107	
Investment Costs	-	-	2	2	2	
Costs of generating funds total	12,970	-	2	12,972	8,693	

4. Transfers Between Funds

	Note	General	Designated	Restricted Funds	Total
General Fund to Upkeep of Church, Churchyard...	1	(7,900)	7,900	—	—
Nancy Baker to General Fund	2	121	—	(121)	—
	3	(1,600)	1,600	—	—
General Fund to Lime Tree Fund					
Luncheon Club to General Fund	4	1,380	(1,380)	—	—
General Fund to Insurance Claim Fund	5	(500)	500	—	—
General Fund to Diocese Decorating Fund	6	(500)	500	—	—
		(9,001)	9,120	(118)	—

- 1 A £7,900 transfer was agreed by the PCC being 50% of estimated costs for schedule of work as highlighted in the 2021 Quinquennial Report for years 1 & 2. No work was undertaken in 2022 hence the provision for 2023
- 2 The Place of Welcome offers a warm space to the community for two and a half hours per week in the Church Hall. The transfer of £121 from Nancy Baker is a contribution towards the utility costs of heating and lighting the space during that time for the year
- 3 The PCC agreed the transfer of £1,600 to top the Lime Tree Fund back up to £10,000 as for maintenance, removal and replacement of trees
- 4 Luncheon Club operates in the Church Hall and the transfer of £1380 is the contribution for use of the hall and kitchen facilities
- 5 Due to a lightning strike of the Church in September which caused a substantial amount of damage to key electrical equipment an insurance claim was made which was managed via a new 'Insurance Claim' fund. The transfer of £500 represents the policy excess fee
- 6 The PCC agreed in 2021 for an annual amount of £500 to be transferred to the Diocese Decorating fund as provision towards decorating the Vicarage. Under the scheme the Diocese add an additional 50%. This Scheme ended 31 December 2022

5. Unrestricted Fund Movements

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	440,885	140,561	129,521	(8,999)	(32,032)	410,894
Sub-totals	440,885	140,561	129,521	(8,999)	(32,032)	410,894
Designated						
Bell Ringers	643	275	248	-	-	670
Bob Parker Memorial PCC						
Designated Fund	877	-	279	-	-	598
Communication Media And Equipment	3,510	282	224	-	-	3,568
Diocese Decorating Fund	1,386	500	695	500	-	1,691
Insurance Claim	-	8,228	8,727	500	-	-
Jim Carr Memorial	1,075	-	-	-	-	1,075
Lime Tree	8,412	-	-	1,600	-	10,012
Lunch Club	3,213	4,995	22	(1,380)	-	6,806
Musical Worship And Organ Social	864 3,704	- -	451 -	- -	- -	413 3,704
St Michael's Mission	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
Upkeep Of Church Buildings, Churchyard And Properties	85,000	-	-	7,900	-	92,900
Vicars Compassion Fund	600	-	240	-	-	360
Womens Guild	746	226	106	-	-	865
Sub-totals	360,029	14,505	10,992	9,120	-	372,661

Unrestricted Fund Purposes:

General Fund:

- Available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering its aims and objectives.

Designated Funds:

- **Bell Ringers Fund** is used to cover costs of church bells
- **Bob Parker Memorial PCC Designated Fund** is being held by the PCC to be designated / used for a purpose in memory of Robert Parker
- **Communication, Media & Equipment Fund** is for costs associated with communication for the life of the church including media, equipment and communication costs
- **Diocese Decorating Fund** is for any internal decorating to the vicarage
- **Insurance Claim Fund** was opened in 2022 following a Church lightning strike in September 2022 to manage funds flowing in from the Ecclesiastical Insurers and flowing out to settle invoices for replacement equipment and work completed
- **Jim Carr Memorial** is being held by the PCC to be designated / used for a purpose in memory of Jim Carr
- **Lime Tree Fund** has been established to fund the upkeep of Lime Trees in the churchyard and the replacement of the current Lime Trees at the end of their life
- **Luncheon Club Fund** is for costs associated with running the weekly Luncheon Club at St Michael's and any income associated with its activities
- **Organ & Musical Worship Fund:** A fund for costs associated with organ maintenance and musical worships resources and costs. Previously the Organ Fund which was incorrectly classed as restricted funds and re-designated in 2021
- **Social Fund** is for the costs associated with providing social functions at St Michael's throughout the year along with any income received at those functions
- **Upkeep of Church, Churchyard and Properties** is for covering any expenditure associated with the Church building, Churchyard & Other PCC properties in the future
- **Vicar's Compassion Fund** has been established and supported with proceeds from the Nancy
- **Women's Guild Fund** is for the income and expenses associated with St Michael's Women's Guild
- **St Michael's Mission Fund** is being held by the PCC to be designated in accordance with the mission of the church

