

**CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**Charity Number: 1129098**

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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
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**OFFICERS AND ADVISERS**

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<b>Charity Number</b>	1129098

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

#### **Aims and purpose**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Chris Owen, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral and evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the finances and maintenance of the Church of Christ the Servant King, High Wycombe.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many as possible to worship at our church and in various other places within our district and to become part of the parish community of Christ the Servant King. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve as many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our vision is to be a growing and generous church which is expressed through our mission and core values. Our mission is to connect people to God: we will aim to be people who follow Jesus who lead others to Jesus, and we seek to focus all our activities around connecting people to the: presence, passion, power, promises, purposes, and peace of God.

All this hinges around our values:

- Worship – being a worshipping community centre around God
- Fellowship – sharing God's love with each other and the local community
- Maturity – growing in love, understanding and acts of service
- Ministry – serving within the church to build and grow our community of faith
- Mission – sharing the good news of God with words and actions

And is expressed in action through the Five Marks of Mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### *Worship and prayer*

The PCC endeavour to offer a range of services that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. This extends from providing sung communion and family worship on Sunday mornings and a midweek communion, to quieter services during Holy Week and at other times, focused on specific needs of the Church and the community. We welcome our adult learning disabled community to both services and events and they demonstrate each week that they can't wait to get here! It is a joy to worship alongside them.

Our part-time Children & Families Worker has worked hard to build up a team of volunteers for our Kidzone children's service that runs alongside the adult worship at the Sunday 10.45 service. We run this twice a month

and aim to get back to weekly if we can build a big enough team. Twice a month we run a youth club for our young people, with an element of praise and worship as well as the fun of games and a tuck shop. We regularly run events for our wider community. These focus on fun and games but always include elements of teaching, praise and worship.

At present there are 137 on the parish Electoral Roll. Attendance at church has gradually built up during the year with a peak of 118 for in person worship, 12 online via Zoom and a further 22 views of a YouTube service. We continue to meet online via Zoom for morning and night prayer each Thursday, something that we started during lockdown. This attracts anywhere between 12 and 21 worshippers and is thoughtfully and prayerfully led by a team of ten members of our congregation. Each year we have an extended week of prayer and there are plans in place for 2023 to build a creative prayer space in the worship area, as well as holding online prayer each morning and evening. This will be a welcome return to normality now that Covid restrictions have been lifted. We will be advertising this widely and hope to attract our wider community to take advantage of this space for prayer and reflection.

#### *Pastoral Care*

The team met (via Zoom) 4 times during 2022, and we invited Gill Taylor (ordinand in training) to join us.

Several members of our congregations are not able to attend services, so one of the team's main purposes is to organise pastoral support when appropriate and/or when requested, including facilitating Communion at home.

We were pleased that prayer ministry returned to our Sunday services this year, following the break caused by the Covid pandemic. The take up was patchy, both from people volunteering to pray, and from people seeking prayer ministry. The team will continue to encourage this important ministry.

The team sees our annual "Commemoration of the Departed" and "When Christmas Hurts" services as times when pastoral support can be offered to attendees, and finds that there are many opportunities to listen and to encourage.

#### *Mission and evangelism*

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. As in previous years our giving from our unrestricted voluntary income went to a range of local, national and international charities. These were: Open Doors, Wycombe Youth for Christ, Lighthouse Cressex, Wycombe Homeless Connection, REMA and Wycombe Fair Trade.

#### *Children and young people*

At Christ the Servant King we hold children's groups called Kidzone that support and journey with our younger members of our church family. We cater for children from preschool age until Year 6 and have also been very blessed to have some of our young people come along and help with our children too.

We started off April 2022 looking at the fruits of the spirit. In their groups the children were able to explore what these different fruits are and how they can apply to our lives today. Our youth group led a session on patience which was great fun and we also had the opportunity to go to Fernie Fields to have a picnic and play at the park. Here we could explore the joy of what God has created for us and we were very lucky to be blessed with beautiful sunshine that day too.

In one of our family church services we held a litter pick which saw three teams of the congregation go out into the local community to do a litter pick. Here we looked at goodness and what this meant and it was great to then put this fruit of the spirit into action by serving our local community.

In Kidzone we had a group of children transitioning from primary school into secondary school and so our Youth leader, Clare, and Carole along with some of our young people took the group to talk about what it was like in secondary school, gave them an opportunity to ask any questions and we were also able to give them a Moving On book which is written by Scripture Union and has loads of information about moving on to secondary school.

At CSK we are involved with the children's holiday week Lighthouse and at the end of the week we held a celebration service in our morning church service and this gave us the chance to say thank you to God for everything He had done that week and share with the congregation things that had happened during the week with the children.

