

# Wallingford Parochial Church Council Annual Report & Financial Statements 2022



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## 1. Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary-le-More's (St Mary's) and St Leonard's has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As a parish, we aim to become a living and loving example of Jesus Christ in our community, to be **open to God, open to all**.



The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church and St Leonard's Church.

## 2. Objectives and Activities

Rev. David Rice retired in December 2022 after 22 years' service as our Team Rector. Therefore one of the main objectives of the PCC for 2023 will be to create a Team Profile, which is a crucial part of the recruitment process for a new incumbent.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches (in-person or online) and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament whilst our outreach activities strive to look beyond ourselves to share the love of Christ as we serve and connect with the community.

When planning our activities and priorities for the coming years, we identified three main priorities in 2017, which we have continued to progress:

- Development of our provision of worship, taking into account people's busy lives and their requirements for alternative forms of worship
- Development of ways to encourage local residents to be part of our church, whilst nurturing our current congregation.
- Development of the role of a Children and Families Worker to further attract, support and encourage young people to be lifelong Christians.

To deliver these priorities, the PCC has a number of Vision Groups and sub-groups:



In addition:

- the responsibilities of the **Standing Committee** include finance, buildings and stewardship,
- the **Choir Committee** focuses on the musical aspects of our worship, and
- a **Communication** stream runs through all groups.

These sub-groups meet independently and report back to the PCC when the council meets.



in 2019 involved '**Cherishing God's Earth**' and is inspiring us to think about how we can express our care for God's world in our lives and through our worship and teaching, buildings and land, our local community engagement and our personal lifestyle choices. This mission aspect of our church continues to run through all our vision groups and resulted in our churches being given an **Eco Church Silver Award** by the A Rocha

foundation in 2020.

A new focus



Our parish offers many services and activities to reach out to as many people as possible. Services normally include two Eucharist services every Sunday and another on Thursday mornings; sung or choral Evensong on Sunday evenings and a monthly Family Service. In addition, online Morning Prayer is via Zoom from Mondays to Fridays and on Wednesday evenings we have a service for contemplative prayer and reflection, also via Zoom; this service was introduced during Covid when in-person attendance was difficult, but it has proved so popular we have kept it in this format. See Section 6.1 for more details on our worship.



Activities include a robed choir (both adults and juniors), a music group, Emmaus and Bible Study groups, bellringing and various children's activities (Children's Church, JAM - Jesus and Me; Tiny Toes Toddlers' group and Baby Singing) as well as social groups such as The Fellowship, and coffee mornings twice a week.

The hiring of St Mary's helps to make the church a vibrant focus of life in the town. The ability to remove the chairs in the church allows it to be a very flexible space and our diverse hirers in 2022 included the Country Market and Local Producers' Market, monthly meetings for U3A and The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society as well as weekly choir rehearsals, for an additional two choirs to our own, and several concerts and recitals.

We aim to keep St Mary's open daily for both parishioners and visitors, for anyone who wants to find peace at the heart of bustling, everyday life; a place for quiet contemplation and prayer as well as enabling an understanding of the church building in the history of the area.

Finally, we provide two buildings, where life events such as weddings and baptisms are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving, and funerals with respect and compassion, allowing us to give thanks for the loved one, time to reflect and think, and to entrust him or her into God's care.

In 2022 there were 164 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. We celebrated 27 baptisms and five weddings as well as six confirmations. Thirteen funerals were held in our two churches during the year; in addition, our parish clergy officiated at a further ten funerals, either at a crematorium or at a cemetery.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. See section 5 for a report from our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and works to provide a welcoming atmosphere and suitable facilities for all people. St Mary's, in particular, is available for wider community use and during the year is normally used by several groups unconnected with the church; further details of activities for the public benefit are given throughout this report.

### 3. Financial Review

#### 3.1 Financial Summary

In 2022 the church finances continued to return towards a pre-Covid situation, with a noticeable increase in plate collections and some recovery in income from coffee sales and church lettings. Expenditure was close to budget, slightly lower than in 2021. Overall, the value of church funds was very close to the 2021 value: a decline of around £22,000 in the value of investments held by Oxford diocese on our behalf was balanced by increases in value of the other funds - in particular the General fund which is used for the running costs of the church. This will allow us to start rebuilding reserves.

However, there will be some extra costs this year. If we continue using energy at the same rate as previous years, our utility bills will triple from around £7,000 in 2021 to £21,000 in 2023. But significant savings have been made by adjusting heating levels and timings in St Mary's which will reduce the impact of high bills. There are also some fabric works to be undertaken in 2023 on both our churches for which we are still assessing the costs. We are fortunate that, due to the generosity of our congregation, we are in a good position to face these challenges.

I am very grateful for the support I receive from Jenny Harden and Judith Pengilly: without their help and encouragement it would not be possible for me to look after our church finances.

#### 3.2 Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Wallingford PCC to maintain as a reserve approximately three months of general running costs (amounting to £30,000) plus a further amount as contingency for quinquennial and other works arising. The target level for this contingency is £90,000 giving a total target for reserves of £120,000.

#### 3.3 Grant making policy

The total of donations made by the PCC, plus collections taken at special services (including Christmas, Easter, Harvest), should approach 10% of the PCC's unrestricted income. The management of this giving is delegated to the Social Responsibility Group. The current practice is to support at least one UK charity and one overseas charity. One of the charities must be Christian based. Collections for emergency disaster appeals and one-off charities are agreed by the PCC.

#### 3.4 Stewardship

There was no stewardship campaign during the year.

*Stephen Harrison  
PCC Treasurer*

## 4. Churchwardens' Report

In 2022 we finally started to emerge from the restrictions of the Covid pandemic. Our Team Rector, Revd David Rice, had steered the path with compassion and dedication to the community he served. He planned his retirement only when he was sure that the life of our church could finally move forwards with more freedom. As churchwardens, he prepared us carefully, taking the time to reflect on lessons learnt during his 22-year tenure as our priest and also from the adaptations demanded by the pandemic.

So, with him, we reflected on the plans required for the interregnum, keeping the positive outcomes from Covid such as Zoom meetings and live streaming of our services. We divided the responsibilities between us and, in broad terms, Emma took on worship planning and Jacquie the oversight of all pastoral activities. David had depended on information provided by leaders of the parish network groups during Covid, to support and inform him. We seek to continue this pastoral care as we continue to support and care for each other.

Towards the start of the year, we received the Quinquennial Inspection reports for both churches. The actions resulting from the inspection by our newly appointed architect highlighted several immediate challenges that required careful understanding and navigation before they could be investigated and progressed. This has taken-up a considerable amount of Emma's time, as she leads on church buildings (and churchyards). Emma is very grateful to the support, guidance and encouragement provided by David, and Wendy, Jacquie and Steve – as members of the Standing Committee

It has been wonderful to see the numbers of people in church gradually increase throughout the last year. Easter was such an example – it was a joyful celebration. In August, we welcomed Bishop Gavin to Baptise and Confirm members of our church family. In October, we held our first Harvest Supper since before the pandemic – it was an uplifting experience to come together. At Christmas we were moving towards the pre-pandemic figures at services. In addition, there is a small but consistent number of our congregation who watch the services on the livestream. Life, including the life and work of our church, is feeling more normal again but at the same time we are not losing the flexibility introduced during the pandemic.

During the interregnum, Hannah, supported by Emma, has been doing a fantastic job with our children and families. She worked hard during Advent with a number of different outreach activities and the Crib service she planned and led was “bulging at the seams”.

Kevin, together with our retired clergy, lay ministers and visiting clergy have all offered themselves willingly and regularly to enable our services to continue in David's absence. We are enormously grateful for the time they have committed to help us to keep a sense of normality and enthusiasm for worship together.

We have been buoyed by the love and support of so many others who work tirelessly behind the scenes to help us stay efficient in our work and resilient through all the challenges that an interregnum brings. So, thank you all for drawing to our attention the important practical issues, for sharing the load in important decisions, and for being willing to step in and help when we are feeling stretched to fill in the gaps.

We have also received help and guidance from David Tyler (Archdeacon of Dorchester). He has outlined and explained the process towards reappointment, informed us prior to the decision we had to take around keeping or selling the Rectory (we are keeping it) and he has always been available to us concerning any pastoral matters and quick to respond. We would like to record our thanks to him for all that he has done to date in pointing us in the right direction.

Linda Hull was appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Officer prior to David's retirement. She has been invaluable in her role: visible, efficient, approachable and professional in all she does. We are grateful to have her in post and we continue to work closely with her to ensure a safe environment for all.

The Choir, as well as enhancing our own church services, found many exciting outreach opportunities during the year. We continue to work closely with Judith and share the joy of our wonderful musical heritage and we hope and plan to continue its development under her inspirational leadership.

