

STATISTICS FOR ST ALKMUND'S WHITCHURCH

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Electoral Roll	169	144	155	149
Average Sunday (*) Adult Attendance	108	100	(Oct) 58	64.8
Average Sunday (*) Under 16 Attendance	6	4	4	3
8.00am	12.3	11	7	6.5
10.00am	78	76.4	44	52.6
6.30pm (new)	17	16.5	10	9.2
6.30pm (total)	26	25	7	16.7
Easter Communicants (**)	148	136	N/A	N/A
Easter Attendees (**)	189	172	N/A	N/a
Advent Special Attendees	1510	1710	158	220
Christmas Communicants	116	125	83	80
Christmas Attendees	1092	1092	102	148
Baptism (u16)	20	29	12	14
Baptism Adult	0	0	1	0
Funerals (with Church service)	55	46	21	35
Funerals (at Crem Only)	14	19	55	21
Interment of Ashes in GoR	12	10	15	8
Weddings	9	10	0	10
Prayer & Dedication of Marriage	0	0	0	0

Statistics for St Alkmund's 2018—2021

The statistics are shown in the table above. Please note that the Average Sunday Attendance (*) for 2017-19 figures include Harvest, Mothering Sundays but exclude Baptisms, Easter, Remembrance, Christingle, Memorial & Thanksgiving and Carol Services.

2020 & 2021 figures affected by Covid-19.

ST ALKMUND'S

WHITCHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

Prepared by

Annual Parochial Meeting

Sunday 2nd May 2021

give financially

- Co-leading of Zoo
- Staying in touch w
- Hosting Zoom me
- Getting DVD discs
- DVD players but n

Workload

- There have been changes in some church volunteers by the things we have managed to try. Our priorities have changed, and
- In 2020, mainly because my own workload was at a high level. In August 2021, I am now working full-time, especially as I had hoped to be at the end of the year. I am now doing DBS and Safeguarding training and do some training for lay

Conclusion

By God's grace and through our efforts, we can see positive developments in Alkmund's work together continuing. Thanks to all involved and the



- The PCC unrestricted finances showing only a small deficit, the faithful and accurate work of our treasurer
- The Plant Sale – thanks to Judy Bryant & Janet Ivens
- The continued fundraising work of the Friends of St Alkmund's, Whitchurch
- Work on the church building, carpark and Bargates Hall
- Ongoing work on Safeguarding (see elsewhere) and on Data Protection – with thanks here to Jo Lavin, Mel Williams, Paul Williamson and Meriel Edge

Mission Action Plan (MAP)

We had hoped to draw up a new MAP for 2020, and then again for 2021 but Coronavirus intervened. We have kept our activities under review, bearing in mind the Diocesan priorities of Discipleship, Vocation and Evangelism:

Discipleship:

- Sunday services – including livestreaming and the talks / sermons which are available afterwards in printed form or on the church website
- Lent Course on Zoom
- Living in Love & Faith Course
- Advent Meditative services

Evangelism

- Review of Music and its place in our Mission – included theological study and then underpinned the appointment process of our new Director of Music
- On-line group work; stream-lining of our publicity and other outreach, including “A church near you” website
- Young People's choir
- Reflections and services on Church Facebook and YouTube and also on a town Facebook group

Vocation

- Conversations leading to people feeling able to offer new ministries during Covid-19 lockdown *e.g.*
 - Co-ordination of pastoral care
 - Pastoral phone calls
 - Prayer over the phone
 - Leading on changing the way in which congregation members

Reference and

Charity Name & Number

St Alkmund's Parish Church
Charity number: 112990

Address

St Alkmund's Church, c/o
Whitchurch, Shropshire, CH20 3JL

PCC Members from APCM 2020

Judy Bellingham (PCC Secretary)
Elaine Bucknell (PCC Secretary)
John Castledine
Sheila Chase
Celia Churchill
Meriel Edge
David Fisher
Hilda Francis-Roberts
Pauline Green (Lay Chair)
Judy Hunt (Rector & PCC Secretary)
Caroline Hulse
Sam Johnson (until September)
Jane Rylands
Tom Rylands
John Stokes (Churchwarden)
Pauline Stokes (Deanery Secretary)
Jill Wallace (Churchwarden)
Steve White (Deanery Secretary)
Melanie Williams (PCC Secretary)

Bankers

Barclays plc

Independent Examiner

Staff at Lichfield Diocese

Structure, Governance and Management

PCC's Constitution

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

- Trustees (PCC members) are appointed by election at the APCM; ex-officio on the PCC are all clergy licensed to the parish, churchwardens and members of Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods.
- New trustees are given an induction pack
- A Standing Committee exists and other committees include the Bargates Hall Committee, and a Finance Committee. Other groups meet: the Social Working Group and various pastoral groups.
- Safeguarding and Data Protection have received considerable attention this year and all our policies are now reviewed annually in January

Objectives and Activities

- Promoting the Gospel and the doctrines of the Church of England
- Vision statement:
Our church is a place where all are welcome and God can be found.
We seek to:
 - ◊ build up our spiritual life through prayer and teaching,
 - ◊ actively encourage lay involvement in mission and outreach,
 - ◊ and share the good news of the Gospel with the whole community.

Public benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Alkmund, Whitchurch, it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reserves Policy:

The Reserves Policy of Whitchurch PCC is to hold 3 months' costs in Unre-

- phone line and on Facebook for Collective Worship in
- Livestreaming of services
- Special services recorded
- mailings of much material
- Zoom and face-to-face
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- Junior Church meeting a

Our activities

There is much to be thankful for during the coronavirus pandemic, as you can see. First and foremost, we are thankful for each other. We are also thankful for each other. We include thanks to the people in

- The continuing ministry of Sam (until July).
- The oversight & ministry of their deputies, Treasure and Committee members.
- When possible to hold the extra that had to be of Covid-19, plus the m work with service sheets: flowers, readings, interce
- The pastoral care exerci adapting during Corona
- The prayer life of the ch prayers by various lay p for setting this up
- The links and activities
- The publication of the m our Administrator, Jo La Also the work Jo has do ed-needs, plus on the w
- The upkeep and regular sively during most of th wards for the first 10 m
- The funds given to char vices, our general involv our support of our link

other churches in Whitchurch and the Friends of St Alkmund's too.

Sadnesses

- The community of St Alkmund's was 'hit' by the death of a number of core members whose presence and whose contribution to the life and ministry of our church are much missed.
- The opportunity to meet together physically for fellowship and nurture has been tough – especially for those who cannot join in anything that is on-line.
- Missing the physical get-togethers for both Messy Church and Time Together for many months, plus the lack of opportunity to serve *via* the Hospital Chaplaincy and Homes Services.
- The unexpected departure of Revd Sam Johnson and his family in September.
- The resignation of Wayne Edwards as Bargates Manager / Caretaker

Challenges

- Challenges have been linked to the sadnesses – particularly in caring for those who are bereaved, whilst feeling wider losses brought about by Coronavirus restrictions. community bereavement too.
- Continuing to minister in our community despite these challenging losses amidst the longer term fatigue associated with the Coronavirus pandemic
- Losing the Revd Sam Johnson and the unwillingness of Diocesan Senior Staff to respond adequately to our requests for information about the vacant House for Duty post have been additional challenges.
- Ensuring that our income did not plummet during the year
- Other challenges have come through the work continuing on the church building and on Bargates Hall
- Regular individual and corporate prayer for God's help in meeting these challenges with grace and hope has been important, and has been answered.

