

Praying, learning, serving, sharing

**Annual Parish Church Meeting
21 May 2023
and
Report of Parish Activities
2022-23**



***Queen Elizabeth II
1927-2022***

*As we remember her example we give thanks for
her loyalty to the oaths she took seventy years
ago, and which she fulfilled with her whole heart
in faithfulness and fidelity, in confidence and
trust, humility and love.*

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All Saints Oakham

Meeting of Parishioners for the Appointment of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 21st May 2023 10.30am at All Saints Oakham

Reading: 'Now this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.' *John 17:3*

Prayer

A Meeting of Parishioners for the Appointment of Churchwardens

- Present
 - Apologies for absence
 - Minutes of the previous meeting on 8 May 2022 (below)
 - Election of Churchwardens 2023-24 (two nominations) and vote of thanks
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Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting 2022 8 May 2022 at 11.15am

Present: Rev Stephen Griffiths (Chair) and 63 Parishioners.

Apologies: Mrs P Clifton, Mrs. C Drye, Mr and Mrs M Latham, Mrs E Peel, Mr J Tomalin, Mrs B Weatherhogg.

Rector's Introduction: Rev Stephen Griffiths, Chairman of the PCC, recorded that, following a difficult two years of pandemic, All Saints continued to be a lively and thriving community, unlike reports of significant declines for the Church of England. He challenged all to read the booklet brought together for this APCM, showing the wide range of activities that indicated how we as a Church had risen to the challenge and not everywhere was in decline. Rev Stephen urged us to continue to follow the advice from St John's Gospel reading for the day: My sheep listen to my voice: I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no-one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 17 May 2021 were agreed as a correct record by those attending, with no abstentions.

Election of Churchwardens: Having been correctly nominated and seconded, Ms Ann Blackett and Mr. Adam Lowe were duly re-elected as Churchwardens for All Saints Parish Church, Oakham, proposed by Mr Kinal and seconded by Mrs Kirtland and agreed unanimously that they continue in post. They were warmly thanked for their service throughout the previous year.

Election of Deputy Churchwarden: Mr. Mark Nicholls was duly appointed to the role, covering particularly 8am Sunday worship (Mr P Wiggin proposed, Mr D Corton seconded and agreed nem con.)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.30am.

Signed

Date

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- Present
 - Apologies
 - Minutes of the previous meeting on 8 May 2022 (see below)
 - Approval of minutes and signing
 - Matters arising
 - Declaration of questions and any other matters for later in the agenda
 - Statutory reports (see following pages)
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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council 2022

8 May 2022 at 11.30am

Present: Rev Stephen Griffiths (Chair) and 63 Parishioners.

Apologies: Mrs P Clifton, Mrs C Drye, Mr/Mrs M Latham, Mrs E Peel, Mr J Tomalin, Mrs B Weatherhogg.

Presentation of the Electoral Roll: Mr Mark Nicholls, Electoral Roll Officer, reported that the roll now stood at 236. There were 231 residents and 5 non-residents: a net gain of 4 since March 2021.

Minutes of the APCM of 17 May 2021: Proposed by Mrs P Munro, seconded by Mrs J Vecqueray, and agreed unanimously as a correct record, the Chairman duly signed. There were no matters arising. A request for AOB was received from Mrs Munro and duly agreed.

Financial Reports for 2021: these accounts had been produced by Treasurer/Finance Officer Mrs S Willets who was thanked for her work. She produced the latest Accounts to each of 6 PCC meetings during the year, where time was spent scrutinising them. Advising the PCC is a small Finance Group who help with discernment and

organising the regular Stewardship Campaigns. The Accounts illustrated that the Parish was “in the black” at £8,319 by the end of 2021 – a good outcome after a difficult period in Church life. Mrs Kirtland added her thanks for the work achieved in the Lady Chapel of new curtains and drapes, and a thorough clean-up of that now open and enjoyable space. Mr Richard Harris had fulfilled his role as Independent Examiner, and had agreed to continue another year, but this would be his last in the role. The Accounts were accepted as a correct record, Mr P Hill proposed, Mr Mark Nicholls seconded, and agreed unanimously.

A painting by local artist Mr Alan Oliver of Oakham Church had been endowed to the Church after the death of long-standing Churchwarden Mr George Kirk; it was being offered for sale at a cost over £500 (for the Fabric Fund).

Fabric Churchwarden Ms Ann Blackett expanded on the report on p21 of the accompanying brochure to highlight the situation re most of the windows on the North side of the church, where multiple repairs and maintenance are needed as reported in the 2018 Quinquennial report. Quotations now received indicated a large increase in those originally sought (to £80,000+) for this essential work. Charity Trusts and local funding was being sought, plus probable requests for funding from the congregation; half the required amount was available. Ms Blackett also expressed the PCC’s gratitude to all who in their various ways helped with the loving care and maintenance of the Church.

Deanery Synod: It was reported that two vacancies for the Laity from the Parish had not been filled. Deanery Synod gatherings gave a good opportunity for larger Parishes to come alongside those small but dedicated rural Parishes to give and receive mutual support and encouragement amidst shared burdens of responsibility.

Election of PCC members: Mrs Patsy Clifton, Mrs Pamela Gilbert, and Mr Michael Latham whose 3-year term of office had expired, were all prepared to stand for a further 3 years. In addition, Mr Paul Wiggin agreed to fill an existing vacancy for 3 years. Proposed by Mrs P Munro and seconded by Mrs S Corton, all present agreed to this.

Appointment of Independent Examiner: Mr Richard Harris agreed to continue in this role for a final year. He was warmly thanked for his scrutiny of the 2021 Accounts, proposed acceptance by Mr P Hill, seconded by Mr P Jupp and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Any other business: Mrs Pat Munro asked the meeting to find a replacement PCC Secretary, as Mrs Tomalin had expressed a wish to resign from this post. Mrs Tomalin agreed to cover the next PCC meeting of 24 May.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer at 11.45am.

Signed

Date

Statutory Reports

I Parochial Church Council – Secretary's Report

Your PCC of 16 Members, chaired by Rev Stephen Griffiths, met six times during the year May 2022 to March 2023. Main responsibilities of the PCC are **Finance** and **Fabric**, receiving also reports from Deanery Synod, Ministry updates and changes to the Electoral Roll. And it has been a roller-coaster of a year for **Finance** and **Fabric**.

As you well know, the restoration of 12 windows has been the focus and **Fabric** issue for the PCC – raising the money (almost £100,000) and ordering the work in liaison with DAC, construction workers and Architect. As you can now see – mission accomplished, with the addition of repair to plasterwork of East facing North Transept window. Your PCC is very grateful for the help of Paul Wiggan for overseeing the building activities and payment thereof, for the sterling work of Monica Compton who acquired several local and national charity grants, and thanks to so many members of our congregation together with unknown visitors for their generosity to achieve payment of all works now completed – on time and at predicted cost. Amazing!

With over £250,000 passing through our accounts this last year, your PCC are the ones responsible for accurate and open custodianship of our **Finances**. This has not been an easy year, as you can imagine, with increasing costs and reduced income – hence the annual Stewardship campaign to remind us and stimulate us in our giving for Church Ministry and Mission. We are greatly guided by our Treasurer, Sue Willetts, and our volunteer Finance sub-committee. The recently installed payment machine is giving useful donations from our visitors, but we have not yet achieved the 2022 budgeted funding to meet our Mission Giving (10% of planned Giving annually to charities abroad, UK, and local). This is still under review. Your PCC is supportive of 'Fund Raising initiatives' and so grateful for all the hard work that went into the Autumn Fayre, raising £3,000 overall.