As we look towards appointing our new incumbent, we give thanks for all that David has done and meant to each one of us. We commit ourselves to continue working hard on behalf of the Parish of Wallingford and the Benefice.... And to keep smiling.

*Jacquie Hughes & Emma Cross*  
Churchwardens

## 5. Report from Parish Safeguarding Officer

Linda Hull took up the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) in June 2022. Her first jobs were to understand the current issues and development areas, and to ensure her own training was fully up to date; this included undertaking basic, foundation and leadership training, as well as PSO induction training and modules on both safer recruitment and domestic abuse. A full handover of safeguarding information took place on David Rice's retirement, with a report made to the Diocese.



Safeguarding is a standing item on PCC agendas, and at each meeting Linda provides an updated Action Plan taken from the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. The PCC continues to comply with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and clergy discipline measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) and to ensure both policy and practice are set in line with the most recent guidance from the Church of England and Diocese of Oxford.

**Safeguarding Policy, Guidance and Information:** Our Parish Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and is in line with *Promoting A Safer Church*. A policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, based on the Church of England model, was agreed in November 2022. We make good use of materials provided both by the Diocese and by the Church of England in ensuring our Safeguarding procedures are appropriate.

We are currently auditing safeguarding training held by volunteers in our churches – many people completed training prior to the pandemic and so need to review that training. All PCC members are required to undertake basic and foundation level training. For most other roles within the church, basic training is appropriate.

**Safer Recruitment and People Management:** This is a significant piece of work with which we are making progress. Hannah Smith, our Children & Families Worker, has produced some volunteer role descriptions and we are able to ensure that correct procedure is followed for new appointments, both paid and voluntary, such as the taking up of references. Our focus for development is on broadening the range of role descriptions, ensuring the correct training is in place for volunteers, and ensuring appropriate checks are in place for all new appointments. We also need to ensure paperwork and procedures are as straightforward as possible to meet safeguarding requirements without being so onerous that genuine volunteers are discouraged from stepping forward. Hannah, Emma Cross (Churchwarden) and Linda have completed the Safer Recruitment training pathway.

A number of concerns and queries have been raised to the PSO, with advice and support sought from the Diocese as required. On occasions it is simply a matter of checking guidance on the Diocesan website; for example whether a particular role requires a DBS check. However, where a safeguarding concern is raised/shared, it is expected that advice will be sought directly from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and it is for them to discern whether further action is needed.

Linda Hull  
Parish Safeguarding Officer

## 6. PCC Vision Groups & Sub Committees

### 6.1 Worship & Spirituality Group

We began the year with planning and preparing for Lent and Easter. As part of this, we reflected on the importance of coming together in Lent as a benefice to encourage each other on our own faith journey and to remember the Christian life is one which is shared. With this in mind, we came-up with the idea of a Lent course looking at pilgrimage and the importance of journeying in faith.

This was inspired, in part, by the *Sacred Places* series of 'Prayer with the Heart' services.

- Session 1 – What is a pilgrimage?
- Session 2 – Why do we make a pilgrimage?
- Session 3 – How do we change when we make a pilgrimage?
- Session 4 - Where is God when we make a pilgrimage?
- Session 5 - Who are our companions on the road?

The Worship and Spiritually group was very grateful to Clare Stephenson for putting this idea into fruition through the development of our Team Ministry *The Pilgrim Path* Lent course. *The Pilgrim Path* focused on Jesus' last and most important journey made with his disciples from Galilee to Jerusalem in the days leading up to the crucifixion.

*The Pilgrim Path* was delivered over five weekly sessions (see left) and offered on Zoom during the day and evening on a Thursday. The sessions built on the format of previous years and included time for learning, sharing, and reflecting on scriptures through art. Each session was led by members of the Worship and Spiritually group using materials developed by Clare but allowing for flexibility and the incorporation of their own faith

experience. *The Pilgrim Path* was very well attended and received.

To accompany *The Pilgrim Path*, we developed a display board in St Mary's for parishioners to share their 'Sacred Places' - places significant to them in their faith journey. The Worship and Spiritually group was grateful to Luke Whitcomb for this idea and for making this hugely popular expression of faith happen in our church.



During Lent, *Prayer with the Heart*, held on Wednesday evenings by Zoom, followed their own journey of the soul through poems written by George Herbert. This series was entitled *The Sour-Sweet Days* of George Herbert. The idea was borne out of a George Herbert anthology book written by Mark Oakley, *My Sour-Sweet Days*. Since Easter, *Prayer with the Heart* has continued to meet using readings set for the previous Sunday as the theme for each Wednesday evening service. We're so grateful to those that lead these services.

Over the summer, we re-focussed on planning for the future by re-visiting our vision developed in 2019 using the Diocese of Oxford's Parish Planning tool. The group came to a decision that it would re-run the planning tool in light of Covid. The planning tool is a process that aims to help a church appreciate the strengths in what they are already doing, and to discover new opportunities and directions for God's call. Through this process, we developed the following shared vision: *'We enable people to be the best they can be in God'*. The change envisaged by the Worship and Spirituality group for the future was incremental and evolutionary, building on what we do well now. The over-arching goal developed by the group was *'to sustain the mature and varied ministry of St Mary's and St Leonard's over the next three years'* - especially given the interregnum. Helping to achieve this goal, the following three emphases were identified in addition to maintaining the pattern and rhythm of public worship in our parish:

- *The offer of 'personal discipleship plans'*
- *A church-wide small group course*
- *Fellowship opportunities to enable people to get to know each other*

At the same time, Janine Bailey and the Outreach & Nurture Group ran a small groups survey, with the help of David Rice, to better understand how we can support parishioners in their faith journey. Using the information gained from this survey, coupled with the goal of this group, during the Autumn, David Rice put into motion The Bible Society's *The Bible Course* and gathered the support of Clare Stephenson, Gavin Wood and Jonathon and Susie Wilmot to lead three groups between them. We are so grateful to them for their support and commitment – again these groups were very well attended and received, and provided opportunities for fellowship.

David handed over the leadership of the Worship and Spirituality group to Emma Cross, group member and Churchwarden leading on worship during the interregnum, approaching his retirement in November. The group offered their sincere thanks to David for his wisdom, encouragement and enabling in everything he had done with supporting the life and work of the Worship and Spirituality group over so many years.

The attention of the group was drawn to Advent and Christmas. We reflected on the Church of England's theme for Christmas, *Follow the Star: the Great Invitation*, and in response decided to continue with our familiar pattern of worship but make close links with the Outreach and Nurture group. As part of this, Clare Stephenson and Luke Whitcomb, kindly agreed to plan and prepare the Longest Night service this year due to the interregnum – our thanks to them.

We are so grateful to all clergy and laity who led and supported our services over Advent and Christmas – especially as this concurred with the start of the interregnum. Behind the scenes, Emma Cross, had to make several changes to the planned clergy rota due to sickness. This included two tier standby cover for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Advent and Christmas showed the importance of lay ministry within our parish through, for example, the Family Service, Christingle, Crib service and Longest Night service. It was a joy and delight to witness the church bursting at the seams at the Crib service – and thanks to Hannah Smith, our Children and Families worker, for preparing and leading this service.

The following table explains our service provision:

<b>St Leonard's</b>	Every Sunday	08:00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		18:30	Sung or Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)
<b>St Mary's</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	10:15	Family Service, preceded by crafts at 09:45
		11:30	Said Communion (Common Worship)
	All other Sundays	10:00	Parish Communion (Common Worship) with Children's Church JAM (Jesus & Me)
	Every Thursday	11:00	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
<b>Zoom</b>	Every morning (Mon - Fri)	08:30 or 09:00	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) on Zoom; also in person on Wednesdays & Fridays at other churches in the benefice
	Every Wednesday	20:00	Prayer with the Heart

*Emma Cross*  
*On behalf of the Worship and Spirituality group*



## 6.2 Outreach & Nurture Group

### 6.2.1 Outreach & Nurture Group - General

Early in 2022, we completed our work on the Parish Planning Tool and determined that:

*We are a church which looks outwards to draw others in, where a diverse range of people of all ages worship and have a sense of belonging.*

Based on this, we developed four priorities for the group for 2022:

- \* Review and develop the provision of a Bible study/prayer group across all ages and needs
- \* Review provision of activities or events for older children/teenagers
- \* Plan & develop a regular pattern of events to welcome newcomers
- \* Develop a regular pattern of activities linked with town and community events.

Under these priorities, a number of activities took place throughout the year including an afternoon tea for newcomers, a parish picnic followed by Evensong held outdoors, and four trails for children including one at Easter, one in the summer (in partnership with "Wild about Wallingford") in St Leonard's churchyard, a Light Trail at the end of October in St Mary's church and one in Advent around the town. See the next section for more information on these.