Joys

- The arrival of Richard James as Director of Music; although this came about through the sadness of loss of three of our former organists, we are delighted that Richard accepted the appointment and our worship has been enhanced through his work with the choir, as well as through his organ playing
- The formation of a Young People's Choir
- A strengthened prayer network – in St Alkmund's but also with Fauls and Tilstock
- Regular Zoom meetings for prayer and for fellowship
- Regular Messages for Christian outreach and nurture on a local

stricted Reserves and £10,000. The restricted expenditure was £12,000. The total income was approximately £31,303. At the end of the year the reserves and cash accounts which meet

Achievements

- See elsewhere for all the many achievements of St Alkmund's community for the year. Outreach, community service, etc.
- There are usually three services each week affected by Coronavirus pandemic. 8.00am – average attendance 10.00am – average attendance 6.30pm – average attendance (of whom 7.5 had attended)
- All who live in the town have been married. There were 10 weddings, 1 funeral. The venues of funerals were either in church followed by Graveside or Crematorium

Financial Review

We started 2021 in 'lockdown' and we seem to be in a much better position. The availability of lateral flow tests has increased. Rates were extremely high in the early months but have become minimal for the vaccination campaign. As an Independent Examination body, we were asked to chair the Finance Co-ordinators' meeting. In doing so, we were asked to review the coding structure used by the church. We have 'switched places' in the year. Income was £122,899 and expenditure £112,899. A permanent change the pattern of weekly giving envelopes and the closure of Barclays Bank branch.

However, various fund-raising events have taken place. Table members of the congregation have contributed to the additional revenue:

Plant Sale £1,400

Christmas Fayre £1,500

Civic Centre Coffee Morning £1,000

Harvest Lunch £180

Christmas Crib Festival £150

Thanks to everyone involved.

The Bridgewater Street properties required more maintenance than in previous years and in order to ensure we fulfil our legal obligations as a landlord, we chose Barbers to manage the property. The management charge is 11% and is included in the cost of 'Raising Funds', the gross rental income being recorded in 'Income and Endowments from: Investments'.

The car parking area was resurfaced at a cost of £12,600.

Restricted income £21,773 and expenditure £36,087 gives a net deficit of £14,314.

The stonework repairs were completed by the end of the year and there was some extra leadwork required to deal with water ingress at an additional cost to 2020 of £23,374.29. In memory of Anne Monie, the South Porch doors were glazed at a cost of £5,150 net of DCMS grant. An auto-regulator was fitted to the tower clock mechanism costing £2,420 after DCMS grant, which was funded by the Friends of St Alkmund's Church. £150,000 shares were purchased in August after it was clear all the structural building work had been completed, in order to bring us into line with our Reserves Policy. The gain on revaluation of 33734.23 CCLA shares at the year end was £86,428.

Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021 accounts

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance

Church Wardens' Report

John Stokes and Jill Wallace

2021 was again a very busy year for the upkeep of St. Alkmund's Church and its grounds, with once more, the added problems of having to work within the Covid 19 Restrictions.

- ✦ Further work was carried out to the lead on the North and South sides of the Church Roof
- ✦ Church Clock – Regulator fitted.
- ✦ Glass panels were inserted to the entrance door leading into Church from the Porch, enabling people to look into the church through the glass panels.
- ✦ New fittings and bulbs to the floodlights outside church, and a new Time clock.
- ✦ Parts of the Tarmac which were sinking on the Car Park, were repaired and relined. Plus part of the Rectory drive was re-tarmaced.
- ✦ PAT testing carried out on all electrical appliances and equipment, and electrical Tests also to any remedial work carried out
- ✦ Fire Extinguishers serviced
- ✦ Gutter maintenance carried out by Wayne Edwards
- ✦ Annual inspection of the Church Bells was carried out.
- ✦ Roof - Alarms, both Fire and Security were all tested

but the lack of someone in the means that Revd Judy will have had been hoped.

Church life (worship, pastoral ly impacted by the pandemic, parishes have been key and h Administrative support for all have been able to keep comm and by hard copy; this has inc Steps. Website development h Coronavirus information and When public worship has take bers move around the 3 paris Revd Judy has overall oversigh Whitchurch and Tilstock and l on some aspects of ministry i The Treasurers and Clergy ha Time Together and the Hospit has been kept going with all t Together started to meet 'fac The FTW section to intercessi services and by e mail round tinned

There is an item on the agenc highlight any requests for sup There has been a sharing of r lockdown: prayer & nurture, p are areas of this in particular. Online services have been app Mel Williams (Whitchurch) has Church Near You" for all three Mutual support has been stro **Thanks** to all who have praye and encouragement.

Rector's Report St Alkmund

2021 will be remembered as t ic. Our Church life was affecte open but public worship did r spite lockdowns and restrictio pastoral care and Christian nu North Shropshire area. Our ou in more normal times, we aim wherever possible: with those

Money had been raised in 2020 by publicity about the need to install a new auto-regulator at a cost of £2,420 plus VAT. Donations received totalled £1,725 and some of these were gift-aided.

The autoregulator was installed in the autumn of 2021; it has kept the clock to time and did alter the hour for the change at the end of October. The Friends paid the whole cost of £2,420; VAT was reclaimed by the PCC *via* the DCMS scheme.

The Friends AGM was held on 30.09.2021.

Trustees for the coming year were appointed:

The Revd Judy Hunt Ex-officio and Chair
Mr Simon Edge Elected and Treasurer
Mrs Hilda Francis-Roberts PCC Nomination
Mr Ray Hatton Elected and Secretary
Mrs Belinda Hutchinson-Smith Elected
Mrs Alex Williamson PCC nomination and Membership Secretary
Mr Tom Rylands PCC nomination
Mr Chris Smith Elected

After the business part of the meeting; we had a talk and 'organ demonstration' from Richard James, the new Director of Music at St Alkmund's. This was really interesting, highly informative and amusing, too. Sincere thanks to Richard.

Events in 2021

We were not able to go ahead with some events because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Numbers interested in a meal at Etzios were not sufficient for this event to be booked

A raffle was held on two occasions: at the AGM and at the Ninebarrow Concert that took place in early December

FTW Report

This year was greatly affected by Coronavirus. The FTW co-ordinating group for the three parishes, with PCC representation from each, met four times during the year, either in person or by Zoom.

No progress was made on the vacant House for Duty post. Tom Rylands contacted the Bishop of Lichfield on behalf of the churchwardens. He was directed to the Bishop of Shrewsbury who told him to make the case for the post *via* the Deanery Shaping for Mission group. This group, however, said that staffing was not within their remit. Contact with the Deanery Facilitator (appointed by the Diocese) was attempted but with no response.