6. Restricted Fund Movements

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Restricted						
Bell Ringers	-	20	-	-	-	20
Churchyard	980	553	1,533	-	-	-
Credit Union	1,094	5	2	-	-	1,098
Defibrillator	590	-	-	-	-	590
Energy Fund	-	1,787	221	-	-	1,567
Epiphany	217,200	2,671	2,272	-	(8,365)	209,233
Flowers Guild	2,218	926	897	-	-	2,247
Hilda Wilson Flower Fund	352	-	56	-	-	296
Lunch Club	5,873	695	4,839	-	-	1,729
Nancy Baker	4,115	1,200	559	(121)	-	4,634
Natalie Moore Flower Fund	568	-	76	-	-	492
Youth Work - Youth Work	10,725	155	-	-	-	10,880
Sub-totals	243,715	8,012	10,456	(121)	(8,365)	232,787

Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Bell Ringers Fund** is for donations specifically given to the upkeep and maintenance of the bell tower/ bells and bell ringing activities
- **Churchyard Restricted Fund** is for donations specifically given to the churchyard for the upkeep and maintenance of it
- **Credit Union Fund** is a fund held with credit union from donations received towards that purpose
- **Defibrillator Fund** was from a donation to the Church where the request was made for the monies to be used to purchase and install a defibrillator
- **Energy Fund** is to manage a grant received, via the Birmingham Diocesan Board of Finance, from the Archbishops' Council assist parishes that are facing escalating energy costs in carrying out their activities
- **Epiphany Fund** was from legacy where the benefactor stated that the expenditure should be to or for the benefit of the clergy in the parish
- **Flower Guild Restricted Fund** is for donations / contributions towards the costs associated with the flowers at services, memorials and events held at St Michaels
- **Hilda Wilson Fund** is a memorial fund which states that the monies are to be used for flower displays within the church on specific dates

- **Luncheon Club Restricted Fund:** From donations given specifically towards Luncheon Club events & outings
- **Nancy Baker Fund** has been established for the yearly income received from the Nancy Baker Trust. The fund is used towards the pastoral care and evangelical work of the PCC
- **Natalie Moore Fund** is a memorial fund which states that the monies are to be used for flower displays within the church on specific dates
- **Youth Work Fund** is for donations received specifically to be used for the Youth Work at St Michael's

7. Staff Costs

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Wages & Salaries	18,355	25,092
Social Security Costs	184	172
Pension Costs	—	—
	18,539	25,265
The average number of employees	2	4

During the year, no employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

There are no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

8. Fixed Investment Assets

	Southam Drive	Moorfield Flat	Total
Market Value – 1 st January	375,000	150,000	525,000
Additions	—	—	—
Revaluation gain / (loss)	—	—	—
Market Value – 31st December	375,000	150,000	525,000

9. Fixed Assets For Use By PCC

		Churchyard Equipment	AV Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation	At 1st January 2022	22,640	—	22,640
	Additions	—	8,703	8,703
	Revaluation Gain / (Loss)	—	—	—
	At 31st December 2022	22,640	8,703	31,343
Depreciation	At 1st January 2022	22,640	—	22,640
	Charge for the year	—	2,176	2,176
	Disposal	—	—	—
		22,640	2,176	24,816
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2022	—	6,527	6,527

In addition to the above assets the PCC owns the church hall which together with contents is valued at £2,690,00 by the PCC for insurance purposes. The deeds of these properties are held by the Diocesan Registrar on behalf of the PCC for safekeeping. However, the PCC considers that, although these properties are not consecrated buildings, they should be treated as operationally inalienable properties and therefore not included in the accounts.

10. Cash At Bank & In Hand

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Church Current Account	37,101	23,143
Credit Union	1,098	1,094
Church Petty Cash	82	127
	38,280	24,364
Short-Term Deposits		
CCLA 6002D Deposit Account	69,110	144,110
Diocesan Decorating Fund	1,691	1,386
	70,801	145,495
Group Accounts:		
Epiphany HSBC Account	4,643	4,512
Flower Guild Santander Account	2,156	2,166
Lunch Club TSB Account	8,458	9,009
Social Club Lloyds Account	3,644	3,644
Bell Ringers Santander Account	617	582
Women's Guild HSBC Account	670	716
Group Petty Cashes	345	251
Group Floats	260	90
	20,792	20,969
Total Cash At Bank & In Hand	129,873	190,828

11. Investments

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Market Value – 1 st January	325,761	63,407
Additions	75,000	250,000
Revaluation gain / (loss)	(40,397)	12,354
Market Value – 31st December	360,364	325,761

12. Debtors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
HMRC Debtors	518	1,275
Hire Debtors	183	207
Other Debtors	3,378	1,817
Total Debtors	4,079	3,299
Prepayments	399	1,007
Total Debtors & Prepayments	4,478	4,306

13. Liabilities

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Liabilities:		
Independent Examination	850	600
Mission Giving	4,002	4,335
Epiphany	5	—
Utilities	1,780	799
Other Creditors	3,035	3,688
Agency Collections	53	—
Total Liabilities	9,725	9,422
Deferred Income	250	50
Total Liabilities & Deferred Income	9,975	9,472