Harvest Supper

We also organised a Harvest Supper in October, our first since before Covid, which was very enjoyable.

Also, in partnership with Wallingford Deanery, a Pilgrim Path walk was organised, which included a visit to the church in the neighbouring parish of Cholsey, and this was followed by a Deanery Evensong where choristers from across the Deanery came together, along with the Area Dean and the Associate Archdeacon, who preached at the service.

We also reviewed the services and activities leaflet given to new arrivals to Wallingford by the Tourist Information Centre and now ensure that they have always have a good supply.



Parish Picnic

Responding to feedback from a number of parishioners, an online survey was carried out in the summer to discover how we can support people in our parish in their faith and to discover if the groups currently in place met people's requirements or whether they needed to be developed further. The results of this survey clearly demonstrated that there was a demand for a small study group and this initiative was then passed to the Worship & Spirituality group for implementation.

Following the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II in September, a Book of Condolences was provided in St Mary's, as well as the opportunity for grieverers to light a candle. This was welcomed by people in the town.

For the first time since before Covid, we were able to plan a full programme of services and activities during Advent and Christmas. We decided to follow the Church of England's theme for Christmas, *Follow the Star: the Great Invitation*. All our promotional material (posters, flyers etc) included this theme at its heart. St Mary's was decorated with lights and stars, including a huge star over the font - these were much appreciated by everyone, from visitors to the church to those attending the special services and events throughout the season. A framework was created and fixed outside St Mary's, to which people could add stars, and corner boards with large posters were attached to the church for the attention of passers-by and drivers. The charity Style Acre was able to return to St Mary's for their Christmas Service, which a real delight. The Tree of Remembering was in the chancel from the start of Advent and throughout December, giving everyone the opportunity to light a star for their loved ones who are no longer with them.



Other outreach opportunities included participating in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, BunkFest and the Christmas Shopping Event.

I would like to record my thanks to Revd. David Rice who led us through 2022, as well as the other members of the group and also thanks to those beyond the group who support this vital aspect of our church life.

*Wendy L Muggeridge  
On behalf of the Outreach & Worship Group*

### 6.2.2 Children and Families

This year, our Tiny Toes Toddler Group and Baby Singing have grown significantly in number, with over 80 total visitors each week towards the end of the year. On the second Sunday of each month, we continue to hold our Family Services and on all other Sundays, we offer our Jesus and Me (JAM) group for children during our 10:00 Parish Communion; both of these have maintained stable numbers. Our weekly family newsletter reaches out to those who cannot join us with reflections and crafts, as well as keeping all up to date with upcoming events. We have continued to work with our local schools and community groups and have warmly welcomed them to our wider church activities.





In March, our local Brownie group helped us to assemble posies for the Mothering Sunday service. The Brownies were invited to our upcoming services, and were given an activity booklet to talk them reflectively and engagingly through the Easter story. In April, our toddler group enjoyed an Easter party in church, with a treasure hunt, themed games and an Easter story gift, together with invitations to our Easter activities in church. This year, our Easter trail followed our main church theme and took the form of a short, reflective 'pilgrimage' around the church. Visitors required beady eyes to spot the signs that they needed to find on their journey. They would then find a QR code to scan to hear an audio reflection. For those a little less technologically equipped, there were written reflections available too. In later April and May, we held a weekly craft lunch time drop-in for children of St Nicholas' School. These crafts were themed on Christian based values and children were also invited to our church services and crafts.



Jubilee celebrations

At the beginning of June, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with craft activities for children in Castle Gardens, as part of the larger local Jubilee activities. Participants received invitations to upcoming church activities. We also held our annual Wildlife Discovery event in St. Leonard's churchyard in June in collaboration with the Wild about Wallingford group. This was a popular event again this year and feedback from participants was very positive. In July, we held a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the Castle Gardens for our baby and toddler groups. There were bubbles, games, treasure hunts, toys, music and stories.



Bunkfest crafts



Light Trail

In October, we had our Harvest Festival Family Service, with pre-service crafts and also our annual Light Trail. This trail took a more reflective and prayerful approach this year, with five engaging and prayerful reflection stations around the church. Children enjoyed poppy themed crafts at our Family Remembrance Service in November. Also in November, we said goodbye to Revd David Rice, and the children suggested words describing him for an art piece keep-sake from the children. After David's leaving, Hannah Smith, our Children & Families Worker, picked up the roles of planning and leading Family Services, working more closely with the local schools and supporting families with the preparation for Baptism.



Gift from the children

The Nativity Trail this year took the form of windows, created by our congregation, that told the story of the nativity as they 'followed the star' map around the town. Participants would collect letters from each window to unscramble and make the title of a Christmas carol. Our toddler group had a Christmas party, with games and crafts, as well as a visit from Santa, who brought each of them a Christmas story gift. We also held an afternoon craft session in December to decorate clay stars and create star-wands as part of the Wallingford Christmas Shopping Day. The local schools received invitations to all of our family activities, which they could include in their newsletters. St. Nicholas' School received a pre-Christingle assembly to introduce the theme, and to invite children into the church for this special service. The Christingle service began with pre-service Christingle-making. The Crib service was themed on this year's starry-theme, with some speaking roles. Actors did exceptionally well with these, and every attending child was welcomed to dress up and join in with the service.

Thank you to all who supported our work with children and families this year.

Hannah Smith  
Children & Families Worker

### 6.3 Social Responsibility Group

The Social Responsibility Group aims to raise awareness of social and justice concerns of the wider world locally, nationally and globally, linking this with our charitable giving.

The PCC endorsed our commitment to support one local charity (Refugee Resource) and one overseas charity (The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind, India) and £1,500 was given to each charity from Parish funds. A long-term relationship helps strengthen our links and understanding of the charities' work. We receive regular updates from the Sharp Memorial School via a member of the congregation who used to work there; Refugee Resource also send us regular news letters.

Pat Griffiths continues to take the lead for Christian Aid Week. She organised speakers to tell us about their current project at the morning service in St. Mary's and at Evensong in St. Leonard's and a collection was held for the charity. Pat is keen to find someone to take over the leadership role in 2023.

During the year the Group also organised special collections for the following charities: Fair Trade Foundation, Children on The Edge, The Porch Oxford), Cruse, Combat Stress, The Children's Society, See-Saw, and Parents and Children Together (PACT). Harvest produce was given to The Wallingford Food Bank and to Style Acre. A Christmas collection for the Food Bank was carried out during November so that the needy could be given their Christmas goods in time for Christmas, and our annual 'Reverse Advent Calendar' collected more "day-to-day" supplies during Advent for delivery in early January.

In addition the Group was proactive in highlighting worldwide issues including the situation in Ukraine when we responded to the appeal by UK for UNHCR to aid refugees fleeing from the conflict. We also held a collection in response to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Appeal to help those in desperate need following the floods in Pakistan.

In total £9,654.66 was donated to charitable causes in 2022. This does not include donations made direct to the charities via their websites by members of the congregation. Gift aid envelopes are not used by many charities nowadays so donating direct is the only way to add the gift aid element to the amount donated.

We are delighted to welcome Liz Gordon, Charlie Hughes and Jo O'Reilly as members of the Group.

*Philippa Bomford  
On behalf of the Social Responsibility group*

## 6.4 Standing Committee

### 6.4.1 Fabric

#### 6.4.1.1 General

As reported in the annual report for 2021, we appointed Henry Sanders of Hestia Architects as our Quinquennial Inspector for St Mary's and St Leonard's churches. The inspections were carried out in early autumn 2021 but we did not receive the reports until early 2022.

We met with Henry Sanders to discuss the priorities in March (St Mary's) and May (St Leonard's). Progressing the priority actions from the Quinquennial Inspection has formed the focal point of the work of the Standing Committee over the last year.

Alongside, routine activities such as, the six-monthly checks of the emergency lighting and the fire alarm took place in St Mary's; fire extinguishers at both churches were checked and the annual PAT testing carried out at both churches. We're very grateful to Charlie Hughes for co-ordinating these checks.

#### 6.4.1.2 St Leonard's

Henry Sanders reported that the building is in reasonable condition reflecting the care undertaken by the PCC for the church. The priority 1 (urgent) actions have been carried out and we are now well underway with the priority 2 (within 12 months) actions.

One of the actions relates to cutting back a tree damaging the masonry of the Apse. The Standing Committee has gained Faculty List B consent from the Diocese of Oxford to complete this work. We are waiting for South Oxfordshire District Council to undertake the work as the maintenance of the churchyard sits with them, given that it is closed.

When inspecting the church, Henry Sanders noted signs of water ingress to the fabric of the internal west wall. Through initial investigations, the cause is thought to be linked to failed verge leadwork relating to the nave roof, and its abutment with the tower. This remedial work will be incorporated into St Mary's lead replacement project – see below.