The Revd Sam Johnson, curate, left us in early September. This was a shock for the parishes and there was no 'proper' goodbye, nor reasons given. This has been difficult for us all

Revd Judy announced at all three APCMs in 2021 that she hopes to retire around Easter of 2023. Planning for the vacancy will need to start early,

Revd Judy

✦ The Organ underwent its annual service this year.

✦ Gas Boiler Annual Service - *Gas for a date for this work*

✦ Old Grave Yard - grass mowed and, boundary hedge cut together with the maintenance

✦ All Graves - annual safety

✦ Baby Memorial Area - Grass repair to Seats in the Garden

Bridgewater Street Property has now been handed over to

Safeguarding Report 2021

The PCC has complied with the Safeguarding Policy and Clergy Discipline Measures. The Bishop's guidance on safeguarding is of immense importance as an Agenda item at every PCC meeting. A comprehensive risk assessment which is necessary.

The following groups/people have been involved in updating the safeguarding policy - Incumbent, PCC members, Time Together leaders and members, Bible Study, Choir leaders, Homes team, Junior Church, and Transport.

DBS documentation is continuing to be updated by those who need to update/refresh their DBS. It has continued to be challenging these COVID restrictions. People have been encouraged to go to <http://safeguardingtraining.org.uk> and supported others in updating their DBS. A new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework by the National Safeguarding Centre sets out details of the current and expected expectations of Church of England Safeguarding is at the centre of our mission, and in our praying, and in our belief. It is to become integral to the very fabric of our life, with good safeguarding being a part of our Theology, by which we simply live out the faith we share, has been integral

opment pathways. As IICSA identified, this will require a significant shift in the Church's culture as a whole system approach. Achieving a paradigm shift in safeguarding requires a "whole system" approach within which change is achieved by the inter-relatedness of different strands. One developmental strand is "safeguarding learning". This framework sets out the form that safeguarding learning needs to take to contribute effectively to the paradigm shift envisioned and to overall organisational change. The safeguarding learning pathways support participants in developing and maintaining the necessary values, beliefs, knowledge, and skills to safeguard and protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults as outlined in the 'Promoting a Safer Church' House of Bishops policy statement (2017). Copies of this Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework 2021-2024 have been printed out by Meriel Edge and placed at the back of Church for any interested parties to read. It is the plan of the PCC to put in place a small benefice Safeguarding Committee to ensure this paradigm shift is achieved.

Electoral Roll

Mr Paul Williamson

January 2022 is the date names are recorded for the purpose of the APCM. At that time 147 names were on the list and 11 of those lived outside the Parish. On 1st January 2021 153 names were on the list with 14 living outside the Parish. My thanks to Revd Judy and Jo Lavin for their support.

PCC Secretary Mrs Judy Bellingham and Mrs Elaine Bucknell

St Alkmund's PCC met bi-monthly during 2021 on a Monday evening on Zoom because of the pandemic until July. We welcomed new members Hilda Frances Roberts and Celia Churchill. We did manage to have face to face meetings in Bargates Hall from July onwards. A full list of members can be seen at the start of this report booklet. The internal front doors were replaced and have made a big difference to the appearance as you enter the church. Covid-19 restrictions continued to cause disruption of services. Our online presence on Youtube and Facebook continue with one service being streamed each week and reflections recorded via this media and also by telephone. A lot of people who do not normally attend church have viewed these services and appreciated them. We started meeting for services in church again on 18th April with restrictions. The empty vicarage at Tilstock and the use of St Alkmund's Church car park by the general public have continued to be concerns. We continue to be represented on Churches Together, Christian Aid, The Friends of St Alkmund's, Whitchurch Fairtrade Group, The Foodbank and the Higginson's Charities.

eral years, no oranges were left. The total raised for the Children's Society was £1,000.00, a result compared to last year. The Children's Society does work with children, especially helping refugees, and child carers among others. It is obvious that this year the result was valuable to what we've been doing, so, if you haven't got a box, please put a box to anyone who would like it.

Crib Festival

We were pleased to be able to have a Crib Festival in the Church in November after being able to display and many visitors, many of whom were not regular, to be able to outreach to the community.

Whitchurch Foodbank Report

We continue to have a box at the Whitchurch Foodbank. Things have had to be done, food continued to be delivered, and they are back to receiving clients. Bargates being in use by other groups, it on Tuesday and Friday morning, room too. There has continued to be a crisis.

Fairtrade Report

We have not started having a Fairtrade day of each month due to Covid. The Whitchurch Market each month from time to time due to Covid. Our 10 years of being a Fairtrade church cancelled due to the pandemic. We thank to all of you who have supported the church. I have stock at home, one who would like to. Every year we are helping someone less fortunate family. St Alkmund's continues to be a Fairtrade church.

The Friends of St. Alkmund's Church Main Project: The Church T

start to the morning, but we had fantastic support as the town got busier. Many thanks to all who helped in anyway – total raised was £808.89.

Friday 24th September Tilstock Coffee Morning at The Civic Centre. Due to illness many of our social Group and Church Members helped Tilstock with this event, grateful thanks were sent from Barbara Ellison.

Thursday 30th September Refreshments served in Church at The Friends of St Alkmund's A.G.M.

Sunday 3rd August Harvest Lunch in Bargates. All food was prepared in Bargates Hall as COVID safe as possible. The New Menu seemed to go down very favourably with those who enjoyed the lunch. Jacket potatoes with various fillings and selection of sweets were offered at the cost of £5:00 ph.

Wednesday 13th October Careers fest in Church hosted by Sir John Talbots School, Rotas were arranged so that the morning was covered to serve refreshments to all the exhibitors.

Saturday 13th November Christmas Coffee Morning in Bargates was organised by Hilda Francis-Roberts and raised £1,500.

Friday 3rd December Nine Barrow Concert in church - team on duty for refreshments

Friday 24th December Light Tea in Bargates was cancelled due to COVID

Dates for 2022
Concert re-arranged for 7th May, Coffee morning at Civic Centre 12th August.

The Children's Society

We, as a church, continue to give good support to The Children's Society, with our regular contributions year on year.

There are still 71 boxes in use which are emptied once a year, unless they are full, in which case, are emptied as needed. The total box money this year was £1,364, a very good result, especially as more people are now not using cash, so don't have the odd change to put in their boxes. Thank you everyone who contributes so generously.

The Christingle Service is the other major fund raising event for the Society. Rebecca Sims has taken over this part of the administration for the Children's Society for which I'm extremely grateful. Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to distribute collecting candles to the children in our schools as in the past and things had to be done differently, but I do thank Judy for generously allowing the service to go ahead and for all the work she put into preparing for it.

Much thought was given as to how the oranges could be made as safe as possible considering the Covid restrictions, and Rebecca and Jacob came up with the idea of small lollipops instead of raisins and dolly mixtures. The lollipops were individually wrapped and the sticks easily pierced the oranges. Optimistically, 100 oranges were prepared by loyal helpers. We were delighted by the numbers who came for the service, which as ever, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and, for the first time in sev-

Mrs Sue Collins

Bargates Hall

It has been another very difficult year, with COVID-19 Restrictions in place. However, we have, this year, had unlimited use of the Hall (Covid Restrictions) and we are grateful to The Food Bank for ensuring the premises were available for the Bargates Hall. We are most grateful for the financial support also. The Hall was used for the distribution of food as food was distributed by tea.