Ministry updates keep your PCC informed of any changes in staffing, service provision, special events, attendance figures at prominent times in the year, for example Christmas services, Remembrance Sunday, both so well attended again after a dismal time in 2021. Good news that we have three of our congregation exploring Vocations within the Church: Alison Long, Madeleine Morris, and George Brett. Glad to hear that our connections with our local schools continue to grow; a purchase of 3 banners for our CofE school's 'Outdoor Reflection Area' was agreed recently.

Another '**F**' for you – **Forward Planning**: still reeling from 'Jubilee Windows Restoration', your PCC is currently investigating a way to improve/replace our antiquated lighting system. Thanks to the enthusiasm of Michael Latham, the PCC has agreed to a survey and development of concept (plan with drawings) plus an idea of

costs and the DAC lighting expert is also engaged with us. Running almost parallel with this is our Fabric Committee's advice to expand our ambitions wider, to incorporate replacement heating, kitchen, toilet provision, looking to engage in the opportunities that this building affords as the Heritage Centre for the whole community. Large grants may be available to cover the costs of most of the work, which initially would cause upheaval for several months, but ultimately take us forward for years to come. Meanwhile the long shadow of the Quinquennial Building and Grounds Report looms; this 5-yearly report by our Architect (previous one was May 2018, with the windows just achieved in time) could throw up problems to be dealt with ahead of any future plans – here's hoping that it doesn't!

A busy year, as you can see, but a fairly smooth passage. One thing missing – no current PCC Secretary; Shakeel is standing in, but that's not fair. Yours truly has retired – can't always hear what is said in meetings. So come on, Volunteer, you are really needed.

Marilyn Tomalin (retired PCC Secretary!)

2 The electoral roll

The total on the Electoral Roll as at March 2023 stands at 229. There are 224 residents and 5 non-residents. This is a net loss of 7 over the year from March 2022.

Mark Nicholls - Electoral Roll Officer

3 Financial reports for 2022

See accounts on pages 29-36.

4 Fabric report 2022

See report on pages 12-13.

5 Deanery Synod

See report on page 27.

Elections and appointments:

- 1) Election of representatives to Rutland Deanery Synod**
- 2) Election of Parochial Church Council members**
- 3) Appointment of independent examiner:** *Richard Harris to stand down, appointment of a successor*

Questions and any other business

Closing prayer

Reports for 2022-23

From the Vicar

Once again this booklet of reports testifies to the huge amount of good work undertaken by so many in our church. The ministry of the church belongs to the people of God, not just a select few. Whilst most people think of Sunday services as the main job of the parish church, we all know that this is a tiny fraction of the seven-day-a-week activity of All Saints Oakham. I find it impossible to single out one person or group for particular thanks, the list just grows and grows. But I can safely say that the whole church family is very thankful to the fabric committee for getting the window restoration project completed in such a professional and timely way. The results speak for themselves. The north side of the church looks wonderful.

I continue to reflect on the way that Jesus Christ calls us to live out *Everyday Faith*. The special *Everyday Faith* booklet for All Saints Oakham will be available again today and in the coming weeks. This is a simple tool for thinking about how our Christian faith affects the ordinary and everyday things of life. Through us God touches thousands of other people each day, and reaches into thousands of places and situations - work, school, community, leisure, voluntary work, councils, committees. Jesus says in John 17:18 'As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.' This is not just about sending people on missionary expeditions (although that aspect of mission is important), this is about the daily commission we have to take Jesus with us in word and witness wherever we go and whatever we do each day. Our APCM reports are a snapshot of that commission in all its variety.

With love in Christ, Stephen

From the Churchwardens

Usually being churchwarden is mostly unobtrusive – 'being there' at services, meetings in church and in pubs, being a sounding board for ideas, listening to comments and complaints, offering advice, carrying out the inventory (no concerns in 2022), doing jobs in the background (such as updating and implementing a new Fire Safety Plan for the church building), generally oiling the wheels and helping things run smoothly. However in 2022 we were much more visible as we 'wanded' at the services for Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, and not many weeks later, her death and the accession of King Charles III. As I write we're looking forward to the County Celebration Service for the Coronation, when All Saints will once again be at the centre as the cathedral/Mother Church of Rutland. These are times when we see All Saints as a 'civic' church, a place where the wider community comes to mark the events which are important to it; others include Remembrance and Christmas, albeit during Advent.

At other times, All Saints is very much a place where people of all faiths and none sometimes come for their own reasons: to light a candle, to bring their child to play

while they have a sit-down and a takeaway coffee, for a concert, to meet friends, as tourists, to visit the building, for a wedding or funeral, a school harvest service, for regular services and events. With all this going on it might seem impossible to find a quiet time to come in and cry in a corner, away from other responsibilities, but people do that too. Many people know we are here, and step through the door sometimes, even if they're not members of the church community, and that's as it should be. Very often they'll meet someone from All Saints, be welcomed, find time for a chat, maybe find help, if that's what they need. As Francis of Assisi is supposed to have said, 'Preach the Gospel at all times – use words if necessary'.



It seems that overall the church is coming out of Covid in a resilient sort of way. We see many of the pre-pandemic groups picking up again, though some have stalled, and others taking root and growing. It's good to see the fellowship of the walking group, at Open House mornings, within groups like the choir and Mothers Union, and the glorious chaos of Tiny Tots on Thursdays and the growing confidence of the children in Sunday School. It's also good to see the Food Bank box frequently overflowing (although how much better would it be if we lived in a society where Food Banks weren't needed so much!), the support given to the Hope into Action project for local homeless people, and the quiet, important work of the Bereavement Support Group. The church has been

scaffolded for the windows project, the carpet between blocks of pews has been replaced, and after the works, the band of church cleaners, flower arrangers and brass cleaners is quietly bringing the place back to that welcoming and well-loved look which visitors notice when they walk in.

This is all love made visible, here in Oakham. As churchwardens in Oakham, we don't have as much hands-on as in other places where there are fewer volunteers, or less going on, or (to be fair) more day-to-day problems (and we are not looking for more problems!). We can be reasonably low-key, but always remembering we're here for All Saints, the people and the building, those past and those to come. In a way, this is our prayer*:

**Lord, take me where you want me to go.
Let me meet who you want me to meet.
Tell me what you want me to say,
And keep me out of your way.**

Looking forward, the Church volunteer list continues to need the next generation of helpers and we are mindful of the loss of some significant people this last year and not just because they were volunteers, their faith and friendship and continued memory has helped Oakham All Saints feel and be a place people want to be part of. The whole congregation has been supportive of, alongside and part of our volunteers and despite some changes in key roles the church continues to thrive, as demonstrated in the monumental window project, and our wishes and prayers are that our next generation through our congregation continue to see yet more growth.

Ann Blackett and Adam Lowe

**This is a prayer written by Fr Mychal Judge, a Franciscan friar from New York who, when the first plane hit the World Trade Center on 9/11, ran towards the chaos – he was the New York Fire Department's Chaplain – and was killed by falling debris. You might remember his picture in the news, being carried from the scene by four firemen.*

Curate report: Revd Shakeel Nurmahi

I have just completed my second year of curacy. My focus has remained on the parishes of Oakham and Langham with additional visits to other parishes, particularly in the southern parishes as we prepare as a family of churches for Chris Rattenberry's retirement.