The Wallingford Green Gym continue to visit the churchyard twice a year to maintain it. We are also grateful to the St Mary's churchyard working group who supplement their work when appropriate and to Wallingford Town Council who maintain the grassed areas.

#### 6.4.1.3 St Mary's

Henry Sanders acknowledged that the church was well looked after, and this is a testament to the hard work of the PCC. The Quinquennial Inspection flagged concerns that require careful and thorough investigation and guidance from professional experts. We have, where reasonably and practically possible, completed the priority 1 (urgent) actions. This has included the removal of a piece of loose nave ceiling boarding on the south of the nave.

Henry Sanders was able to access the nave and aisle roofs when inspecting the church as we had scaffolding in place for roof maintenance. The inspection showed that the leadwork is failing in the valley gutters on both the north and south aisles, and in the tower roof, causing water ingress into the fabric of the building. We now have in place the St Mary's lead replacement project being led by Henry Sanders. In December, we received the initial designs, and are re-grouping in January to progress the tendering phase. The replacement of the leadwork will be very costly. It is hoped that we will complete, some or all of this work, in 2023 but this will be subject to cost and Faculty permissions.

Henry Sanders also recommended that we employ a structural engineer to investigate the condition of the tower roof timbers (impaired due to water ingress) and the structural stability of the chancel (due to falling plasterwork). We completed a tendering process for this in the early summer and appointed William Morris of Ridge and Partners LLP our structural engineer. William completed the survey in August and provided his report in October. We are working with William Morris and Henry Sanders to progress the survey recommendations– including specialist monitoring and mitigation works to the tower roof timbers.

We are grateful to the St Mary's churchyard working group who do so much to maintain the churchyard throughout the year – including both the north and south areas of the church. We are also grateful to Wallingford Town Council for maintaining the grassed areas.

#### 6.4.1.4 St Mary's Boiler

The recommendation of the Building Services Engineer, that we had employed in 2021 to advise us on a replacement to the gas boiler in St Mary's, was challenged by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Further investigations need to take place before we can agree a way forward.

#### 6.4.2 Health & Safety (H & S)

Weekly Health and Safety checks continued throughout the year. These cover floors, stairs, carpets - looking for anything in poor condition, trip hazards etc. A more detailed check takes place once a month to include fire extinguishers and paths and steps outside. Every three months a general check of the whole of both buildings takes place, including all plugs and sockets, as well as a review of the accident book.

*Emma Cross  
On behalf of the Standing Committee*

#### 6.5 Communication Group

The most significant change in communications during 2022 was the total rewrite of the church website by Jane Anderson. This was launched in November 2022, with a new name [www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk](http://www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk), ready for promoting the services and activities during Advent and Christmas. The goal was to have a website which covered all three parishes in the Team (Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell cum Sotwell as well as Wallingford), which was modern & dynamic, and which met the needs of locals, visitors and newcomers.

The Weekly News email was distributed to nearly 260 email addresses every week. This email details the services and events for the coming week and beyond. A handful of paper copies are made available at both churches for those who do not have access to the internet.

Live-streaming of the Sunday morning service at St Mary's continued throughout the year and this still attracted a number of regular viewers. However, significant issues with the internet signal meant that we had to halt the livestreaming of Evensong at St Leonard's from April 2022. Along with Communion at St Mary's, we have also livestreamed four funerals, which were watched by people from across the world who couldn't travel to the funeral itself. We also ran Zoom sessions for U3A monthly meetings during the first half of the year and TWHAS (The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society) monthly meetings throughout the year, thus allowing people at home to join the presentation being held in St Mary's. Huge thanks to those who volunteered to help with the livestreaming, without whom it would not be possible.

Posters, flyers and invitations were produced throughout the year promoting special services and events, and articles were published in local magazines when appropriate. Thanks to an early start in our planning for Advent and Christmas (see Section 6.2.1 Outreach & Nurture Group), we were able to give those who attended our All Souls service, at the end of October, an invitation to The Longest Night service and the Tree of Remembering.

Our social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter) continue to be used to communicate latest news and promote special services and events; and the TV screen near the door in St Mary's provides visitors and congregation alike a glimpse at our diverse services and activities.



*Wendy L Muggeridge  
On behalf of the Communications Group*

#### 6.6 Choir Committee

2022 was a year in which the choir began to get back to their pre-pandemic pattern of events, with a full range of services. We had weddings with full choirs again, allowing some younger juniors to sing at weddings for the first time. It was lovely to be able to sing evensong in the Well House garden and at St Peter's again, as well as in St Leonard's. Towards the end of the year the choir led the introduction of a mass setting for the congregation to sing in parish communion services, and most movements have now been sung.

The choir resumed rehearsals of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, which had been intended for Good Friday 2020, and performed it on Good Friday this year (see picture), accompanied by Gaby Clements on the organ. This was an arrangement for full 4-part choir and several choir members sang solo numbers.

In May the choir teamed up with the choirs of St. Peter's and All Saints churches from Didcot at a Deanery Evensong in St Mary's. We were accompanied by Mark Stanley, the Director of Music at St Peter's. This service was David Rice's final service as Area Dean, and we marked the occasion with Stanford in Bb and Henry Ley's choral setting of *The strife is o'er*.







In August the choir sang a week of services at Durham Cathedral. We were joined by Mathias Herbst, who has accompanied the choir on several tours, and his wife Heike, together with a few extra singers. With limited time to rehearse in the cathedral stalls, we were fortunate to have access to the church of St Oswald (see picture to left). The walk between church and cathedral kept us fit and gave great views of the city and river. The choir received several compliments on their singing, with some congregation members expressing surprise that we were “only a parish choir”. We sang parish favourites *Lord, give me faith* and *I give to you a new commandment*, as well as cathedral-filling works such as *O quam gloriosum* and *Stainer in Bb*.

On the day off from Durham, while some went off to the beach and elsewhere, several went to sing evensong in Hexham Abbey, where Henry Hope (who had completed some of his ordinand’s training in Wallingford) is now a curate. We were treated to a tour and an excellent tea!

Not long after returning to Wallingford, the choir marked the death of Queen Elizabeth II with a special service of prayer and reflection. This included the *Nunc dimittis* by Gibbons and hymns from the service of thanksgiving held at St Paul’s Cathedral.

On the evening of Remembrance Sunday the choir sang the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré in a communion service. Arranging the movements of the Requiem carefully within a pared-down liturgical framework created a moving experience for choir and congregation alike. Gaby Clements played the organ and solos were sung by Will Lidbetter, Emma Parr and David Boddaert.

In November, we had to say farewell to Revd David Rice as our Team Rector. The choir has been very fortunate to have had someone so supportive of choral music. We held a drinks party for him after choir one evening to say thank you. For his final evensong, we sang a setting of *Even-song*, a poem by his favourite poet George Herbert. David chose Brewer in D and Moore’s *The Song of Christ’s Glory*, for which we were accompanied by Sue Huntingford-Ledger, the Director of Music in Wallingford parish for many years.

The resumption of pre-pandemic events was particularly marked in December. We were able to sing carols in care homes and Wallingford Hospital for the first time in 3 years. There was a further event in the Market Place (see right), a carol service for Style Acre Charity and a service for the Longest Night, as well as the Advent Service of Light and the Nine Lessons and Carols. Junior choristers played a big part in most of these and had their own services with Christingle and the Crib Service. The latter was enhanced by several junior soloists and other children performing carols as people arrived, which created a wonderful atmosphere.



All in all, it’s been a year to celebrate singing again with greater freedom. One restriction that the choir has had to work around is the reduced space in the choir stalls in St Mary’s, due to loose plaster in the chancel ceiling. This problem has had a positive side-effect in that it has sometimes been necessary to sing next to the piano or on the dais. Most people have noticed that the choir sounds better in front of the screen!

Judith Ward  
Director of Music

## 6.7 Bellringers

We have had a successful year consolidating the ringing of the band following the lifting of all Covid restrictions. Mercifully, the band as a whole appears to have escaped any mass infection of flu or Covid (although one or two individuals have succumbed).

We have rung for all services and extra ringing as requested. Numbers have stayed firm post-Covid. One person has stopped ringing for a while, but two others have returned to the band from a time away. We are also currently teaching two new learners to ring. Numbers at practice nights have been good with some ringing on all 10 bells taking place most practices and generally at least 12 people present. Sunday service ringing has also been well attended with ringing on 8 more often than not.