Works carried out:-

PAT Testing carried out on all electrical tests carried out also.

✦ **N.B** - The Fire Alarm is now awaiting parts from the manufacturer to the Alarm system.

✦ Work to the roof carried out, repairs to the kneeleams, Amos overhauled the Roof Tiles.

✦ A Canopy was installed between the two rooms, installed underneath the Canopy.

✦ Some minor works were carried out in the yard, thanks to Dennis Edwards and Dudleston.

The Manager, . Wayne Edwards, has been in charge of Bargates Hall, effective from 31st March. Wayne for all the work he carried out on the premises, during his time in charge, to lettings in October/November. **N.B.** As a result of the Resignation of the PCC Standing Committee, too many orders were brought up to date due to Covid Restrictions.

Churches Together in Wharfedale

Groups associated with Churches Together

Important activities in the town are carried out by the Churches Together Committee.

- Fair Trade (including the "Fair Trade" logo)
- Christian Aid
- The Food Bank
- Time Together
- The Hospital Chaplaincy
- The Bible Society

Action on Climate Change
Action on Afghan Refugees

Church Services

We had planned to continue with our 'liturgical year' for the churches in the town but during 2021 all were cancelled because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Lent Activities

The usual face-to-face Lent activities were cancelled.

The AGM was held on Tues 29th June. During the business meeting, Revd Sam Johnson was elected as Chair; no vice-chair or secretary were elected and Sue Collins was willing to continue as treasurer. The speaker was John Prockter -who heads up "*Catalyst Youth Trust*". He arranged for the "Jesus Bus" to visit SJT which was a great success.

Covid related event: on Sunday 22nd August, Churches Together organised an event in Jubilee Park, with stands from some local businesses and charities, together with a Service of Thanksgiving.

COP-26: Churches Together supported an event in the town to raise awareness of the issues being discussed at COP-26

By-Election Hustings: Churches Together organised a Hustings meeting with candidates from the following parties (although all were invited): Conservative, Green, Labour and Liberal Democrat.

The Churches Together Christmas Card

This was produced in 2021 and hand delivered by members of all 4 churches. Clients at the Bradbury Centre were invited to submit entries, from which one was chosen.

Goodbye to one & Welcome to another

During the year, we said goodbye to the Revd Rob Weir and welcomed the new minister for St John's – the Revd Donna-marie Broadbent-Kelly.

School Governors'

Jane Rylands

Liz Walsh retired from her role as a foundation governor at the beginning of the year having completed more than two 'terms' of office mostly at the Infant School but latterly with the Federation of the Infants and the Juniors. She was a great support to the school as well as an able questioner of strategy with a good eye on what was needed to improve and consolidate success. The vacancy created currently remains unfilled.

Covid has made it a frustrating time to be a governor with all meetings on zoom and next to no support visits possible although I was able to attend excellent zoom sessions with the Diocesan Advisor and also to speak with the Special Needs Co-ordinator about the way she had operated her role to support the more vulnerable pupils through the pandemic. There was huge pressure especially on senior staff and they worked extremely hard to cope.

The Infant Academy had a new RE lead in September and there has been good liaison between him and Rev Judy to enable her to contribute to

season in 2021. We rang for a the one day in August. We made thanks to help from Peter, Ray of other local ringers. The continuing pandemic has been teaching new ringers. However 2022 to recruit both returning

Baptism Welcome Group

In 2020 many baptism were performed in church and at local venues of Since July 2021 we have been to accommodate those who had Quite a few of our candidates the church but as we only had problem.

In the past the families have volunteered can talk to the parent are going to make. For safety place in church in 2021 but with important role in nurturing the the service.

Unfortunately few families return greet them when we meet in the bered.

Anyone who would like to volunteer baptism services please contact t

Plant Sale

It is good to report that our sale the beginning of May. With a collection time to pick up order raised in excess of £1,200 with vice plant boot Sale' which began 2022 will hopefully see us back at of Bargates Hall in early May confirmation of date and please Many thanks for your support

Social Working Group

The first meeting back was held Church, to discuss our forthcoming **Friday 6th August** Coffee Morning to be held after

As the main organiser of the flower arranging team I would like to convey my thanks to all involved for their continued commitment and support throughout this year. In addition, thanks to all our regular people who provide wonderful materials at crucial times of the year, enabling us to continue to produce our displays. If anyone would like to join this very friendly and joyful team, whether you would like to join our Altar Rota or contribute in any way, then please contact me on: 07855067296.

Sue Wainwright

I am very grateful to all the members we have but it would wonderful if we could attract even more to join our teams.

Malcolm Monie

All weddings in 2020 were cancelled or postponed which led to a bumper

Collective Worship there.
Wendy Darter prepared Expectant teachers to lead in the spring in church at Harvest and Christmas.

Whitchurch Junior C of E

In 2020 we were unable to have the Y6 at Pentecost due to COVID. We filmed our usual presentation for the school. This was daunting for the children. For Christmas 2020 I prepared a presentation for the school by Y4, led by teachers. For Easter 2021 the teachers prepared a presentation for the school but for Pentecost we went to the church. Y3 came for Harvest and Y4 for the class comes for half a day and Y5 for the festival in small groups led by the teachers. The chancel for a concluding session. These sessions are well received and questions. We hope that in some way shape their future.

Junior Church/Sermon Slides

Our lead team this year has been Rylands with Belinda Hutchins and Marchand supporting. There was clearly much ongoing work especially as our two most experienced teachers offered our usual in-service sessions. Sam set up an Easter trail around the school through the schools as well as the children's home. We also purchased Easter gifts for about 100 children.

Reader's Report

I have tried to be a good supervisor, to have agreed 'hours' as well as come to Bible Study courses and minister. I want to be part of this active church and that others do in Christ's name.

Steve White

Revd Judy Hunt

Revd Sam Johnson (until Sept)

In March, the Deanery response to Shaping for Mission was presented and discussed. Some Deanery projects are underway: developing a Chaplaincy team for schools, a Deanery "Open the Book" provision and looking at training for lay people to lead services and at developing some kind of agricultural chaplaincy.

In November, the focus was on the new arrangements for Parish Share agreed by the Diocesan Synod: it will be called the Common Share and have different factors involved in calculating the amount being asked from each parish. The formula is based on the Multiple Deprivation index (UK Government statistics) and the number of part or full time clergy. Some parishes will see a considerable increase (although not being asked for until 2023) – often because they have not been paying their “proper share” of the clergy that they have had. Whitchurch will see a decrease from 2022 onwards.

The Clergy Chapter met (by Zoom) regularly.

Also, the Revd Deborah Walton gave a talk about Chaplaincy and the work she is doing in our secondary schools (September).

Time Together Report

The purpose of the Time Together group is to provide social, spiritual, physical and emotional support for those with Memory Loss or Dementia and their family members or carers. We work in partnership with AgeUK and this is very helpful.