This second year of curacy has brought many new joys and firsts in my ordained ministry. In June 2022 I was ordained priest, and this role has provided me new opportunities. It felt like a very different kind of responsibility to become a priest to our parishes. I found this experience very humbling and also a great privilege. As a priest I am now able to preside at Holy Communion. My first Communion service was at the Feast of St Peter and St Paul at Langham at the start of July. Communion services have become a regular and enjoyable part of my curacy. I preside regularly at 10.30am services and also at 8am services at Oakham and occasional 6pm. I have also presided at other communion services across the team and in other parishes across the deanery. I regularly take part in mid-week communion services included our Oakham Team communion on Tuesday mornings, Langham monthly BCP communion and at St John and St Anne's. Home communion visits have also become a regular part of my week visiting people in their homes and in care homes. It has been a great joy to share with others in bread and wine.

My priestly role has also introduced weddings and baptisms to my ministry. I took my first wedding in September which went very well, and I am currently working towards two weddings and a wedding blessing for 2023. I also did my first baptisms in September and it has been a great joy and privilege to baptise others into the Christian faith. These baptisms have included infants and teenagers.

There are many other parts of my ministry that have continued from the previous year such as taking part in morning prayer, leading collective worship at Oakham Primary and Langham Primary, and other mid-week services. My fellow curate Simon Aley and I have continued with our weekly Langham Bible Study group which has become a staple part of life at Langham church. The Bible Study slot has also been used for a very well attended Living and Love and Faith course and Lent group on Isaiah's Suffering Servant (Isa 52-53). I have also continued to be involved in funeral ministry in the team. I have been a regular part of Churches Together in Oakham (CTiO) and as of March 2023 I have taken on the role of Co-Chair of CTiO alongside Stephen Griffiths as chair. I have enjoyed regularly writing the weekly message for Worship for the Week as well as occasional pieces for Rutland Times' *Christian Corner* and now Rutland and Stamford Sound's *Sunday Morning Thought*.

One of my new roles this past year has been as chaplain to the Rutland Air Cadets Squadron, taking over from the Revd Brian McAvoy who is stepping down after many years of faithful ministry. This new role has involved regular visits to the Squadron, leading the cadets in Padre's Hour (a time of discussion and reflection), and also taking a more active role in Remembrance services in November and other civic events.

This past year I have set a particular aim for developing our children and family's ministry at Langham. In September we started a new toddler group called Little Stars at Langham on Monday mornings during term time. Little Stars has now a regular group of families who attend each week with new families coming in gradually. I have also been able to help supervise two teenagers living Langham with their DoE volunteering experience through church in Langham and Oakham.

In addition to the work in the parish, there are regular curate training days and events that I have attended. These days are usually once a month, plus two residentials. The curate training sessions have looked at rural ministry, mental health, and children and youth work, to name a few sessions.

Ahead of Cecily starting her curacy in June 2023 in the Cottesmore Benefice, Cecily and I moved to the Greetham vicarage in March 2023. This gives Cecily the opportunity to enjoy living in parish like I have enjoyed the past two years. Greetham vicarage still offers easy and quick access to both Oakham and Langham. We have enjoyed settling into Greetham vicarage and our excited for our shared ministry.

This has been a wonderful past year and I look forward to the year ahead. Following Simon's sign off on his curacy, I will take over from him as curate in charge of Langham after Pentecost this year. Thank you to everyone who has supported my life and ministry this past year I look forward to continuing to serve our parishes this coming year.

Every blessing, *Shakeel* Assistant Curate in the Oakham Team Ministry

Fabric group

The fabric group members are Paul Wiggin, Des Cook, Ann Blackett, Andy Compton and Monica Compton. Michael Latham stepped down from the group in January 2022 but has continued to support projects. The committee aims to meet a minimum of five times per year and supports the PCC in decision making on the fabric of the church.

The main project this past year has been the restoration of ten windows which has been led by Paul Wiggin. The project commenced in April 2021 with successful completion in April 2023 costing £100,780 inclusive of VAT. The church received over £50,000 from very generous donations in sponsor of loved ones and a memorial board will be commissioned to be placed in the church.

In addition, the church has been successful with various grant applications:

Name of Grant	Amount Received
Benefact Trust	£2500
Rutland Historic Preservation Trust	£8000
Oakham Memorial Trust	£10000
National Churches Trust Gateway grant	£3730
Wolfson Fabric Repair Grant	£7513

The following maintenance work has been overseen by the group:

- Repairs to the glass doors at the West end of the church, and overhaul of all the historic locks
- Steeple jack fittings removed from tower
- Lightbulb replacement when required
- Install pressure regulator (it's the small box on the wall in the loo) to keep the boiler on an even keel
- Invest in smart reader for remote heat control
- New weatherboard to Tower door
- Five-year electrical test and remedial work carried out

During 2022 the PCC requested the fabric group to investigate the feasibility of new lighting within the church and Michael Latham worked with three potential lighting consultants to prepare proposals and costings before the PCC appointed Michael Barham of Illuminous (based in Nottingham) to do more work and prepare a proper design we could take to the Diocesan Advisory Council when we felt able financially to begin that process. This work has been budgeted for, but we are awaiting the Quinquennial Inspection (QI) report before we go much further.

As our last QI was in 2018, we are now due the next one, which will be in May. In the previous five years, and despite the pandemic, we have made steady progress

with carrying out the recommended work, and we are hopeful that our next QI will not provide us with such a long list of tasks.

Monica Compton and Ann Blackett



The windows in the Trinity Chapel: coming out (top) and completed (below)



Safeguarding Report

The PCC thanks Adam Lowe for his hard work as our Safeguarding Officer and note his standing down from the role. Adam did a tremendous job processing DBS checks, keeping the PCC up to date, and helping our volunteers access online training, and even organised some in person training sessions. The recruitment of a new Parish Safeguarding Officer is underway. In the meantime our policies keep us up to date with best practice and we have access to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Home groups

Home Group at 6 Peterborough Avenue

The Group has continued to meet fortnightly. As increasingly the case, sessions have often been led by members of the Group, other than Patrick or Marjorie. Such examples were a three-session series on angels, a study of the book of Habakkuk and something on the significance of the concept and meaning of 'Home' in the Bible. For several months and right to the present time, we have been studying St. Matthew's Gospel. *Patrick Wilson*

Tuesday Prayer Group

We have had an encouraging year with two new people joining us and have had an interesting time discovering how much the Bible is able to teach how we should live today. At times it has been challenging and at the same time comforting to know that there is a better world to look forward to. We have looked at Ruth, parts of Proverbs and growing old and wiser!!! We watched *Chocolat* video which was interesting when looked at what the Bible teaches us. We are a gathering group wanting to find what can help us in our daily lives

Do come and see. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday morning at 10am at 25 Willow Crescent Oakham LE15 6EQ, tel.01572 770429. *Catrina Drye*

Friends of All Saints Church – Chairman's report

This past year has been a relatively good one for the Friends, with many new recruits to the membership, giving a welcome boost to our finances, which were somewhat depleted following two years of the Covid pandemic. We have certainly made up some ground over the past couple of years and have been able to make substantial donations of £15,000 to the new sound system and £4,500 to the church for the window restoration fund. In addition, I am sure you will be pleased to hear that the card-reading machine, for which we donated half the cost, has proved to be extremely lucrative for the church this year, with many visitors choosing to donate this way and Gift-Aid collected for the church on these amounts.