We have rung 11 quarter peals during the year, each lasting about 45 minutes. These included one at the time of the [Platinum Jubilee](#) in June, one just after the death of Queen Elizabeth (half muffled on the back 6), and one for the proclamation of the new King Charles. There was also special ringing involving all members of the band both for the Jubilee and at the time of the Queen's death. A peal attempt in June for the Platinum Jubilee sadly foundered half way (after 90 minutes), but a very fine quarter peal was rung afterwards. Unfortunately no peal attempts are currently allowed (on the advice of the structural engineer). It is hoped that we may be allowed to restart peals soon.

A very enjoyable outing took place in August, visiting four towers in the Cotswolds, and finishing with a gargantuan tea (!). We are very grateful to Jo Gamester for making all the arrangements, and to the small corporate body which provided the tea.

We entered the Branch 6-bell striking competition in 2022, held at North Moreton; the general standard was very high and we were placed a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Chris Tuckett  
Tower Captain*

## 7. Cherishing God's Earth

This year has turned out to be a year where our focus has been on connecting with people, groups and networks and in doing so sharing our experiences and journey of cherishing God's earth and learning how others have journeyed through theirs. I want to use this as an opportunity to share some highlights from the year.

In the early part of the year, the Diocese of Oxford launched its Greenshoots Network. The aim of this network is to connect with others doing the same thing, for mutual support and information. Greenshoots meets monthly via Zoom and invites a variety of guest speakers to the event. Through sharing our Cherishing God's Earth journey with Greenshoots, Emma Cross was invited to give a telephone interview with the Diocese's communications team. This was shared on the [Diocesan website](#) and promoted on social media too.

Following the success of our Children and Families' Wildlife Discovery event at St Leonard's churchyard last year, we were really pleased to work again with Wild with Wallingford (was called Wallingford Wildlife Group) in hosting the event for a second year. The event corresponded once again with the Churches Count on Nature week in June. It included another wildlife trail and craft activities, as well as a local moth expert and river ecology experts from the Environment Agency.



The event took a different direction just before the planned date in that we were part of the Earthrise documentary series by Al Jazeera – which is an award-winning environment show. Earthrise were looking to explore the power of three global systems - the law, faith and the economy - to help enable positive environmental change. For the faith episode, they were looking to include a section on churches protecting their biodiversity – and our wildlife discovery event was a good match! They came across our work through discussions with the Diocese and reading our aforementioned article on the Diocese's website.

So we had a film crew present as part of our Children and Families' Wildlife Discovery event! A Thank You needs to be extended to David Rice for his support and encouragement in agreeing to this opportunity. A couple of our church families took part in a recorded interview in St Leonard's churchyard, as did David Rice and Emma. It was a super outreach day and it was well attended, some returning for a second year – which is great. I am grateful to Hannah Smith, the Wallingford Wildlife Group, local experts and our own volunteers who gave up their time to outreach into our community.

Hannah and Emma were invited to share their experience of running the Children and Families' Wildlife Discovery event at the July Deanery Synod meeting. However, this was cancelled due to the heatwave that we experienced. We look forward to returning in June 2023.

*Emma Cross  
Cherishing God's Earth Lead*

## 9. Plans for the Future

Our main aims for 2023 and beyond include the following:

- **Appoint a new Team Rector** – the Church of England process of appointment is a lengthy one, but the Team Ministry started the process before the end of 2022 and we very much hope that a suitable candidate will be steered this way by the Holy Spirit at the interviews, hopefully in mid-2023.
- **Safeguarding** – we will continue to audit safeguarding training and ensure that volunteers have the basic training required, and continue to develop role descriptions, checking and induction procedures to ensure we are fully compliant with the Safer Recruitment and People Management guidance.
- **Lent** – it is anticipated that a Lent study group will be run, either in-person or online via Zoom.
- **Bible Study Group** – following the success of the Bible study course held in late 2022, a further group will be investigated, potentially to start after Lent.
- **St Mary's & St Leonard's** – the programme of works resulting from the QI inspections of both churches in late 2021 will continue throughout 2023. We plan to set up a Fabric Committee to manage the various sub-projects of work.
- **Choir Tour** – During August, the choir will be singing in Coventry Cathedral and it is anticipated that a parish outing will be organized for parishioners to attend a service.
- **Communication** – following the successful introduction of livestreaming Eucharist and Funeral services as well as Zoom functions for some of our hirers, it is anticipated that broadband will be installed in St Mary's to provide a more consistent service and to allow us the possibility of further developing what we offer via this technology. We will also try to resolve the connectivity problem at St Leonard's in order to restart livestreaming Choral Evensong.
- A programme of events will be planned, including a **Newcomers' Morning Coffee** or **Afternoon Tea** to welcome new residents in early 2023. This was very successful in 2022 and we believe this helps them both to feel part of our community and also to integrate and build relationships.

## 10. Structure, Governance & Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent (Team Rector) when appointed, two Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, one Licensed Lay Minister plus lay members elected by those who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Election to the PCC is for a three-year term, although immediate re-election is possible. We are permitted 12 lay members on the PCC, governed by the number of people on the Electoral Roll.

Churchwardens are elected annually and serve for a maximum of six consecutive years. Re-election is possible after at least one year's break.

Deanery Synod representatives are elected every three years, according to a schedule set by the Diocese of Oxford and governed by the number of people on the electoral roll in the year preceding the elections. The next date for elections will be at the APCM in 2023. Based on the number of people on our electoral roll in 2022, we are entitled to 4 representatives.

The members of Wallingford PCC are trustees of the charity and, as such, responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish as well as managing the parish's finances.

The PCC met five times during 2022, via a mixture of Zoom videoconferencing and in-person. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees and groups, detailed earlier in the report, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees and groups are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with recommendations of their decisions when appropriate, for approval by the PCC.

## 11. Administrative Information

The Parish of St Mary-le-More and St Leonard is situated in Wallingford, Oxfordshire. The churches are, together with those in Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, part of the benefice of Wallingford, which is within the Wallingford Deanery in the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. Wallingford PCC registered as a charity on 21 April 2009. The details are:

Charity Name : The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary-le-more and All Hallows with St Leonard & St Peter, Wallingford



**Noted Working Name:** Wallingford Parochial Church Council

**Registered Charity No.:** 1129240

**Charity Address:** 30 Castle Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 8DL

**Bankers:** Lloyds plc., Market Place, Didcot, OX11 7LQ

**Independent Examiner:** Caroline Webster. UHY Ross Brooke  
Suite I, Windrush Court, Abingdon Business Park. OX14 1SY

Trustees of the charity (PCC members) who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Name	Office	Elected
The Revd David Rice	Team Rector ( <i>retired 16/12/22</i> )	<i>ex officio</i>
Emma Cross	Churchwarden & Deanery Synod representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Jacquie Hughes	Churchwarden ( <i>Chair since 20/11/22</i> ) due to interregnum	<i>ex officio</i>
Stephen Harrison	PCC Treasurer	2020
Wendy Muggeridge	PCC Secretary & Deanery Synod representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Prof Amy Smith	Deanery Synod representative ( <i>resigned 15/5/22</i> )	<i>ex officio</i>
Gavin Wood	Licensed Lay Minister	<i>ex officio</i>
Prof Helen King	General Synod Representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Jane Anderson		2022
Marie Amey		2021
Philippa Bomford		2021
Charlie Brampton		2020
Oliver Garland		2022
Peter Howarth		<i>Co-opted 23/6/22</i>
Charlie Hughes		2022
Amanda Simons		2020
Hannah Smith		2021
Helen Swan		2020
Jane Tuckett	<i>Resigned 15/5/22</i>	2019
Luke Whitcomb		2021

## 12. Wallingford Team Ministry



The parish of Wallingford is part of the Wallingford Team Ministry, along with the parishes of Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. The Team Rector, until his retirement on 16 December 2022 was the Reverend David Rice and the Team Vicar is the Reverend Kevin Beer. The Team Rector's focus is mainly in Wallingford, whilst the Team Vicar focuses on Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell; the aim is that once a month they officiate in the other parishes.

The parish representatives of the Team Council are lay members of their PCCs and are elected at the first PCC meeting following the APCM. Licensed Lay Ministers are also entitled to be members of the Team Council. Membership of the Team Council during 2022 included the two clergy, Revd. David Rice and Revd. Kevin Beer, as well as the following lay members from each of the three parishes: Emma Cross & Jacquie Hughes (Wallingford), Margot Shawyer & Michael Drury (Brightwell-cum-Sotwell) and Margaret Foster, Eva Thompson and Linda Parker (Crowmarsh Gifford). In addition, the PCC Treasurers of the three parishes were invited to the meeting in October 2022 to discuss the Parish Share: Stephen Harrison (Wallingford), John Dowling (Brightwell-cum-Sotwell) and Frank Sadler (Crowmarsh Gifford).

The Team Council discusses and acts upon matters of general interest to the three parishes and also any specific matter that might be delegated to it by the Parochial Church Councils. There were three Team Council Meetings in 2021.