The group continued to meet twice a month on Wednesday afternoons despite the Coronavirus pandemic. This was by Zoom until the end of July but in August we resumed 'face-to-face' meetings, much to the joy of our members.

We have 'lost' some members this year, through death or through health deterioration, and we have not yet gained other members. This will need to be a priority in 2022.

We have received several generous donations from grateful participants and from Community Organisations.

Hospital Chaplaincy Team

The hospital chaplaincy team has been providing support for patients

Revd Judy

start to meet until August 2020 haven't started to return since. In August we looked at the Letter as we read the first Letter, such *ourselves that when we saw th* selves what was it there for. I tion and there seemed to be n As we approached October, I study next. Many years ago Ju course she was doing and the too.

So I gave them a sheet containing the Apostles' Creed which we use in church especially. For one reason or another some meeting in December I handed it over. There were only a few of us at the Lord's Prayer when we met. They also suggested the Book of Common Prayer. I admit I've never looked at it in detail, but over the Christmas break, only a few weeks away, will be a new start in more ways than one. Different in Lent, I'll leave it up to you. I know it always looks very serious, but I'm surprised what crops up for discussion. You come and see?

2nd and 4th Wednesday every
be very welcome No drinks or

Flower Arrangers

Well what a challenging year of it has been, but that flowers still keep blooming and bring cheer.

Throughout the year, our little group has supported one another, but have also been able to produce some stunning displays. Our efforts, we hope have been a source of joy and remembrance and have given people and visitors alike.

Our first celebration of colour
us all a collective spirit to war
actly what everyone needed to
times which were upon us. Our
Whitchurch through colour an
Throughout the summer we w

The St Alkmund's Choir has been hugely affected by Covid in terms of continuity and the requirements of social distancing. This has improved over recent months, with only short periods of extra restrictions. I look forward to the choir processing and robing again, hopefully sometime in 2022. The choir members are extremely loyal and professional in their approach to rehearsing and singing at services. As a group, they are quick to learn, eager to sing well and there is great joy in their collective success when they do sing at their best. An example is the Nine Lessons and Carols at which their hard work over the preceding weeks bore fruit and I was so delighted with the choir's sound, ensemble and balance. Indeed, a member of the congregation described their singing as 'electric'. There is a small core of tenors and basses which was added to at Christmas, but I look to try to establish a greater and more consistent presence of broken voices.

The formation of a group of young singers, termed 'Choristers', has been a success. There are now 4 new singers, aged 10-14, who rehearse on Thursday evenings and some attend the 10.00 Holy Communion. Their participation in the Nine Lessons and Carols service was greatly appreciated and their contribution will hopefully increase throughout the year.

Parish Office and On-line Matters

During the course of 2021 the Parish Office, staffed by our part-time Parishes' Administrator Jo Lavin, continued to publish the Parish Magazine of St Alkmund's, Fauls & Tilstock and The Chancel Steps, which also accommodates news from our other two parishes. The production of the regular Pewsheets plus posters for events, once these were allowed, was completed week by week.

The role of Parish Administrator has continued to be a busy one throughout the pandemic, and 2021 built on the experience of 2020 with more material online. The website (www.stalkmunds.com) served as an effective means of communication for church members and for those making enquiries. I am very grateful for Jo's skills and flexibility of working.

Towards the end of 2021, Jo was off work and others stepped in to help. I am particularly grateful to John and Pauline Stokes (proof reading, printing and folding the pew sheets for St Alkmund's), Caroline Sewry (printing off and delivering the pew sheets for Fauls and Tilstock), Wendy Darter for all the administration to do with baptisms, Mel Williams for taking on many tasks in the office (especially sorting out the wifi and leading with equipping us for livestreaming, updating our "A Church Near You" sites and some other Facebook work), Jane Rylands (for leading on Twitter for us) and Elaine Bucknell (producing this Annual Reports booklet).

Afternoon Bible Study Group

This is going to be quite a short report as the Bible Study group didn't

Revd Judy Hunt

and staff at Whitchurch Community Hospital. The team is led by Revd Canon Dr. There are eight lay volunteer members from the Churches and also includes Revd Judy Hunt who is a qualified PAT (Pets as Therapists) - bringing a much appreciated touch of nature and a Quaker contact are also involved. St Alkmund's PCC has an agreement for a team of at least 6 hours per week throughout the year. At normal times, it is usually more. The team visits the hospital every weekday. Weekly services are an arrangement amongst the team to provide Holy Communion and confession. The team is on board at the Hospital for use, and the team is on board. All this regular visiting continues throughout the virus pandemic. Revd Judy was very helpful to the patients.

The Team also usually plans a service for the year, this usually includes an Easter service, a service for the cause of the Coronavirus pandemic and the Christmas Crib Service. We stayed in touch with the Hospital throughout the activities and on-line services. The team is appreciated. We sent a Christmas card to the patients, telling them of our prayers.

The Team usually meets regularly to discuss this ministry, to discuss improvements, ideas for engaging and helping the patients. These have been replaced by e mail.

Pastoral Care Group Report

This has been another unusual year due to Covid restrictions. The group has helped in so many and varied ways.

DVD's of the services from St Alkmund's

given to those who can use them. Judy Bellingham taking them to the patients.

Several have asked for Communion

start again in October, and St Alkmund's opened their doors again in October for Communion, though there were some concerns to ensure safety for the residents.

It has been good to see folk at services

which Revd Judy and the team have been welcomed by the patients.

Mrs Celia Camplin

out how to get the best sound quality with the help of ideas from the team and others willing to add their technical know-how.

Also for much of the year the free phone short reflections from one of the services has been available, reaching people in their homes, with Revd Judy or Revd Sue or Jane speaking, though are in abeyance at present. The regular sermons we also try to put on our **website, with hard copies in a mauve folder at the back of church** for any who would like to reflect on a sermon again or were unable to attend.

The church prayer board has been well used and prayers are left on the board usually for about 2 weeks then removed for others ... these are added to the FTW Prayer Link so that those who wish can pray at home for those mentioned, as well as at one of the church services on Sundays.

Bible Reading Notes are available and sample copies to take are at the back of church on the rack. If you would like to be a regular reader, please let Jill Wallace know and yours will be added to the order.

A Box by the Prayer Board for those who need visiting ... Just put your request for others or yourself in the box with name and address and phone number, or let Revd Judy know.

Thank you to all who help with on-going pastoral care by giving your time caring and listening day by day to those in our community ... sharing the love of Jesus with all around.

Dementia-Friendly Church

Pauline Green

Much of our Dementia-Friendly Ministry as a church takes place through Time Together, the Hospital Chaplaincy, general Pastoral Care and the work with our Residential and Care Homes. We publicise this work in the local press and, when Covid-restrictions allow, through involvement in town events. We were awarded a Diocesan Certificate again for this work in 2021. We keep in touch with other churches involved in similar work through the regional meetings hosted by Sarah Thorpe.

Messy Church

Messy Church met just once physically in 2021—a July meeting in the Rectory garden. Rev Sam and his family prepared a regular family session of worship and activity broadcast through facebook and the Messy Church team contributed to several Messy Church video specials. The hope to re-start this group has sadly had to be put on hold because of the departure of Revd Sam and Leah Johnson.