We have had a busy and active programme of events during the year, which have, in the main, been very well attended. The April visit to Launde Abbey and tour of the



Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea!

gardens proved to be very popular and people appreciated Richard Plummer's talk on the history of the Abbey and the gardens.

In June, we celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an extremely well attended tea party in the hall. Over 60 people gathered for a sit-down tea and quiz and a vast amount of sandwiches, savouries, scones and cakes were devoured! We decorated the hall with patriotic bunting and flags and with many people dressing in red, white and blue, it all looked very festive.

Also in June, we visited Lincoln Cathedral, where after free time in the town, we were given a wonderful guided tour of the cathedral, followed by tea and cakes in the café and a splendid Choral Evensong. A visit to the open-air theatre at Toilethorpe was on a very hot day in July but we all enjoyed a picnic lunch under the shade of some trees in the garden and an excellent performance of Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*.

September saw us back in the Church Hall for a coffee morning to raise funds for Peppers – a Safe Place, a local mental health charity, helping people in Oakham and Melton overcome issues connected with anxiety and loneliness.

In October, we visited the well-known Barnsdale Gardens on a very sunny and warm afternoon. We had a wonderful time, wandering at our own pace, enjoying the wonderful colour and scents of an Autumn garden or sitting and enjoying the peace and birdsong. Towards the end of our visit, we all gathered in the tea rooms for well-earned refreshments and chat.

The annual Tide Lunch, held in November, was this year at the Wisteria Hotel in Oakham, to which many people could and did walk. Our speaker after lunch should have been Pippa Gorman from the charity Peppers – a Safe Place but unfortunately, a family funeral at the last minute meant she had to provide us with a very interesting

and informative video about the work they do with people suffering from mental health issues and the sessions they provide for talking therapies. They were delighted to be presented with a cheque for almost £400.

December saw Friends meet for a very informal gathering at Gates Garden Centre for coffee and a chat – a welcome respite from the hurly burly of the festive season. Now, this year has got off to an excellent start with the annual Shrovetide Party and Quiz and it was lovely to see so many members after an enforced lull of three years, due to Covid. It was a lovely social occasion, marked by fun and laughter and fiendish quizzes! The Friends year was rounded off in March with our AGM, which was well-attended.

Friends continues to flourish and we always welcome new members with open arms. If you know of anyone whom you feel would benefit from our lively and interesting programme, please do pass on details of how to join, either using one of the leaflets to be found in church or by contacting me directly. Many thanks to you all for continuing to support us. *Chair - Liz Plummer 01572 720506*



Barnsdale Gardens

Sunday School

Sunday School meets every Sunday during term time, apart from the 4th Sunday when we join together with the rest of the church family for the All Age Service. We welcome all primary age children and currently have a roll of seven children. We use resources provided in the 'Roots' magazine which provides activities linked to the chosen theme based on the lectionary readings for the week. We start the session by joining together to say a prayer followed by a chat about things that have happened during the week. We then move onto our activities which usually include a

bible reading, craft and a game. Our aim is to provide a fun, stimulating programme for our youngest congregation members. The session is 45 minutes and we then come across to church to take part in communion and the children enjoy sharing their activities with the rest of church.

One of the highlights of the year was the Sunday School picnic held at the Vicarage on Sunday 4th September, we had a lovely afternoon where the sun shone and the children enjoyed playing and the adults relaxed in the garden.

2022 was a year when we were able to fully return to normal and a key part was our Christmas celebrations. The Christingle Service was very well supported, as was the Crib Service with numbers returning to pre-covid levels. The Nativity Service performed by Sunday School was a joy to share with the congregation.

I would like to thank the small, dedicated team of Sunday School leaders and helpers, the preparation takes some time, they are all greatly appreciated. We are always looking for leaders and helpers, so please do speak to me if this is an area where you feel you can share your skills.

School Ministry

Throughout 2022 we have continued to enrich our work with local schools, in particular Oakham C of E Primary School. Revd Stephen and Revd Shakeel lead whole school worship every Monday. School visits to church have resumed and we welcomed the primary school into church to celebrate Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Each of these services are led by the children themselves and is a showcase



Christingle 2022

for their engagement with worship. We also welcome other local schools into church at various times, including Brooke Hill, Brooke Priory and Catmose.

As school governors myself and Revd Stephen have been working closely with the RE lead to enhance and develop the programme for whole school worship and in monitoring the provision of RE within the curriculum. We are also supporting the school in developing an outdoor area for reflection.

Liz Needham

Tiny Tots 2022-2023

Fortunately this year has been much less troubled than the two previous ones. Despite strong numbers after resumption, this autumn saw a considerable drop in membership. We are used to departures as our older members pass on to school but in this cycle we had fewer children than we might have expected. This may of course reflect the general demographic since births fell during lockdown. However, since Christmas several new families have arrived and our numbers are building back. Over the years we have welcomed children from many different countries and this continues. I can recall at least 12 nationalities.

Our Thursday pattern is largely based on the topics a young child might be talking to family about during each season. We cover them through the week's craft and an appropriate story. In September we look back to the Summer holidays and move on through Autumnal creatures and events. Then we look forward to Christmas culminating in the Christmas party. In January, after Epiphany, we look to 'cold' creatures and take in Valentine's day and the new lambs and the start of planting. St David and St Patrick lead to Mothering Sunday and Easter themes. Summer easily supplies all sorts of new life especially among the insects. Father's Day leads us towards the end of the cycle which we celebrate with 'special guests' for a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

One important development has been the reorganisation of the Play and Pray area. We have been able to create more space and to install a play kitchen generously donated by the parents of two of our previous members.

Every year of course has its challenges. In the Autumn we were particularly grateful to the craftsmen working on the windows who managed to get on with their impressive project while keeping the children safe and without disturbing us, although it was a relief to see the scaffolding go! Liz Needham and Ann Blackett in the Parish Office are tireless in their quiet support for us. We are enormously grateful to Helen Vickerstaff and Sue Willetts for generously given backup which makes smooth running of the programme much easier. Last, but far from least, we are always aware of the parents, grandparents and carers without whom we should not have a group at all. Their friendship and welcome to one another, especially to new members, are our greatest asset.

Denise McDonald Alice Clarke

Church Walking Group

With a mixture of pleasure and relief 2022 saw the group returned to a full programme of walks returning to a pre-pandemic group size of around 15 walkers. The formula remains the same. A team of leaders guide the group on walks of between 4.5 and 6 miles exploring the joys of the local countryside while chatting to friends old and new.

The walks are on the fourth Thursday of each month except December. In the winter months a pub lunch is arranged. Summer brings picnics in the fresh air. Some friends and partners who do not wish to walk join the group for lunch. Everyone is very welcome to come along and share the enjoyment for additional information contact Liz or Richard Plummer 01572 720506

Open House

We are now fully up and running after the interruption of the pandemic, and our programme is now back in full swing. Sarah Bilsdon organises the rota for monthly coffee mornings held in parishioners' homes and produces a programme to advertise the events. These are aimed at new and old members of the congregation and all are welcome. Numbers are generally up from last year – we have had more than 30 people at times! If you'd like to meet new people please take a programme and come along.

Music at All Saints – Music Society

It has been an interesting and very active year for the Music Society. We have been fortunate to get some excellent recitalists for the Wednesday lunchtime concerts for the weeks when Oakham School are on holiday. Many of these recitalists have been young and have included pianists, flautists, organists and singers, and many have been keen to perform again this current year.