After the summer holidays we welcomed the children back in September where we explored the new beginnings the children had started to journey on with starting new year groups or new schools. We looked at friendships and what Jesus taught about these. We explored God's love for us and how we can show this to others and God's forgiveness of us when we get things wrong.

Heather Searle came and led us in Christmas card making for the guests who come to the Wednesday café. There were some amazing creations from the children and it was lovely to be able to bless others at that time of year.

We followed this with an Interactive Christmas where we could learn about the Christmas story by pretending to be pregnant and journeying as Mary and Joseph did. We visited the stable full of animals and talked about what it would be like to give birth here. In the hall, after we collected our sheep, we met an angel who led us in some Christmas singing and made a star craft to remind us of the star that led the wise men to Jesus. We finished the term off with our Kidzone Christmas party.

We had our first Sunday Live service which is a service that we have tried to make more accessible to our community that may not come to a more traditional church service. It is modelled on our Saturday live events with games, quizzes, story telling and craft. This service we looked at the Prodigal Son and explored that we can always turn back to God, wherever we are in our lives.

This term has seen the Kidzone team look at the life of Jesus starting with Epiphany and into some of the key points in Jesus's life- when he was a boy, His first miracle, His baptism, the temptation and where did Jesus travel. We have acted out Palm Sunday and enjoyed waving palm leaves and shouting and praising Jesus coming into Jerusalem. The following week we held an Interactive Easter where we were able to have our feet washed and wash other people's feet. We experienced the Last Supper and learnt about what happened to Jesus on the cross and took the opportunity to say sorry for anything we have done wrong. The children visited the tomb and met the angel who told us Jesus was alive and then went into the garden for an Easter egg hunt.

On Good Friday we held a craft workshop for the children and decorated the cross in flowers which was put into the church garden. The children explored specifically what happened on Good Friday and had the chance to ask questions and explore what it may have been like for those that were there.

We also held our second Sunday Live service where we explored who the twelve disciples were and learnt that Jesus calls all of us to be His friend, wherever we have come from and whatever we have done.

We have an amazing team that come along on a Sunday to support and journey with our children and as always I say a massive thank you to them for their help. Sadly, we have said goodbye to three of our lovely helpers but have wished them all the best as God takes them into new seasons of their lives with Him.

During the year the PCC continued to focus on mission and evangelism.

In the coming year, the PCC will:

- continue, in conjunction with the staff, to oversee the ministry and mission of the church, in particular:
  - outreach and evangelism initiatives,
  - discipleship in the church,
- take a renewed look at the finances of the church and look to develop and strengthen giving within the church.
- monitor progress against the strategy put in place for the church including growing the church younger and Natural Church Development.

### *Church Development*

During the year, the church leadership team that was formed to respond to the challenges presented by the Natural Church Development survey, completed its initial work and presented its findings to the PCC. The ongoing development work will be overseen by our Vicar and monitored by the PCC. This will continue to focus on improving communication and prioritisation, facilitating the supervision of church life and the growth of new leaders, and increasing the effectiveness of every area of our church program of services, outreach, community engagement and growth.

### **Financial review**

The accounts show a gross income for the year of £120,366, of which £107,542 related to unrestricted funds, and a further £12,824 was received for restricted funds. Of this gross income £81,573 was unrestricted planned voluntary giving and a further £15,929 was from gift aid.

The overall movement on cash balances are shown within the receipts and payments sections of the accounts; the movement on unrestricted balances saw a net outflow of cash of £25,517; the closing balance on the unrestricted reserves (General fund) was £42,430, plus a further £68,696 of designated fund .

The balance sheet at the end of the year showed a strong position with £113,922 in the bank or on short term deposit. This provides a good buffer against increases in costs as well as providing funds for the expansion of mission and evangelism as well as any other additional unexpected needs.

### **Reserves policy**

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to maintain a level of income reserves equivalent to approximately three to four months of unrestricted expenditure, approximately £45,000 (in a non-Covid-19 impacted year), in order to meet its needs, including its legal and constructive obligations and to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow. At the year end the reserves of £42,430 were in line with the level required by the policy, nevertheless a tight rein will be maintained on expenditure during the current year, to ensure funds are available for additional outreach and evangelism initiatives.

### **Covid-19 Implications**

#### *Short and medium-term financial overview*

During the year, the Parish continued to experience the impact of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. However, as the nation eased out of lockdown and a degree of church activities resumed within the building during the second half of 2022, there was a 67% increase in income from letting of church premises and 31% increase in cash collections during services from 2020. It is anticipated that both streams of income will rise in 2022.