### 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – [Zoom Meeting]

Brightwell reported that they had recently discussed fund-raising by a “Friends of” scheme and the closure of St James’, which although is a lovely church, has no amenities and no parking, but there is a steady, albeit small, congregation with a lot of affection for the building. They reported they may contact the Churches Conservation Trust to discuss.

Crowmarsh reported on the difficulties of getting SODC to carry out necessary work to the churchyard and problems with overlarge trees. They also advised they would be reaching out to the “Wallingford Reach” new estate.

Wallingford reported that their Sunday numbers had returned to pre-Covid levels, although the crib and Christmas services were not so well attended as in previous years.

A Team-wide Lent series “The Pilgrim Path” was discussed. This would explore places that people had visited.

The following Team Services were agreed:

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	20:00 Ash Wednesday - Communion, St Leonard’s
16 <sup>th</sup> April	20:00 Easter Eve - St Mary Magdalene’s
26 <sup>th</sup> May	19:30 Ascension Day - St Agatha’s
4/5 <sup>th</sup> June	Jubilee W/End
19 <sup>th</sup> June	09:30 Team Service - St Agatha’s
20 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00 Christ the King - St Mary Magdalene’s

### 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – [Zoom Meeting]

Brightwell advised that they were not happy with the last QI of St James’ and that they would be looking to find someone else to carry out a survey of the building.

Wallingford have received QI reports for both St Leonard’s and St Mary’s and work is being planned on both churches. The Children and Families Worker had organised, as part of the Church’s Count on Wildlife initiative, a ‘Wild about Nature’ trail at St Leonard’s, in conjunction with ‘Wild about Wallingford’. She had also provided a craft activity for the Jubilee celebrations in Castle Gardens.

Crowmarsh reported they had initiated a project to install a survey and toilets in St Mary Magdalene’s; this will require fundraising.

David reported that he had received positive feedback following the Lent series - **The Pilgrim Path** and that people had enjoyed hearing of the favourite places of pilgrimage of others at the meetings. He added that the Team Service planned for the 20<sup>th</sup> of November may need a change of venue as that is his last day as Team Rector. An additional Team Service for the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 was added to the list. He also briefed that the Team Council will be the coordinating body to appoint the new Team Rector and the first action was to create a Team Profile.

### 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - [Zoom Meeting]

Brightwell briefed that the Diocesan Buildings Team had visited St James’s in August and that careful thought will be needed, given the scale and number of issues that need to be addressed.

The diocese has created a new formula to calculate Parish Share and this has caused some problems in the Deanery, so a ceiling of 2% has been applied. Kevin asked if it was possible to show the breakdown of the calculations as the new formula showed an apparent discrepancy between Brightwell and Crowmarsh. Subsequent to the meeting the following figures were agreed with the Area Dean and Deanery Treasurer:

Brightwell cum Sotwell	£ 32,579	24.97%
Crowmarsh Gifford	£ 29,247	22.42%
Wallingford	<u>£ 68,630</u>	<u>52.61%</u>
	£130,456	100%

#### Interregnum

Jacque Hughes agreed to be nominated as the chair of the Team meetings during the interregnum; proposed Mike, seconded Margot. The following team services were agreed

New Year’s Day 11:00 St Mary Magdalene’s

22 January 2023 10:00 St Mary’s, Wallingford, presided by Acting Archdeacon David Tyler

26 February 2023 10:00 St Mary’s, Wallingford, presided by Bishop Gavin

26 March 2023 10:00 St Mary’s, Wallingford

David stressed that regularity and continuity of services will be important. Mike commented that we should do everything we could to encourage attendance at Team services.

The new Team website was discussed and ratified and it was commented that it was very user friendly and easy to navigate

*Margaret Foster, Temporary Team Council Secretary*

## 13. Wallingford Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod provides PCCs with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Meetings are jointly chaired by the Area Dean and the Lay Chair. The Revd. Dr. Andy Lord is the Area Dean for the Wallingford Deanery and Gordon Gill is the Lay Chair. The Deanery includes St Peter’s Didcot, All Saints’ and Ladygrove Didcot, Great Western Park, Harwell, Chilton, Cholsey, Moulsoford, Hagbourne, Blewbury, Upton, South Moreton, North Moreton, Aston Tirrold & Aston Upthorpe, Wallingford, Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell.

Two Deanery Synod meetings were held in 2022, though a third was scheduled in July but cancelled due to extreme heat. Five meetings of the Standing Committee were held.

The Wallingford Deanery Mission Action Plan (MAP), which was approved at the end of 2019 by the Dorchester Mission and Pastoral committee, has four key focus areas:

1. **Development of ministry to children, young people & families**
2. **Developing our outreach to new & settled communities**
3. **Development of appropriate patterns of worship**
4. **Development of the Ministry in the Greater Didcot Garden Town area, both financially & structurally.**

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The first Deanery Synod meeting in April 2022 began with a short act of worship with hymns. This was followed by the licensing of Revd. Dr. Andy Lord as the new Area Dean by Bishop Gavin Collins. The role of Area Dean is held for five years and appointed by the Bishop of Dorchester; the previous Area Dean was our Team Rector, Revd. David Rice who was thanked for all his care and hard work. The main focus for the rest of the meeting was the presentation of the Greater Didcot Garden Town Mission and Ministry Report and subsequent discussion of the Summary Proposal; both documents written by Revd. Dr. Andy Lord, who had been appointed in 2019 as the Vicar of All Saints' Didcot but also as Bishop's Advisor on Mission to the Designated Didcot Garden Town. This is the 4th focus area in the MAP.

The report detailed a number of options, all seeking to be collaborative with space for growth and with an on-going process of evolution. The Standing Committee with guidance from the Associate Archdeacon, David Tyler, proposed that we adopt option GD2 : creation of a Wider Didcot group consisting of All Saints' Didcot, St Peter's Didcot, Ladygrove, Great Western Park, St Matthew's Harwell & All Saints' Chilton; to include incumbents but also other ministers and representatives from each church.

The aims of this Group over the next 5-10 years will be to:

- develop a prayerful mission vision for Greater Didcot
- enable mission (with ecumenical partners) in the Valley Park development
- encourage a greater sharing of ministry (ordained and lay) and mission across the area.

This approach will be supported by FP1 (Financial Proposal 1), which sets out the mechanism to follow in an interregnum to determine the ministry available.

The Summary Proposal was put to the vote and it was accepted.

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The main focus of the second Deanery Synod meeting, in September 2022, was the new Parish Share formula for 2023 onwards. Anomalies in the new formula were discussed and the Area Dean briefed that a paper had been submitted to the diocese on behalf of the Deanery highlighting issues. The main implication of the new way of calculating the parish share is that the Deanery will not be able to pay its full share in 2023. After a great deal of discussion it was agreed that we would apply a 2% ceiling and a floor of 0%, compared to 2022 figures, to all parishes.

Revd. Dr. Andy Lord commented that we cannot run forever in deficit and that ministry received by a parish or benefice is to be dependent on the share they contribute, effective as ministers retire or move on. Further discussion is underway with the diocese and finance team for a Deanery Future Plan.

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Outside the meetings, a Deanery Choral Evensong was held in May 2022 with choristers from across the Deanery coming together at St Mary's, Wallingford, and three Pilgrim Path walks were held between May and September.

Three benefices ended the year in an interregnum: Cholsey & Moulsoford, Harwell & Chilton and Wallingford (Wallingford, Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell cum Sotwell). Cholsey and Moulsoford have appointed Revd Rebecca Peters and her licensing is on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

*Wendy L Muggeridge*  
Wallingford Deanery Synod Secretary



## 14. Annual Financial Statements

**Wallingford Parochial Church Council**  
**Registered Charity Number 1129240**  
**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

### Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2022 total funds	2021 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from: (Note 2)</b>					
Donations and legacies	131,361.01	8,420.00		139,781.01	126,126.26
Charitable activities	16,282.52			16,282.52	10,001.00
Other trading activities	10,626.05			10,626.05	5,364.03
Investments	5,931.51			5,931.51	4,658.73
Other incoming resources					
<b>Total income</b>	<b>164,201.09</b>	<b>8,420.00</b>		<b>172,621.09</b>	<b>146,150.02</b>
<b>Expenditure on: (Note 3)</b>					
Raising funds	1,410.14			1,410.14	16.70
Charitable activities	129,898.81	15,138.83		145,037.64	149,147.83
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>131,308.95</b>	<b>15,138.83</b>		<b>146,447.78</b>	<b>149,164.53</b>
<b>Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer</b>	<b>32,892.14</b>	<b>(6,718.83)</b>		<b>26,173.31</b>	<b>(3,014.51)</b>
<b>Transfers (Note 12)</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in					
Gross transfers between funds - out					
<b>Net incoming/outgoing before other gains/losses</b>	<b>32,892.14</b>	<b>(6,718.83)</b>		<b>26,173.31</b>	<b>(3,014.51)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Gains and losses on investment assets (Note 13)	(1,638.93)		(20,808.51)	(22,447.44)	26,049.71
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>31,253.21</b>	<b>(6,718.83)</b>	<b>(20,808.51)</b>	<b>3,725.87</b>	<b>23,035.20</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>258,242.44</b>	<b>4,852.75</b>	<b>182,140.36</b>	<b>445,235.55</b>	<b>422,200.35</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>289,495.65</b>	<b>(1,866.08)</b>	<b>161,331.85</b>	<b>448,961.42</b>	<b>445,235.55</b>