In addition we have had two superb Bank Holiday organ recitals, one given by Tom Bell, who has played for us before, and the other by Colin Walsh, former organist at Lincoln Cathedral. Providing people who were prepared to organise lunch after these recitals has not been easy but we managed to have lunch after both recitals, and these always help to subsidise the actual recital. If you are interested we are always keen to have more volunteers to provide lunch at the events.

The committee decided to take a big financial risk engaging Anne Bolt, Martin Cropper and Richard Jenkinson to give a series of three piano trios during April, May and June 2022. Each concert drew a large audience and the joy of the performers giving live concerts again after two years of comparative silence was obvious. The series was a huge success both musically and financially and we were able to make a donation of £1000 to All Saints for the window appeal.

Other recitals included a piano recital given by James Kirby, which also attracted a large audience, and a recital given by the Georgina Duo. Consisting of Gina Baker (singer, who also used to sing with All Saints choir) and Georgina Dadson (guitar). The committee has grown in number over the past year and we are hoping the new Director of Music will become actively involved. We have a full programme organised for the coming year and there are leaflets in the church detailing all the concerts. Please take a leaflet and come to as many of the concerts as you are able – your support is vital to our future success. *Paul Butler*

All Saints Flower Guild

Thank you to our Flower Guild volunteers who decorate the church at Festival times and for the altar arrangements throughout the year. They are lovely to see.

Thank you too to John Tomalin for his altar flower arrangements at Christmas and Easter which always look amazing.

Anyone is welcome to make a donation for an Easter Lily in remembrance of a loved one. Please mark your donation 'Easter Lilies' and pop your donation into the collection box on the wall at the back of the church or give to Liz in the Oakham office or any churchwarden.

We are trying to use less oasis in our arrangements as this is not an environmentally friendly material. We have been using more vase arrangements. Any further ideas are most welcome.

If you have an interest in flowers but no flower arranging experience you are most welcome to join us please contact me.

Anna Oliver (oliveranna101@gmail.com) 07184027523



Jackie's lilies

See pages 9 and 33 for more wonderful arrangements!



Catherine's corner – note the reflections of the new windows!

Bellringers Report

After much work carried out on the bells in 2020 and 2021 a recent visit from Taylors Bell Foundry identified only minor ongoing repairs need for the next 12 months, mainly to the bell frame to reduce the rust corrosion and treatment of the wood fittings. Having said that the tower experienced on two occasions rainwater flooding into the belfry and ringing chamber and this has left some water damage. It is intended that the upcoming Quinquennial Inspection will help identify a way forward to mitigate the effects of water damage to the frame to help preserve the bells and the more public areas of the tower.

Ringling activity was eventful during 2022, mainly in commemoration of our late monarch, Queen Elizabeth II where we rang the bells on a very rare occasion with fully muffled bells (only reserved on the monarch's death). The heightened media coverage of bell ringing and the upcoming coronation of His Majesty King Charles III has led to several new enquiries for learners, but we are always needing new ringers to join. Tuesday practices remain well supported, with Sunday's less so owing to our members' commitments and sometimes the need to ring at other towers in the county, although we strive to manage to ring for services when we can.

The tower remains a beacon for visitors both from the ringing fraternity and the public following our open day at the Autumn Fayre, as well as the local Scouting groups.

2023 will no doubt be another eventful year with the pending coronation and the already 3 visiting bands scheduled to come.

Louis Totaro, Tower Captain

Welcoming

How does it feel being a newcomer at All Saints?

We have a steady stream of new church members (as well as visitors); and some newcomers have told us that we are such a large and busy church they found it a bit hard to work out who is who among our leaders, to get to know people, and to understand the many groups and activities that are going on.

So Stephen has recently established a small group considering ways to improve the welcome we offer.

One of the first changes we have made is the leadership board showing the photos of the team. This is in the Lady Chapel at the moment, but will soon be moving close to the main door.

There are also gradual changes being made to Worship for the Week – to help people follow through the order of service, and giving more explanation about the different groups that meet.

We have more ideas in the pipeline. If you have any suggestions, please contact us:

John Feehally - john@oakhamteam.org.uk. 07843 278459

Corinna Woods - corimarywoods@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group is for anyone in the Oakham area – of all religions or none, and whenever they suffered bereavement. Over this last year it has been run by Madeleine Morris, with continued support from the Benefice Team and Grace Price (a trained Bereavement Counsellor).

The '**Come and Chat' Drop-In Group** meets in the Parish Hall at 10.30-12.00 on the last Friday of the month, and people can turn up for all or part of that time with no prior booking. Time is spent both talking one to one, and also talking as a group. We have 8-12 attendees (including the helpers) and it is encouraging that many support each other between meetings.

There is a limited capacity for **One to One Support** for those with complex grief issues. To request this service, a completed request form should be left at the Parish Office, or sent online (via the OakhamTeam website).

We are grateful for the help of the rest of the Benefice Team in continued prayer for those who have died and their relatives. **Intercessions** during services usually includes those who have died recently, and those whose 'years mind' falls that day.

Prayer Cards are sent to the next of kin on the first anniversary of their bereavement and the annual **All Souls Service** in November is much appreciated by the wider community.

We also keep in contact with other local projects – such as the Bereavement Help Point (who will be starting their own weekly support meetings in Oakham shortly) and Dying Matters Rutland.

For more information please contact

Madeleine Morris 07754 414437

bereavementsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk

Oakham Choir/Laudamus report

It's been a long time since we had a report from the choir/Laudamus, so I thought it worth going back a bit.

I'm sure you all remember a day in March 2020 when we were told the country, along with many other countries, was in lockdown. Suddenly there were no church services, and therefore no choir singing. Our then Director of Music, Kevin Slingsby, came up with the idea of us all recording the hymns at home. He would stitch the recordings together and this would be loaded to the church website. As it worked well, he decided to add simple anthems.

May 2020 and Kevin shocked us all by announcing that he would be leaving us in the summer. Although a shock it shouldn't have come as a surprise as he lived near Bury St. Edmunds and was driving 80 miles each way to be with us.

If Kevin could stitch things together, so could we! We wrote a farewell in the form of a psalm, and again we each recorded ourselves singing our part at home. It stitched together quite well. We had a collection to make a presentation to Kevin, and Ken Forrest, that well-known local artist, very kindly donated one of his paintings. We met in Lin's lovely garden in Whissendine on Kevin's last Sunday with us in July 2020, socially distanced of course, and played our 'psalm' and made a presentation to Kevin.

Christmas 2020 was so different, no congregation and no choir. Compromise was the word of the day, so we recorded a 'quiet carol service'. No loud music, no descants and so on. This was then broadcast via the website.

Several meetings were held to discuss what was needed from our next Director of Music, but because of the pandemic not much else could happen.

In May 2021 things were starting to emerge from lockdown and we were able to go to church again. Singing was restricted to choirs, but only three people. It was decided to advertise for a Director of Music, and we had a candidate to see in June. We were still restricted on numbers allowed to sing together, at the time it had increased to 6. So many people wanted to sing for the interview that we had 2 groups of 6, each singing different anthems.

Following the interviews August Guan was appointed to start at the end of August. In the meantime, since Kevin's departure and until August's arrival, we had been

supported by many people, John and Linda Hall, Peter Davis and Paul Butler to name some of them. We are most grateful to them all.