Music report – January to June 2021

Revd Judy

Normal church services did not take place in the early months of 2021. In May, we gathered again, but with only choir allowed to sing until 25th July. We are very grateful to those who provided 'organist cover' in these first 6 months: Angela Davies, Ted Chegwin and Stewart Smith. However, the first few months of the year were used productively to con-

sider how to move forward with our mission, following the sad loss of Revd Sam in 2020 and the ongoing illness of Revd Judy in 2021.

A PCC working group met to consider the future of the church. A book by Andy Thomas entitled 'The Church of the Future' was read. At the meeting, we produced a Back to the Future document setting out our hopes for the future, together with a new PCC Constitution and Person Specification for a new PCC. The PCC and we went forward to recruit a new member of church musicians for the future. We have now recruited Bussey (including helping us with the organ and piano) and Stewart Smith. Four people have joined the choir in a wide variety of ways. We are impressed with the musical abilities of the new members. It stood out to us – there was no one else who had offered to Richard James. Thank you to all who have helped most immediately.

Music Report—July to December 2021

This report reflects the time period during which I was appointed as Director of Music and Organist. I have been on duty during the last week of the year. I was able to join the extremely welcoming and supportive team. I was very fortunate in my induction to the role, with the support of Revd Judy and indeed the whole team of Church Wardens. The congregation has been the organ playing, the choice of repertoire, and I acknowledge the reputation, and the legacy of David years and the support that Andy has given me in the last year.

The organ is tuned regularly and is a subject to the varying temperature of the room, "the course" and I have no added to the current heating practices. The approach of the firm of tuners, who are a standard for use in church and who have a piano on Thursday evenings. The organ is used for weddings, funerals and services and the choir accompanying for the Sunday services. The electric keyboard serves as a good alternative, but questionable as an instrument. The electric keyboard serves as a good alternative, but currently lacks a sustaining pedal.

THE PCC OF ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH, WHITCHURCH

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2021

The Parochial Church Council of St Alkmund's Church, Whitchurch Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

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

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a Cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and considered the impact on going concern, concluding that the going concern basis remains an appropriate basis of preparation for these financial statements given the likely cash flow impact of operations for 12 months from the date of signing this report.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are 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' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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

Investments

Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at the mid - market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Accounting Policies continued

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured at cash expected to be received.

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Whitchurch PCC

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	79,512	45	7,247	—	86,804	217,582
Income from charitable activities	15,319	—	—	—	15,319	11,757
Other trading activities	14,735	—	400	—	15,135	12,091
Investments	13,333	—	14,125	—	27,459	28,185
Other income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	122,899	45	21,773	—	144,718	269,616
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	320	—	—	—	320	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	125,066	—	36,087	—	161,153	381,363
Total expenditure	125,387	—	36,087	—	161,474	381,363
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(2,488)	45	(14,314)	—	(16,756)	(111,747)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	600	—	600	1,115
Gross transfers between funds - out	(600)	—	—	—	(600)	(1,115)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	14,583	—	71,844	—	86,428	219,345
Net movement in funds	11,496	45	58,131	—	69,672	107,598
Total funds brought forward	1,111,613	2,429	538,439	—	1,652,481	1,544,883
Total funds carried forward	1,123,109	2,474	596,570	—	1,722,154	1,652,481
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund	1,123,109	—	—	—	1,123,109	1,111,613
Designated						
Bell Designated	—	2,474	—	—	2,474	2,429
Restricted						
Agency collection	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Buildings Fund Scheme	—	—	220	—	220	—
Fabric Restricted	—	—	584,930	—	584,930	528,015
Interior Decorating Scheme	—	—	3,014	—	3,014	2,514
Lectern Restricted	—	—	1,000	—	1,000	1,000
Time Together	—	—	7,405	—	7,405	6,909

Whitchurch PCC

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	892,300	892,300
	892,300	892,300
Current assets		
Debtors	3,639	6,242
Investments	789,991	553,562
Cash at bank and in hand	44,612	205,373
	838,242	765,177
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8,388	4,996
	8,388	4,996
Net current assets less current liabilities	829,854	760,181
Total assets less current liabilities	1,722,154	1,652,481
Total net assets less liabilities	1,722,154	1,652,481
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General Fund	1,123,109	1,111,613
Designated		
Bell Designated	2,474	2,429
Restricted		
Church Buildings Fund Scheme	220	—
Fabric Restricted	584,930	528,015
Interior Decorating Scheme	3,014	2,514
Lectern Restricted	1,000	1,000
Time Together	7,405	6,909
Agency collection	—	—
Funds of the church	1,722,154	1,652,481

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28.02..... 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: Judith M Hunt

Name: JUDITH M HUNT; RECTOR

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Allocation of Support Costs

Support costs comprise Trustee Training and Governance Costs etc. Due to the nature of the financial activities of the PCC, these would be allocated across Charitable Expenditure which comprises the majority of its expenditure and as such are automatically charged there.

Staff Costs

	2021	2020
Wages & Salaries	£ 18,929	£ 16,866
Average number of employees	3	3

During the year the PCC employed an administrator, organist and church-cleaner (all part-time). Subsequent to the sad loss of our previous organist, we recruited a new organist in June. The administrator's salary attracts pension contributions. The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) for its pension payments.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

No Trustee expenses have been incurred during the year.

Related Parties

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

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £12,740 (2020 £11,316).

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent Examiner's fees	150	150
Other fees (eg accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner		

Analysis of Transfer between Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted IDS	Restricted CBFS
	£	£	£
Payment to Diocese for Schemes become Restricted Debtors	(600)	400	200

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Buildings – Bargates Church Hall £	Bridgewater Street Properties £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 st Jan	584,282	308,018	892,300
Additions in the year			
Disposal in the year			
Revaluation (if any)			
Value at 31st Dec	584,282	308,018	892,300
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 st Jan			
Charge for the year			
Disposals			
Value at 31st Dec			
Net Book Value at 1 st Jan 2021	584,282	308,018	892,300
Net Book Value at 31st Dec 2021	584,282	308,018	892,300

Investments

	At 1 st Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in market value £	At 31 st Dec £
Unrestricted funds						
CCLA Investment Fund income shares	101,944	89,682			14,584	206,210
Restricted Funds						
CCLA investment Fund income shares	451,618	150,000	(89,682)		71,845	583,781
Total	553,562	239,682	(89,682)		86,429	789,991

Current Assets

Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
LDBF Interior Decoration & Church Buildings Scheme	3,234	2,514
Gift aid & VAT recoverable		2,532
Prepayments and accrued income	346	
Other debtors	58	1,195
Total	3,639	6,242

Liabilities

Amounts falling due in one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	150	2,050
Agency collections	(1,494)	1,215
Other creditors	9,732	1,731
Total	8,388	4,996