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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## Balance Sheet

Statement of Financial Position

	2022 total funds	2021 total funds
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets (Note 7)	4,600.57	10,350.57
Investments (Notes 7 and 14)	177,571.96	200,019.40
	<b>182,172.53</b>	<b>210,369.97</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors (Note 8)	11,169.56	10,225.37
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	261,636.46	231,336.97
	<b>272,806.02</b>	<b>241,562.34</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year (Note 10)	6,017.13	6,696.76
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>266,788.89</b>	<b>234,865.58</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>448,961.42</b>	<b>445,235.55</b>
<b>Represented by (Note 12)</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General fund	184,178.03	160,629.32
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Choir fund	6,626.05	4,195.05
Designated - Reserve fund	27,520.78	26,564.70
Designated - Rector's discretionary fund	4,106.15	1,516.15
Designated - Jordan legacy	17,482.62	19,121.55
Designated - Ruth Chamberlain memorial trust fund	9,444.57	8,656.66
Designated - Bell ringers' fund	5,424.44	2,709.44
Designated - Youth and children work fund	22,894.18	34,849.57
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - St Mary's tower fund	2,657.35	2,657.35
Restricted - Restricted fund	7,295.40	2,195.40
<b>Endowment</b>		
Endowment - Ruth Chamberlain memorial trust fund	20,062.22	22,738.98
Endowment - St Leonard's Church endowment funds	141,269.63	159,401.38
<b>Funds of the church</b>	<b>448,961.42</b>	<b>445,235.55</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council in general meeting on 1 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by Stephen Harrison (PCC Treasurer).



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## **Note 1 - Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 1 January 2019 the "SORP (FRS102)"). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. Financial statements are based on historical costs, except for investments which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Collections and appeals for nominated beneficiaries have not entered the accounts as they were collected on behalf of third parties.

The financial statements do not contain the accounts of informal groups of church members or of other groups which owe their main affiliation to another body.

### **Funds**

The general fund of the PCC is an unrestricted fund. Some of the general fund has been earmarked by the PCC for particular purposes and these are referred to as Designated funds.

Endowment funds are included where the Trustees are the Rector and Church Wardens. These funds are small and their purposes are identified in the accompanying note 12.

### **Incoming Resources**

#### **Voluntary income**

Collections are recognised when received by the PCC.

Planned giving under gift aid declaration is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aided donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by appeals, garden parties, social, and other events are accounted for gross. Any associated costs are disclosed under expenditure - raising funds.

#### **Income from investments**

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

#### **Gains and losses on investments and other fixed assets**

Realised gains or losses on investments are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between opening market value (or purchase price if later) and market value on the 31 December each year.

### **Resources Expended**

Grants and donations, are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. Other resources expended are accounted for when the liability arises on an accruals basis.

### **Fixed Assets**

#### **Consecrated land and buildings**

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2)(a) of the 2011 Charities Act.

All expenditure during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings is included in the Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA).

Listings of such expenditure are given in the notes to the accounts.

#### **Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment**

Fixtures, furnishings and equipment used within church premises are written off linearly over four years unless a longer period is appropriate to reflect the useful life of certain assets. Individual items with a purchase price of less than £3,000 are written off when the asset is acquired. The write off period of certain assets is:

The grand piano purchased in 2013 has been written off linearly over ten years.

#### **Short term deposits and cash**

Short term deposits includes cash held on deposit either with Church of England Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund or at the bank.

Cash includes monies held in bank current accounts.

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## Note 2 - Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2022 total funds	2021 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Standing order donations	80,719.00			80,719.00	78,774.00
Envelope donations	3,819.04			3,819.04	4,340.32
Loose plate collections	4,411.67			4,411.67	1,655.67
Giving through church boxes	195.16			195.16	94.24
One-off donations	8,841.83	7,170.00		16,011.83	15,771.25
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	22,771.40	1,250.00		24,021.40	23,460.68
Legacies	5,000.00			5,000.00	
Non-recurring one-off grants	1,720.00			1,720.00	675.00
Other funds generated	3,882.91			3,882.91	1,355.10
<b>Donations and legacies income subtotals</b>	<b>131,361.01</b>	<b>8,420.00</b>		<b>139,781.01</b>	<b>126,126.26</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Coffee sales	6,373.02			6,373.02	1,578.00
Fees for weddings and funerals	5,651.00			5,651.00	4,641.00
Verger, organ, bells, and choir fees	4,258.50			4,258.50	3,782.00
<b>Charitable activities subtotals</b>	<b>16,282.52</b>			<b>16,282.52</b>	<b>10,001.00</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Church lettings and sales - fund raising	10,626.05			10,626.05	5,364.03
<b>Activities for generating funds subtotals</b>	<b>10,626.05</b>			<b>10,626.05</b>	<b>5,364.03</b>
<b>Investment income</b>					
Dividends	4,784.20			4,784.20	4,613.74
Bank and building society interest	1,147.31			1,147.31	44.99
<b>Investment income subtotals</b>	<b>5,931.51</b>			<b>5,931.51</b>	<b>4,658.73</b>
<b>Income from generated funds totals</b>	<b>164,201.09</b>	<b>8,420.00</b>		<b>172,621.09</b>	<b>146,150.02</b>
<b>Other incoming resources</b>					
Insurance claims					
<b>Other incoming resources subtotals</b>					
<b>Incoming resources grand totals</b>	<b>164,201.09</b>	<b>8,420.00</b>		<b>172,621.09</b>	<b>146,150.02</b>



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### Note 3 - Resources Expended

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2022 total funds	2021 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Costs of fund raising and events	1,410.14			1,410.14	16.70
Costs of stewardship campaign					
<b>Raising funds expenditure subtotals</b>	<b>1,410.14</b>			<b>1,410.14</b>	<b>16.70</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Giving - relief and development (Note 6)	3,000.00			3,000.00	2,500.00
Giving - home mission (Note 6)	2,300.00			2,300.00	2,050.00
Secular charities (Note 6)					20.00
Parish share	67,943.70			67,943.70	67,013.10
Ministry and mission	6,494.63	2,170.00		8,664.63	2,502.55
Assistant staff costs		11,818.83		11,818.83	11,532.44
Rector's working expenses	823.44			823.44	888.37
Recoverables verger, organ, choir, bells	2,805.50			2,805.50	1,726.00
Costs of organists and choir	9,929.12			9,929.12	8,022.30
Flowers					
Insurance	8,101.49			8,101.49	7,926.80
Organ and piano tuning	1,071.64			1,071.64	1,030.40
Church maintenance and sundries	4,831.14			4,831.14	19,699.45
Administration	640.00			640.00	640.00
Bank charges	362.58			362.58	250.14
Bad debts					
Utilities	9,686.62			9,686.62	6,918.33
Payment card charges	165.35			165.35	159.18
Repairs	6,543.60			6,543.60	8,115.77
Independent examination	600.00			600.00	600.00
Depreciation (Note 7)	4,600.00	1,150.00		5,750.00	7,553.00
<b>Charitable activities sub-totals</b>	<b>129,898.81</b>	<b>15,138.83</b>		<b>145,037.64</b>	<b>149,147.83</b>
<b>Resources expended grand totals</b>	<b>131,308.95</b>	<b>15,138.83</b>		<b>146,447.78</b>	<b>149,164.53</b>

Coffee is purchased both for fellowship (coffee after services) and fund raising (selling coffee in church). As it is not possible to separate these costs, they are all included in "Ministry and Mission".

Costs of "organists and choir" includes expenditure on choir tours.

### Note 4 - Statement of Staff Costs

Fees from weddings and funerals due to the Director of Music and to the Verger are paid directly to them by the PCC.

Fees due to the choir and ringers are paid to the choir and ringers.

The organist was paid monthly: the total for the year was £6,995 (2021: £6,758).

Since September 2017, the PCC has employed one family worker part-time as part of its mission to families.

The total paid to the family worker in 2022 was £9,460 (2021: £8,849).

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## Note 5 - Details of Certain Items of Expenditure

### Trustees Fees

No trustees were paid in their capacity as trustees nor did they receive any expenses. No trustee received fees for any other services provided to the charity.