Ken, one of our long time choristers decided that the time had come for him to step down from the choir. We thought we would like to mark Ken's time with us in some way, so an evensong was arranged with music chosen by Ken and with him telling us about his life before Oakham. We also held a farewell picnic in Margaret's lovely garden. Ken has recently moved to be near his family in Scotland.

Since August's appointment we have continued to expand our repertoire. As well as singing at our own churches Sunday by Sunday, we have sung at other events. During the last year we have sung for the Oakham Town Carol Service and for a carol service at Brooke. Harvest at Teigh was once again on our agenda. Compline with Laudamus was held at Brooke for a change. Some of our number joined with over 100 other singers at Peterborough Cathedral for the annual Peterborough Diocesan Choral Festival.

Special services were held at very short notice following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and for the accession of King Charles III.

With things getting back to normal, we thought it was time to reintroduce our annual choir dinner. This was held in February at The Wisteria Hotel. We were pleased to have Peter and Megan Davis, John and Linda Hall and Paul and Rita Butler as our guests. A small way to say 'thank you' for the support they have given Laudamus since Kevin's departure.

August decided to leave us earlier in the year and his final service was Easter Day. The hunt was on again for a new Director of Music. Interviews were held in March and two applicants were interviewed. We eagerly await the decision.

We are always looking for new members, so if you would like to join us, please speak to a member of the choir. No audition required, we welcome all.

Derek Cullen, Choir member

Church Hall

Only two meetings of the Church Hall Committee were needed during the financial year 2022 - 2023. Mrs. Liz Needham, the All Saints Team Administrator has become a very welcome member of the Committee. Regular bookings have slowly recovered from the effects of Covid. Substantial deficits had arisen in the previous year, owing to reduced or non-existent bookings and greatly increased electricity costs. Hiring charges were raised in April 2022, to £15 per hour for regular, and £17 per hour for occasional bookings. By the financial year's end the deficit on current account had been considerably reduced, to approximately £1,000, with the prospect of it being eliminated soon.

Funds in hand remain sufficient for present needs and a transfer of £1,000 was possible to the PCC, for church window repairs. There have been no major calls for

capital expenditure. The main item under this was for repairs and renewals demanded from Shoulers for the barrier. The Hall and its overall maintenance remain satisfactory, and are well maintained by Stephan. The need for a full 'spring clean' or professional floor clean is kept under review.

Peter Kind

Giving Gift Aid

The second full year of the database's online Gift Aid claim has proven to be very straight forward. The first year, which required the creation of a database, creating a new administration protocol and establishing secure online links with HMRC, was slightly more frenetic. As the claim is subject to an audit using the software provider's tool, the time between the claim and receipt of funds is considerably shorter than that previously experienced. The system has allowed All Saints to adopt a quarterly claim cycle which is beneficial for cash flow.

Donation Machine

2022 saw 343 transactions to a value, after merchant fees, of £4,134 with an additional £731 claimed via Gift Aid.

The system flexibility provides the following options that All Saints take advantages of

- Donors can agree to pay the 1.3% merchant fees, and over 80% choose to do this via the choices on-screen
- Donors can opt to pay using Gift Aid via on-screen selection, and reclaiming this money for All Saints is more straightforward (see above)
- The office can accept payment by card using the machine
- The donation options can easily be altered to promote specific appeals. This was used for the windows appeal.

Richard Plummer

Mothers Union

In the past year Mothers Union branch has continued with monthly meetings either in Oakham or other local venues with other branches in the Deanery. We have 24 members at present but we normally have a monthly attendance of 16 to 18 of regular members.

We were unable to have our usual Fish and chips due to the hangover of covid, in January, In March and April, Mr John Feehally and Mr Michael Ellard talked to us about their Readerships.

At Easter we had our Easter chicks raising money for our Tiny Tots group towards Christmas parcels.

May brought about a quiet morning with lunch at Edenham, a lovely retreat house, was well attended, we joined with the Deanery. In July we had a Strawberry Tea and raised £70, these monies go to Mary Sumner House to support families who are unable to have holidays.

Our Wave of Prayer service was taken by Rev Stephen. August was Mary Sumner day when Rev Michael Wilson took our service and we all joined in a pleasant lunch at The Wisteria Hotel. We drew our year to a close with a Christmas service of readings and carols.

In October and November, we enjoyed Shakeel talking about his music in Faith, and Ali Wainwright's lively talk about Oakham Food Bank.

The Travelling Nativity sets which go to families during Advent were started and knitted by Mothers Union Members and now reach many families in our Parish.

Members value their membership of the world wide organisation founded over 140 years ago which supports marriage and family life but which also does all it can to help people all over the world who are struggling with many different problems.

We welcome any visitors to our monthly meetings which are listed in the pew sheet.

Carolyn Pattinson

Traidcraft/Fairtrade report 2020-22

This is my final report to the APCM. As I'm sure everyone knows Traidcraft went into administration in January. It is with great sadness therefore that I write these words.

Traidcraft and Fairtrade have been part of the life at All Saints for over 20 years. It all started when the youth group of the day wanted to find out more about Fairtrade in general, this led onto the stall being held twice a month. To start with we obtained our goods on a sale and return basis from Helen and Richard Baggott (members of Oakham's Methodist Church). As the stall grew in popularity I approached the PCC with a view to them loaning me the money to set up a permanent stall. They agreed to this and after a period of time I was able to repay the loan due to the success of the stall.

Over the years the stall has made regular appearances at most of the Churches in our Benefice (as well as going further afield to Ryhall on a couple of occasions). It was also present at both the Advent and Lent Christian Aid lunches where it proved to be immensely popular. I was also able to make contact with local schools who took goods to sell over the annual Fairtrade Fortnight.

Sales at All Saints have always been very good, particularly in the autumn with the production of the Christmas catalogue. It has been interesting over the years to see which Christmas card design was most popular for folk to buy.

In their press release the Board of Directors of Traidcraft said 'It is heartbreaking to bring the Traidcraft PLC story to an end...we can at least have some consolation from the knowledge we have been a major force for good in the ethical retail sector of over 40 years.' When the youth group first looked into Fairtrade the mark was recognized by less than 50% of the population, it now stands at 93% , which indicates how much of a force Traidcraft's campaigns have been!

All that remains for me to say then is A MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the stall over the years! Do please continue to buy Fairly traded goods; Traidcraft may have left the stage but the work of their charity arm still goes on with Transform Trade.

Denise McDonald

Deanery Synod report

Synod met four times in the past year and also celebrated a Deanery Eucharist on 14th July at Ketton.

12th May 2022 at Great Casterton when Paul Adams presented the results of a national survey of stewardship in the CofE. Mr Geoff Thompson, High Sheriff, outlined his role and vision for the coming year. Mr John Tomalin retired as Deanery Lay Chair after 14 years and Mrs Sue Cross was elected in his place. Mr Tomalin had also stood down from Bishops Council.

27th September 2022 at Empingham when Daisy Mansfield gave a talk on the work of the Leprosy Mission, which is supported by the Diocese. The Rev Don McGarrigle reflected on the energy crisis.

17th November 2022 (zoom) Rev Haydon Spenceley, Director of Ordinands, spoke on the process for the selection of ordinands and the opportunities for laity to learn more and possibly to engage in selection.

16th February 2023 (zoom) David Lewis, Chair of Rutland Fair Trade Forum, talked on the work of the Fair Trade organization in Rutland.