Statement of assets and liabilities 2021

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Bargates Hall -	584,282	—	—	—	584,282	584,282
3a Bridgewater Street -	154,009	—	—	—	154,009	154,009
3b Bridgewater Street -	154,009	—	—	—	154,009	154,009
Totals	892,300	—	—	—	892,300	892,300
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Barclays Current Account -	166	45	4,185	—	4,397	15,142
Barclays Deposit Account -	25,665	2,429	11,905	—	40,000	190,003
Petty Cash -	95	—	—	—	95	127
Flowers Petty Cash -	119	—	—	—	119	—
Bargates Petty Cash -	—	—	—	—	—	100
Totals	26,047	2,474	16,090	—	44,612	205,373
Current assets - Debtors						
Interior Decorating Scheme -	—	—	3,014	—	3,014	2,514
Church Building Fund Scheme -	—	—	220	—	220	—
Sundry Debtors -	346	—	—	—	346	2,532
Accounts Receivable -	58	—	—	—	58	1,195
Totals	405	—	3,234	—	3,639	6,242
Current assets - Investments						
CCLA Investment Fund 2469S -	63,603	—	—	—	63,603	55,643
CCLA Investment Fund 1001S -	52,924	—	—	—	52,924	46,301
CCLA Investment Fund 1002S -	89,682	—	583,780	—	673,463	451,618
Totals	206,210	—	583,780	—	789,992	861,580
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	(1,494)	—	(1,494)	1,215
Totals	—	—	(1,494)	—	(1,494)	1,215
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accruals -	150	—	—	—	150	2,050
Accounts Payable -	1,703	—	8,029	—	9,732	1,731
Totals	1,853	—	8,029	—	9,882	3,781
Grand total	1,123,109	2,474	596,570	—	1,722,154	1,652,481

Statement of assets and liabilities 2020 comparatives

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Bargates Hall -	584,282	—	—	—	584,282	449,833
Totals	584,282	—	—	—	584,282	449,833
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Barclays Current Account -	13,927	—	1,215	—	15,142	13,119
Barclays Deposit Account -	103,898	2,429	83,675	—	190,003	30,000
Petty Cash -	127	—	—	—	127	199
Flowers Petty Cash -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bargates Petty Cash -	100	—	—	—	100	100
Totals	118,052	2,429	84,890	—	205,373	43,419
Current assets - Debtors						
Interior Decorating Scheme -	—	—	2,514	—	2,514	2,201
Church Building Fund Scheme -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sundry Debtors -	776	—	1,755	—	2,532	107,056
Accounts Receivable -	1,195	—	—	—	1,195	72
Totals	1,971	—	4,269	—	6,242	109,330
Current assets - Investments						
3a Bridgewater Street -	154,009	—	—	—	154,009	118,570
3b Bridgewater Street -	154,009	—	—	—	154,009	118,570

CCLA Investment Fund 2469S -	55,643	—	—	—	55,643	52,063
CCLA Investment Fund 1001S -	46,301	—	—	—	46,301	43,322
CCLA Investment Fund 1002S -	—	—	451,618	—	451,618	614,251
Totals	409,962	—	451,618	—	861,580	946,776
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	1,215	—	1,215	(1,049)
Totals	—	—	1,215	—	1,215	(1,049)
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accruals -	2,050	—	—	—	2,050	67
Accounts Payable -	607	—	1,123	—	1,731	5,457
Totals	2,657	—	1,123	—	3,781	5,524
Grand total	1,111,613	2,429	538,439	—	1,652,481	1,544,883

Fund movement by type – 2021

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Bell - Bell Designated						
Designated	2,429	45	—	—	—	2,474
Sub-total for Bell	2,429	45	—	—	—	2,474
CBFS - Church Buildings Fun						
Restricted	—	20	—	200	—	220
Sub-total for CBFS	—	20	—	200	—	220
Fabric - Fabric Restricted						
Restricted	528,015	20,533	35,463	—	71,844	584,930
Sub-total for Fabric	528,015	20,533	35,463	—	71,844	584,930
IDS - Interior Decorating						
Restricted	2,514	100	—	400	—	3,014
Sub-total for IDS	2,514	100	—	400	—	3,014
Lectern - Lectern Restricted						
Restricted	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for Lectern	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Time Toget - Time Together						
Restricted	6,909	1,120	623	—	—	7,405
Sub-total for Time Toget	6,909	1,120	623	—	—	7,405
General - General Fund						
Unrestricted	1,111,613	122,899	125,387	(600)	14,583	1,123,109
Sub-total for General	1,111,613	122,899	125,387	(600)	14,583	1,123,109
Grand total	1,652,481	144,718	161,474	—	86,428	1,722,154

Fund Description

The restricted funds comprise:

General Fabric

To maintain the Church building.

LDBF Interior Decoration Scheme

Fund set up to assist funding for the decoration of the Rectory.

LDBF Church Building Fund Scheme

Fund set up to assist funding for Church buildings.

Lectern

Bequeathed by Mabel Bancroft in memory of her great great great grandfather who made it.

Dementia Friendly - Time Together

Dementia sufferers and their carers meet regularly in Bargates Hall to socialise and share experiences.

The designated funds are to help maintain the bell-ringing services of the Church.

Fund movement by type – 2020 comparatives

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
BELL - Bell Ringers						
Designated	3,381	680	1,632	—	—	2,429
Sub-total for BELL	3,381	680	1,632	—	—	2,429
FABRIC - GENERAL FABRIC						
Restricted	639,058	137,362	255,864	—	7,459	528,015
Sub-total for FABRIC	639,058	137,362	255,864	—	7,459	528,015
IDS - LDBF Interior Decora						
Restricted	2,201	62	—	250	—	2,514
Sub-total for IDS	2,201	62	—	250	—	2,514
LECTERN - LECTERN						
Restricted	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for LECTERN	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
TIMETOG - Dementia Friendly -						
Restricted	6,652	927	430	(240)	—	6,909
Sub-total for TIMETOG	6,652	927	430	(240)	—	6,909
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	892,590	130,583	123,437	(10)	211,886	1,111,613
Sub-total for General	892,590	130,583	123,437	(10)	211,886	1,111,613
Grand total	1,544,883	269,616	381,363	—	219,345	1,652,481

Summary of Assets by Fund - 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	892,300	--	--	--	892,300
Investment Assets	206,210	--	583,781	--	789,991
Current Assets	26,452	2,474	19,324	--	48,250
Current Liabilities	(1,853)	--	(6,535)	--	(8,388)
	1,123,109	2,474	596,570	--	1,722,154

Summary of Assets by Fund - 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	892,300	--	--	--	892,300
Investment Assets	101,944	--	451,618	--	553,562
Current Assets	120,026	2,429	89,160	--	211,615
Current Liabilities	(2,657)	--	(2,339)	--	(4,996)
	1,111,613	2,429	538,439	--	1,652,481