Starting the year 2022 with the unrestricted reserves of £77,584 and given the levels of those reserves, the church could continue to operate without the reduced income and cost savings mentioned, for three to four months, before reserves covering unrestricted expenditure for an equivalent period of time, approximately



£45,000, are depleted. With energy prices and other costs set to escalate in 2022 and into 2023, the trustees continue to monitor income and expenditure, particularly cashflow.

There are no material uncertainties about the ability of the church to continue.

### **Investment policy**

It remains our policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit fund.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to thank the church wardens, Carol Wotherspoon and David Lidiard, who worked tirelessly on our behalf and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity with charity number 1129098. From 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 the name for the church and parish of Christ the Servant King, High Wycombe was adopted.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the vicar, non-stipendiary ministers, churchwardens, the LLM reader and members elected by those members of the various congregations of the church who are on the electoral role of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and hence are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition, members may be co-opted as necessary. The PCC met six times during the year.

### **Committees and teams**

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC operates through a standing committee and a staff team which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

#### *Standing Committee*

This is the only Committee required by law. It meets as and when necessary.

#### *Staff team*

The staff team oversees the day to day running of the church within the direction set by the PCC, and ensures that the work of the various teams in the church is coordinated.

### **Administrative information**

The church of Christ the Servant King is situated in Sycamore Road, Booker within the town of High Wycombe. It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Church Office, Sycamore Road, Booker, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4TJ.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

#### *Ex Officio members:*

#### *Clergy and ministers:*

Revd Chris Owen, Revd Marie Jackson, Revd Ruth Wooster

*Wardens:*

David Lidiard, Carol Wotherspoon

*LLM:*

Janice Allerston, Allison Smale, Heather Searle

*Elected Deanery Synod representatives:*

Martyn Lloyd, Andy Smale

*Elected members:*

David Lidiard, Alan Molyneux, Carolyn Nally, Morag Campion (resigned 22 May 2022), Paul Brown,  
Robert Wratten, Lola de-Lima Majekodunmi, Godfrey Otudeko

Approved by the PCC on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Lidiard'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and a clear 'Lidiard'.

Mr D Lidiard  
(PCC Lay Chairman)



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES / MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's Statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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31st October 2023

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies		90,253	12,824	103,077	116,314
Charitable activities		15,631		15,631	11,589
Investments		942		942	37
Other		716		716	6,069
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>107,542</b>	<b>12,824</b>	<b>120,366</b>	<b>134,009</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	1	133,359	12,385	145,744	127,841
<b>Net of receipts/(payments) before transfers</b>					
		(25,817)	439	(25,378)	6,168
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end		136,943	2,357	139,300	133,132
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>111,126</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>113,922</b>	<b>139,300</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Designated funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 December 2022</b>
<b>B1 Cash Funds</b>				
Barclays Bank	28,968	2,796	-	31,764
Nat West (128)	-	-	-	-
Nat West (144)	-	-	-	-
Santander	9,566	-	-	9,566
Church Board of Finance	3,869	-	68,696	72,565
Petty cash	27	-	-	27
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>42,430</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>68,696</b>	<b>113,922</b>
<b>B2 Other Monetary assets</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Fixtures & Fittings	Fund Unrestricted		Cost 72,030	Current value 62,620
Container	Unrestricted		1,323	-

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

<b>B5 Liabilities &amp; Funds</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount due</b>
Accrued costs not yet invoiced	Unrestricted	1,200
Payroll taxes and pensions	Unrestricted	224

Signed on behalf of all the  
trustees

  
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Signed by

Mr D Lidiard

Dated

29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
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Notes to accounts

**1 Payments on:**

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>2022 Total £</i>	<i>2021 Total £</i>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Missionary and charitable giving (note 5):				
Church overseas	-	-	-	-
Home missions and other Church Societies	12,400		12,400	12,278
Other collections		1,160	1,160	410
	<u>12,400</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>13,560</u>	<u>12,688</u>
Ministry: Parish share	68,510	-	68,510	66,279
Clergy expenses	417	-	417	679
Vicar's discretionary fund	-	-	-	-
Church running costs	5,746	-	5,746	2,496
Light & water etc.	6,045	-	6,045	3,131
Wine, wafers & candles	244	-	244	200
Repairs and maintenance	5,073	-	5,073	3,206
Cleaning	8,716	-	8,716	6,123
Children's Church & Youth	835	-	835	184
Outreach	2,443	-	2,443	2,769
Secretarial	16,495	-	16,495	18,251
Family Worker	2,911	11,225	14,136	9,065
Office costs	2,386	-	2,386	2,188
Bank charges	218	-	218	202
Governance costs - Team Levy	380	-	380	380
Accountancy fee	540	-	540	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>133,359</u>	<u>12,385</u>	<u>145,744</u>	<u>127,841</u>