John Tomalin

Churches Together in Oakham and District

This has been the first full year that things started to return to normal after Covid restrictions. The central activities of CTiO have been re-established:

- Good Friday Walk of Witness
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 - Prayer Breakfast
 - United Service
- Songs of Praise in the Park

Other CTiO activities during the year included, shared worship on the 5th Sunday, a service at Oakham Methodist Church to celebrate the work of Hope into Action and the café for Ukrainian refugees.

Hope Into Action Houses

The HIA houses project has faced several issues during this year. There was great difficulty in finding replacements for the Chair of the Steering Committee and Empowerment Workers. We are grateful to Simon Aley for taking over as Chair of the Steering Committee in November. Appointing two empowerment workers and replacing the team of befrienders remains an urgent issue. Significant increases in fuel and maintenance costs, some problems with rent arrears and the houses not always being fully occupied have all had impact on the finances. However, the financial situation is satisfactory overall.

Schools Work

The Schools Co-ordination Group has met regularly. There is good contact with almost all of the local primary schools and there has been some progress to establish similar relations with some secondary schools. CTiO has agreed that Bibles should be provided for schools through the charity Bibles for Schools.

Ukrainian Café/Warm Rooms

The café for Ukrainian refugees at Oakham Baptist Church has been a great success. This is intended to be a Churches Together project, but there has been little involvement churches other than OBC. St Joseph's has run a very successful Warm Room one afternoon a week.

Issues facing CTiO

The usual smooth rotation of the Chair of CTiO between the member churches has not been possible this year. Also, at the time of writing, we have not identified a new Treasurer.

How do we attract key officers such as Treasurer and Secretary?

How many projects can CTiO reasonably support within our resources? What are our priorities for our key activities over the next 12 months and beyond.?

Raymond Keogh, Chairman of Churches Together in Oakham

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church Oakham

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). At your request, I have prepared the accounts in accordance with the Act and your accounting policies and following a detailed review of your accounting records.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R C Harris
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

30 Ashwell Road
Oakham
Rutland LE15 6QG

Date

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2(a)	131,522	69,220	8,514	209,256	210,459
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	6,589	5,201	-	11,790	3,728
Income from investments	2(c)	16	-	-	16	-
Church activities	2(d)	36,248	-	-	36,248	25,781
TOTAL INCOME		174,376	74,421	8,514	257,311	239,967
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3(a)	184,090	54,643	8,514	247,248	231,277
Raising funds	3(b)	5,589	-	-	5,589	333
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		189,679	54,643	8,514	252,837	231,610
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		(15,304)	19,778	-	4,474	8,357
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	8	(2,000)	2,000	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(17,304)	21,778	-	4,474	8,357
Total funds brought forward at 1 January	8	363,980	17,868	-	381,848	373,491
Total funds carried forward at 31 December	8	346,676	39,646	-	386,322	381,848

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM

Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Freehold Land & Buildings	1	275,000	-	-	275,000	275,000
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash in bank		51,278	36,803	-	88,081	74,661
Short term deposits		11,093	-	-	11,093	13,226
Debtors & prepayments	5	12,752	3,346	-	16,098	21,455
		75,122	40,149	-	115,271	109,342
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amount falling due in one year	6	3,446	503	-	3,949	2,494
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		71,676	39,646	-	111,322	106,848
TOTAL NET ASSETS		346,676	39,646	-	386,322	381,848
Represented by PARISH FUNDS	7	346,676	39,646	-	386,322	381,848

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on their behalf by Rev Stephen Griffith (PCC Chairman)

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The notes on pages 4 to 7 form part of these accounts.

The notes referred to are on pp33-37 of this booklet.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Other property

The ownership of the church hall is vested in the council. This was independently valued in 2016, and that valuation is included in these accounts. The council has decided that it is not necessary for the value of the hall to be depreciated.

Moveable church furnishings

These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case. Items costing £1000 or less are written off in the year of acquisition.

Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1000. They are valued at cost or else, for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalized cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

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|-----------------------|---------|
| • Land | Nil |
| • Fixtures & Fittings | 5 years |

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the current estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

An impairment review is carried out at each year-end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

Short term deposits

These are cash held on deposit at the bank.

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its 'free reserves' as disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts. (Note 8)

Endowment funds

There are no endowment funds under the control of the PCC.



Brenda's window

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
2 (a) Voluntary Income						
Gift Aid donations		95,538	1,730	-	97,268	97,164
Tax recovered		22,457	8,464	-	30,921	23,151
Collections		6,826	684	-	7,510	4,503
Grants	8 & 9	-	14,108	8,514	22,622	13,727
Donations appeals etc		6,701	44,234	-	50,936	9,723
Legacies		-	-	-	-	62,190
Other		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>131,522</u>	<u>69,220</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>209,256</u>	<u>210,459</u>
2 (b) Activities for generating funds						
Fund raising events		132	5,201	-	5,332	3,038
Concerts		6,458	-	-	6,458	690
		<u>6,589</u>	<u>5,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,790</u>	<u>3,728</u>
2 (c) Income from investments						
Interest		16	-	-	16	-
2 (d) Church activities						
Fees (weddings, funerals etc)		4,441	-	-	4,441	4,057
Hire of Church Hall		10,767	-	-	10,767	3,931
Recharge of shared costs		19,626	-	-	19,626	17,294
Other		1,415	-	-	1,415	499
		<u>36,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,248</u>	<u>25,781</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>174,376</u>	<u>74,421</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>257,311</u>	<u>239,967</u>

3. EXPENDITURE

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
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3 (a) Church activities						
Missionary giving						
Overseas		-	-	-	-	4,000
Home		-	-	-	-	4,500
	10	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,500</u>
Grant made		-	-	-	-	20,000
Ministry: diocesan parish share		95,500	-	-	95,500	94,587
Other ministry costs		10,193	-	3,831	14,024	13,848
Church running & maintenance		66,265	8,699	-	74,965	81,561
Major repairs		-	45,944	4,683	50,627	6,168
Church Hall running costs		9,328	-	-	9,328	3,402
Printing & stationery		2,313	-	-	2,313	3,211
Bank charges		490	-	-	490	-
		<u>184,090</u>	<u>54,643</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>247,248</u>	<u>231,277</u>
3 (b) Raising funds						
Concert expenses		5,589	-	-	5,589	333
		<u>5,589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,589</u>	<u>333</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>189,679</u>	<u>54,643</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>252,837</u>	<u>231,610</u>

4. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages & salaries	40,231	30,145
National Insurance	0	0
Pension	313	269
	<u>40,544</u>	<u>30,414</u>

Average number of (part time) employees

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No payments or expenses were paid to any member of the PCC, persons closely connected to them or to related parties.