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Planned Giving - Gift Aid - Bank	42,582	—	—	—	42,582	46,719
0110 - Planned Giving - Gift Aid (Envelopes)	1,066	—	—	—	1,066	9,808
0201 - Other planned giving	4,541	—	300	—	4,841	—
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,602	—	—	—	3,602	2,839
0401 - Other Donations eg Funerals	3,626	—	190	—	3,816	8,134
0410 - Giving through church boxes	1,182	—	—	—	1,182	758
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	956	—	—	—	956	1,470
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,000	—	100	—	1,100	—
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	8,630	—	—	—	8,630	12,340
0701 - Legacies	—	—	1,500	—	1,500	77,000
0801 - Recurring grants - LDBF IDS & CBFS Bonus	—	—	120	—	120	62
0802 - Recurring grants - LDBF Extra Parishes	147	—	—	—	147	70
0803 - Recurring grants - Faults Admin Contribut	1,742	—	—	—	1,742	1,788
0804 - Recurring grants - Tilstock Admin Contri	3,035	—	—	—	3,035	481
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	6,200	—	5,037	—	11,237	56,108
0901 - Other funds generated	1,198	45	—	—	1,243	—
Total	79,512	45	7,247	—	86,804	217,582
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Statutory Fees for weddings	3,039	—	—	—	3,039	157
1102 - Statutory Fees for funerals	5,636	—	—	—	5,636	5,212
1105 - Local Fees for weddings	594	—	—	—	594	—
1106 - Local Fees for funerals	1,750	—	—	—	1,750	949
1210 - Fund Raising activities	—	—	—	—	—	1,139
1230 - Hospital Chaplaincy	4,300	—	—	—	4,300	4,300
Total	15,319	—	—	—	15,319	11,757
Other trading activities						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	2,892	—	—	—	2,892	—
1240 - Church hall lettings	10,089	—	400	—	10,489	11,504
1241 - Hire of Church	764	—	—	—	764	—
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	240
1260 - Parish magazine and other income	989	—	—	—	989	346
Total	14,735	—	400	—	15,135	12,091
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	2,957	—	14,125	—	17,083	16,893
1020 - Bank and building society interest	13	—	—	—	13	159
1030 - Rent from 3a Bridgewater Street	5,460	—	—	—	5,460	5,460
1040 - Rent from 3b Bridgewater Street	4,902	—	—	—	4,902	5,672
Total	13,333	—	14,125	—	27,459	28,185
Other income						
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
INCOME TOTAL	122,899	45	21,773	—	144,718	269,616

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	37	—	—	—	37	—
1740 - Investment management costs	283	—	—	—	283	—
Total	320	—	—	—	320	—

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	2,000	—	—	—	2,000	2,750
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1850 - Home mission	1,259	—	—	—	1,259	—
1870 - Secular charities	—	—	—	—	—	—
1910 - Parish Share	35,397	—	—	—	35,397	54,416
2001 - Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	13,018	—	—	—	13,018	12,638
2101 - Rector expenses - mileage	288	—	—	—	288	586
2102 - Rector expenses - postage and other misc	58	—	—	—	58	55
2103 - Rector expenses - publications	115	—	—	—	115	100
2104 - Rector expenses - hospitality	177	—	—	—	177	273
2105 - Rector expenses - telephone	954	—	—	—	954	982
2106 - Rector expenses - computer	220	—	—	—	220	200
2107 - Rector expenses - house insurance	37	—	—	—	37	36
2108 - Rector expenses - training	200	—	—	—	200	200
2109 - Rector expenses - Rectory garden	—	—	—	—	—	1,125
2111 - Curate/HfD/OLM expenses - mileage	185	—	—	—	185	333
2113 - Curate/HfD/OLM expenses - publications	113	—	—	—	113	76
2114 - Curate/HfD/OLM expenses - hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	10
2115 - Curate/HfD/OLM expenses - telephone	68	—	—	—	68	48
2116 - Curate/HfD/OLM expenses - computer	120	—	—	—	120	160
2117 - Curate/ HfD/ OLM Expenses - House Insura	—	—	—	—	—	—
2120 - Reader/Deanery Synod and other expenses	15	—	—	—	15	90
2170 - Education	127	—	623	—	751	733
2201 - Parish training and mission	151	—	—	—	151	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	5,650	—	—	—	5,650	5,751
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,541	—	—	—	1,541	1,665
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and organist	4,519	—	—	—	4,519	5,734
2330 - Church maintenance	7,109	—	—	—	7,109	7,105
2331 - Cleaning	3,267	—	—	—	3,267	2,683
2340 - Upkeep of services	1,913	—	—	—	1,913	2,872
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	3,672	—	—	—	3,672	5,367
2355 - Upkeep of car parks	14,394	—	—	—	14,394	30
2360 - Printing/Photocopying	2,217	—	—	—	2,217	1,373
2361 - Postage & Stationery	599	—	—	—	599	1,195
2362 - Office Equipment	2,477	—	—	—	2,477	2,156
2363 - Annual Subscriptions	1,051	—	—	—	1,051	1,588
2364 - Bank Charges	409	—	—	—	409	624
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	—
2380 - Memorial Book	665	—	—	—	665	—
2401 - Church running - electric	2,071	—	—	—	2,071	2,004

2410 - Church running - gas	1,473	—	—	—	1,473	3,300
2420 - Church running - water	181	—	—	—	181	176
2430 - Church running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
2501 - Hospital Chaplaincy costs	—	—	—	—	—	327
2510 - Hall Caretaker costs	2,000	—	—	—	2,000	3,088
2520 - Hall running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2530 - Hall running - electricity	723	—	—	—	723	721
2540 - Hall running - gas	1,296	—	—	—	1,296	1,221
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	1,209	—	—	—	1,209	280
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2580 - Hall running - water	23	—	—	—	23	287
2590 - Hall running - consumables	388	—	—	—	388	59
2601 - Governance costs	150	—	—	—	150	—
examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	32,672	—	32,672	243,198
2710 - Church major repairs - professional fees	—	—	2,791	—	2,791	12,816
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	7,360	—	—	—	7,360	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2840 - Bridgewater Street property costs	4,189	—	—	—	4,189	918
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	125,066	—	36,087	—	161,153	381,363
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	125,387	—	36,087	—	161,474	381,363
GRAND TOTAL	(2,488)	45	(14,314)	—	(16,756)	(111,747)

Statement of Financial Activities 2020 comparatives

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	91,436	680	124,012	—	216,128	139,890
Income from charitable activities	10,808	—	—	—	10,808	17,151
Other trading activities	11,851	—	240	—	12,091	16,610
Investments	14,147	—	14,037	—	28,185	34,532
Other income	2,340	—	62	—	2,402	3,849
Total income	130,583	680	138,352	—	269,616	212,034
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Expenditure on charitable activities	123,437	1,632	256,294	—	381,363	282,082
Total expenditure	123,437	1,632	256,294	—	381,363	282,082
Gains / losses on investment assets	211,886	—	7,459	—	219,345	128,271
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	219,032	-952	-110,482	—	107,597	58,222
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	552	—	562	—	1,115	1,442
Gross transfers between funds - out	-562	—	-552	—	-1,115	-1,442
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	219,022	-952	-110,472	—	107,597	58,222
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	892,590	3,381	648,911	—	1,544,883	1,486,660
Total funds carried forward	1,111,613	2,429	538,439	—	1,652,481	1,544,883

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Whitchurch

Registered charity number: 1129900

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

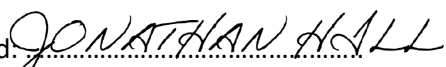
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records
- 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
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Date: 01 April 2022