The total donations from trustees during the year were £40,505.

### Independent Examination

Fees of £500 were paid for the independent examination of the accounts: no other fees were paid to the independent examiner for other services.

## Note 6 - Grants to Missions and Charities and Disposal of Special Collections

	2022 total £
<b>Giving - relief and development</b>	
PCC donation to Refugee Resource	1,500.00
PCC donation to Bartimaeus Chritable Trust (Sharp school for the blind)	1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
 <b>Home mission</b>	
Subsidy for Crowmarsh Parish Share	2,000.00
Donation from the choir to St Oswalds Durham	250.00
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>
<b>Total giving by the PCC</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>

### Disposal of special collections

Collections and appeals for nominated beneficiaries have not entered the accounts as they were collected on behalf of third parties.

Bishop of Oxford outreach fund - confirmation service collection	235.52
Children on the Edge - Easter collections	536.78
Christian Aid collections	1,130.29
Churches Conservation Trust - St Peter's Evensong	94.60
Combat Stress - Remembrance collection	457.00
CRUSE - All Souls collections	333.73
DEC Pakistan floods appeal - 12 September collections	503.53
Fair Trade - coffee collections	74.37
PACT - Christmas midnight and morning collections	743.45
Porch - Harvest collections	708.46
See Saw - Crib service collection	334.88
Sue Ryder Care - half proceeds of Wallingford Winter Recitals	1,600.00
The Children's Society - Christingle and J Pengilly collection boxes	638.14
UNHCR for Ukraine - 7 March, 28 March, Good Friday, and 9 lessons collections	2,263.41
<b>Total for special collections</b>	<b>9,654.16</b>

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### Note 7 - Fixed assets

	2022 total £
<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>	
Cost	
Balance brought forward	122,069.62
Additions	
Balance carried forward	122,069.62
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	
Balance brought forward	111,719.05
Depreciation charge for year	5,750.00
Balance carried forward	117,469.05
<b>Net book value</b>	
Brought forward	10,350.57
Carried forward	4,600.57
Tangible Fixed Assets includes the LED lighting in St Mary's.	
Its net book value at the end of 2022 was £4600.57 (2021: £9,200.87).	
The Yamaha C3 grand piano (2021 value £1,150.00) was depreciated to zero in 2022.	
<b>Fixed asset investments (see also Note 14)</b>	
Market value at beginning of year	200,019.40
Gain on revaluation	(22,447.44)
Market value at end of year	177,571.96

### Note 8 - Debtors

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 total £	2021 total £
<b>Debtors</b>				
J Wiley (publisher)	72.21		72.21	
Gift aid	11,097.35		11,097.35	10,225.37
<b>Debtors total</b>	11,097.35		11,169.56	10,225.37

### Note 9 - Cash at Bank

	2022 total £	2021 total £
<b>Cash at Bank</b>		
Lloyds current account	173,048.67	144,493.17
CBF1003 (Reserve)	73,648.07	72,691.99
CBF1005 (Ruth memorial)	14,939.72	14,151.81
<b>Current assets total</b>	261,636.46	231,336.97

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### Note 10 - Creditors

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 total	2021 total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Creditors - amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Junior choristers' pay			215.50	
Wedding fees taken in advance			500.00	100.00
Ridge and partners structural engineers			360.00	6.00
Agency collections			503.53	
Uniheat (repairs to St Mary's boiler)				2,152.66
Retention on tower works (Harri-Stone)			3,838.10	3,838.10
Independent examination			600.00	600.00
<b>Creditors total</b>			<b>6,017.13</b>	<b>6,696.76</b>

### Note 11 - Commitments

The PCC recognised no further financial commitments at the end of 2022 other than those disclosed in creditors.

### Note 12 Funds

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted - General Fund	160,629.32	153,733.60	130,184.89			184,178.03
Designated - Choir Fund	4,195.05	3,258.50	827.50			6,626.05
Designated - Reserve Fund	26,564.70	956.08				27,520.78
Designated - Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,516.15	2,590.00				4,106.15
Designated - Jordan Legacy	19,121.55				(1,638.93)	17,482.62
Designated - Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund	8,656.66	787.91				9,444.57
Designated - Bell ringers' fund	2,709.44	2,875.00	160.00			5,424.44
Designated - Youth and children work fund	34,849.57		11,955.39			22,894.18
 Restricted - St Mary's Tower Fund	 2,657.35					 2,657.35
Restricted - Restricted Funds	2,195.40	8,420.00	3,320.00			7,295.40
 Endowment - Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund	 22,738.98				 (2,676.76)	 20,062.22
Endowment - St Leonard's Church Endowment Funds	159,401.38				(18,131.75)	141,269.63
	<u>445,235.55</u>	<u>172,621.09</u>	<u>146,447.78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,447.44)</u>	<u>448,961.42</u>

General Fund - general income and operating expenses.

Choir Fund - for fund raising and expenditure of the choir apart from funds provided by the PCC.

Reserve Fund - to cover cash shortfalls in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as emergency repairs.

Rector's Discretionary Fund - a sum of money donated by a parishioner for use at the Rector's discretion.

Jordan Legacy - shares remaining after the original legacy was fully spent. Now generating income for the PCC.

Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund - endowment provides for the designated fund for costs first for altar, then cassocks, surplices, and choir hymnals and psalters.

St Mary's Tower Fund - money collected for the repair and restoration of St Mary's church tower.

Restricted Fund - set up in 2012 for Restricted payments from various sources including the Friends of St Mary and St Leonard.

The current balance of £7,295.40 consists of £6,250 reserved for fabric works, £625 reserved for organ repairs, with the balance for costs of electronic collection plates.

St Leonard's Church Endowment Funds - investment income for the PCC General Fund.



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### Note 13 - Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

Current year	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	4,600.57	16,240.11	-	161,331.85	182,172.53
Net current assets	179,577.46	77,258.68	9,952.75	-	266,788.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,178.03</b>	<b>93,498.79</b>	<b>9,952.75</b>	<b>161,331.85</b>	<b>448,961.42</b>

  

Previous year	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	10,350.57	17,879.04	-	182,140.36	210,369.97
Net current assets	150,278.75	79,734.08	4,852.75	-	234,865.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,629.32</b>	<b>97,613.12</b>	<b>4,852.75</b>	<b>182,140.36</b>	<b>445,235.55</b>

### Note 14 - Details of Investments

			2022 total	2021 total
			£	£
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's House	St Leonard's Church endowment funds	Endowment	77,929.84	88,327.45
<i>Custodian Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. St Leonard's House; Income to Rector and Churchwardens for yearly expenses of Parish Church. Interest and dividends paid to PCC.</i>				
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's Cottage	St Leonard's Church endowment funds	Endowment	58,257.09	65,313.08
<i>Custodian Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. St Leonard's Cottage; Perpetual trust with object as for St Leonard's House. Recoupment scheme for loan of £4,047 made to Parish in 1974 concluded during 1998 and capital repaid. New recoupment scheme 1999 Charity Commission agreed release of £16,000 to PCC for repairs at St Leonard's or St Mary's. Outstanding loan at 31 December 2021 £1,920.00. From 2005, accumulated interest and dividends paid to PCC. Recoupment payment £640.00 per year.</i>				
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's Lands	St Leonard's Church endowment funds	Endowment	5,082.70	5,760.85
<i>St Leonard's Church Lands: general expenses of the Church. Rector and Churchwarden trustees. Perpetual trust with opening capital, represented by 246 CBF Investment units; income paid to PCC.</i>				
CCLA Shares - Jordan Legacy	Jordan Legacy	Designated	16,240.11	17,879.04
<i>306.14 Central Board of Finance Accumulation Investment Fund units purchased 9 December 1997 at 979.94p.</i>				
CCLA Shares - Ruth Chamberlain Trust	Ruth Chamberlain memorial trust fund	Endowment	20,062.22	22,738.98
<i>Wallingford St Mary's Ruth Chamberlain Trust; first for altar, then cassocks, surplices and choir hymnals psalters. Perpetual trust with opening capital of £1,000 represented by CBF Investment units; income paid to PCC.</i>				
<b>Investments subtotal</b>			<b>177,571.96</b>	<b>200,019.40</b>
<b>The realised and unrealised gains on investments in the year are</b>			<b>-22,447.44</b>	<b>26,823.88</b>

## 15. Independent Examiner's Report

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wallingford Parochial Church Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 18 to 26.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the members of the PCC who are also the charity 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement 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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Date: 6 April 2023

**Wallingford PCC Annual Report 2021** approved by the PCC on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and signed on their behalf by the Jacquie Hughes (PCC Chair)

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jacquie Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jacquie Hughes, Chair Wallingford PCC**