Donations from Related Parties (PCC members & their close family) totalled £31,039, including £14,300 to the Fabric Fund towards the window restoration project.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Prepayments	1,189	0	0	1,189	1,247
Tax recoverable	6,037	3,346	0	9,383	15,800
Other debtors	5,526	0	0	5,526	4,408
	<u>12,752</u>	<u>3,346</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,098</u>	<u>21,455</u>

6. CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accruals for utilities & other costs	3,446	0	0	3,446	1,611
Other creditors	0	103	0	103	233
Deferred income (wedding deposits)	0	400	0	400	650
	<u>3,446</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,949</u>	<u>2,494</u>

7. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

Fixed assets	275,000	0	0	275,000	275,000
Debtors	12,752	3,346	0	16,098	21,455
Cash & short term deposits	62,370	36,803	0	99,173	87,887
	<u>350,122</u>	<u>40,149</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>390,271</u>	<u>384,342</u>
Current liabilities	3,446	503	0	3,949	2,494
	<u>346,676</u>	<u>39,646</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>386,322</u>	<u>381,848</u>

8. SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES

	Balance 31.12.21 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds	363,980	(2,000)	174,376	189,679	346,677
Restricted funds					
Fabric fund	15,195	2,000	74,421	54,329	37,287
Vicars' & Wardens' fund	2,673	0	0	315	2,358
Endowment fund	0	0	8,514	8,514	0
Total funds	<u>381,848</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>257,311</u>	<u>252,837</u>	<u>386,322</u>

Purposes of restricted funds:

Fabric fund	Repairs & renovations of the church and its other properties
Vicars' & Wardens' fund	Minor expenditures at the discretion of the vicars & wardens
Endowment fund	Approx. 45% devoted to church music and 55% on the fabric of the church

Transfers between Funds

The transfers from the Unrestricted Fund to the Fabric Fund reflects the donations made by both the All Saints Concert Society & the Church Hall from their surpluses made during the year.

9. GRANTS RECEIVED

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Royce & Oakham Church Estates	0	0	8,514	8,514	7,812
Oakham Memorial Institute	0	10,000	0	10,000	0
Benefact Trust	0	2,500	0	2,500	0
Listed Places of Worship	0	1,158	0	1,158	2,175
Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bellringers	0	450	0	450	0
National Churches Trust	0	0	0	0	1,540
Oakham Town Council	0	0	0	0	1,500
Friends of All Saints	0	0	0	0	700
	<u>0</u>	<u>14,108</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>22,622</u>	<u>13,727</u>

10. MISSION GIVING

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>INTERNATIONAL</u>		
Church Mission Society		2,000
United Society (formerly USPG)		1,500
Open Doors (North Korea Appeal)		500
<u>NATIONAL</u>		
British Red Cross		1,000
Scripture Union		1,000
Langley House Trust		500
<u>LOCAL</u>		
Churches Together in Oakham		1,000
Rutland Reminders		0
College of St Barnabas		500
Mothers' Union Peterborough		500
	<u>0</u>	<u>8,500</u>

The PCC had considerable concerns about making the normal level of payments given the generally high level of expenditure, concerns over rising prices and a potential fall in income as people respond to the rising cost of living. There was also a concern that the window restoration project would divert donations away from the General Fund (from which Mission Giving is paid) to the Fabric Fund.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2 (a)	131,522	69,220	8,514	209,256	210,459
Activities for generating funds	2 (b)	6,589	5,201	-	11,790	3,728
Income from investments	2 (c)	16	-	-	16	-
Church activities	2 (d)	36,248	-	-	36,248	25,781
TOTAL INCOME		174,376	74,421	8,514	257,311	239,967
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3 (a)	184,090	54,643	8,514	247,248	231,277
Raising funds	3 (b)	5,589	-	-	5,589	333
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		189,679	54,643	8,514	252,837	231,610
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		(15,304)	19,778	-	4,474	8,357
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	8	(2,000)	2,000	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(17,304)	21,778	-	4,474	8,357
Total funds brought forward at 1 January	8	363,980	17,868	-	381,848	373,491
Total funds carried forward at 31 December	8	346,676	39,646	-	386,322	381,848

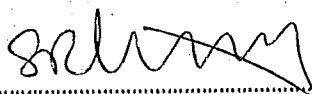
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM

Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Freehold Land & Buildings	1	275,000	-	-	275,000	275,000
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash in bank		51,278	36,803	-	88,081	74,661
Short term deposits		11,093	-	-	11,093	13,226
Debtors & prepayments	5	12,752	3,346	-	16,098	21,455
		<u>75,122</u>	<u>40,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,271</u>	<u>109,342</u>
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amount falling due in one year	6	3,446	503	-	3,949	2,494
		<u>71,676</u>	<u>39,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,322</u>	<u>106,848</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)						
		<u>346,676</u>	<u>39,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>386,322</u>	<u>381,848</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS						
Represented by PARISH FUNDS	7	<u>346,676</u>	<u>39,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>386,322</u>	<u>381,848</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st March 2023

and signed on their behalf by Rev Stephen Griffiths (PCC Chairman)



Accepted by ARCM 21/05/23
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The notes on pages 4 to 7 form part of these accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Other property

The ownership of the church hall is vested in the council. This was independently valued in 2016, and that valuation is included in these accounts. The council has decided that it is not necessary for the value of the hall to be depreciated.

Moveable church furnishings

These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case. Items costing £1000 or less are written off in the year of acquisition.

Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1000. They are valued at cost or else, for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalized cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- Land Nil
- Fixtures & Fittings 5 years

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the current estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

An impairment review is carried out at each year-end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

Short term deposits

These are cash held on deposit at the bank.

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its 'free reserves' as disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts. (Note 8)

Endowment funds

There are no endowment funds under the control of the PCC.

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2 (a) Voluntary Income						
Gift Aid donations		95,538	1,730	-	97,268	97,164
Tax recovered		22,457	8,464	-	30,921	23,151
Collections		6,826	684	-	7,510	4,503
Grants	8 & 9	-	14,108	8,514	22,622	13,727
Donations appeals etc		6,701	44,234	-	50,936	9,723
Legacies		-	-	-	-	62,190
Other		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>131,522</u>	<u>69,220</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>209,256</u>	<u>210,459</u>
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TOTAL INCOME		<u>174,376</u>	<u>74,421</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>257,311</u>	<u>239,967</u>

3. EXPENDITURE

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
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Missionary giving						
Overseas		-	-	-	-	4,000
Home		-	-	-	-	4,500
	10	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,500</u>
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National Insurance	0	0
Pension	313	269
	<u>40,544</u>	<u>30,414</u>
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Other debtors	5,526	0	0	5,526	4,408
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Current liabilities	3,446	503	0	3,949	2,494
	<u>346,676</u>	<u>39,646</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>386,322</u>	<u>381,848</u>

8. SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES

	Balance 31.12.21	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Balance 31.12.22
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Vicars' & Wardens' fund	2,673	0	0	315	2,358
Endowment fund	0	0	8,514	8,514	0
Total funds	<u>381,848</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>257,311</u>	<u>252,837</u>	<u>386,322</u>

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Oakham Memorial Institute	0	10,000	0	10,000	0
Benefact Trust	0	2,500	0	2,500	0
Listed Places of Worship	0	1,158	0	1,158	2,175
Peterborough Diocesan	0	450	0	450	0
Guild of Bellringers	0	0	0	0	1,540
National Churches Trust	0	0	0	0	1,500
Oakham Town Council	0	0	0	0	700
Friends of All Saints	0	0	0	0	700
	<u>0</u>	<u>14,108</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>22,622</u>	<u>13,727</u>

10. MISSION GIVING

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>INTERNATIONAL</u>		
Church Mission Society		2,000
United Society (formerly USPG)		1,500
Open Doors (North Korea Appeal)		500
<u>NATIONAL</u>		
British Red Cross		1,000
Scripture Union		1,000
Langley House Trust		500
<u>LOCAL</u>		
Churches Together In Oakham		1,000
Rutland Reminders		0
College of St Barnabas		500
Mothers' Union Peterborough		500
	<u>0</u>	<u>8,500</u>

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church Oakham

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). At your request, I have prepared the accounts in accordance with the Act and your accounting policies and following a detailed review of your accounting records:

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

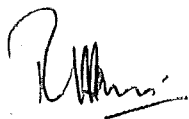
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date