

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ROWLANDS CASTLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1129918

Details

Other names ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S PCC, ROWLANDS CASTLE

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-06-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of St John the Baptist Rowlands Castle the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This includes maintaining and providing a place of worship and grounds for the benefit of the public in the parish and surrounding areas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£97,682	£79,237	-	-
2024-12-31	£86,963	£91,814	-	-
2023-12-31	£85,407	£85,864	-	-
2022-12-31	£85,684	£76,505	-	-
2021-12-31	£74,629	£85,081	-	-
2020-12-31	£77,930	£91,655	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Clare Challis	Chair	2025-02-24
Amanda Monahan		2024-05-12
Carol Milford		2023-03-26
Christine Margaret Hollis		2017-09-30
Dr Raymond Youngs		2023-03-26
JOHN ALAN SKINNER		2012-07-24
Jane Ainscow		2025-05-12
MARY LILIAN ROSANNAH CLOSE		
Marion Collin		2023-03-26
Mel Ainsworth		2026-05-10
Pamela Ewing		2014-04-06
VALERIE JEAN PALMER		2018-04-25
ZOE TERESA SKINNER		2015-04-19

Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ROWLANDS CASTLE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Legal and Administrative Information

Priest in Charge:	Clare Challis
Churchwardens:	Raymond Youngs Carol Milford (from May 2025)
Readers Licensed to the Parish:	Chris Hollis Zoe Skinner
Deanery Synod reps:	Mary Close Pam Ewing
Elected PCC Members:	Alan Elliot (until May 2025) Jane Ainscow Mandy Monahan Valerie Palmer Marion Collin (Electoral Roll Officer) John Skinner
Charity Number:	1129918
Secretary (non-voting):	Gill Whateley (until July 2025) Andrew Challis (from July 2025)
Independent Examiner: (non-voting)	Sandra Hodgetts (until May 2025) Alastair Forrest (from November 2025)

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Structure, government and management of the PCC

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Powers Measure. The appointment of PCC members is governed by the Church Representation Rules. Training is provided where appropriate, for example, where churchwarden briefings or safeguarding training is arranged by the diocese.

The parish has an annually reviewed Safeguarding Policy, with established and ongoing training in safeguarding and working with vulnerable adults. All staff, paid and volunteers, receive instruction in safeguarding. There are various policies and procedures covering matters relating to work, safety, disciplinary and grievance procedures, and health and safety at work.

Background: The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church – evangelistic, social and ecumenical – in the ecclesiastical parish of Rowlands Castle and beyond.

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

Standing Committee

This is the only sub-committee required by law. It comprises the incumbent, the Churchwardens, and at least two other members of the PCC. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, should that become necessary, normally in exceptional circumstances only. Any decisions taken by this committee are reported back to the next full PCC meeting and are minuted accordingly. The members of the Standing Committee during the period were Clare Challis (from May 2025), Raymond Youngs, Carol Milford (from May 2025), Mary Close (from July 2025), Pam Ewing (from July 2025), John Skinner (from July 2025).

Oversight Sub-Committees

The PCC also operates three sub-committees to manage the day to day running of the church:

Developing Children, Family, and Youthwork	Oversee the development of family and youth ministries within the life of the church
Buildings & Facilities	Oversee the maintenance and development of the physical church estate
Stewardship	Oversee our fundraising activities

Other Roles endorsed by PCC

The PCC were additionally supported by endorsed individuals and small teams looking after specific areas of church life. These were: Safeguarding Officer, DBS Checking, Little Fishes, Website & Social Media, Marketing, Admin Support, Mission Support, Home Group Leaders.

Achievements and Performance

Over the course of the year, the PCC has continued to fulfil its charitable objectives of promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This included maintaining and providing a place of worship and grounds for the benefit of the public.

A significant milestone was the arrival of our new incumbent, Rev Clare Challis, in February. Her ministry has brought renewed energy, clear leadership, and a strengthening of pastoral presence within the parish. Regular Sunday services, midweek gatherings, and seasonal celebrations were sustained with encouraging levels of attendance, reflecting both the commitment of existing members and the steady involvement of newcomers. Highlights included well-attended services at Christmas and Easter, a large community remembrance event, and collaborative activities with local schools and organisations, deepening the Church's engagement within the village.

Maintenance of the buildings has remained an ongoing challenge. The Quinquennial Inspection Report identified several areas requiring attention, and work has begun to prioritise and address the most pressing issues. While this has required careful prioritisation and placed pressure on both volunteer

capacity and financial resources, progress has been made in addressing urgent repairs and developing a clearer plan for ongoing maintenance.

Alongside this, lay participation and volunteering have continued to grow, with members contributing to worship, pastoral care, music, hospitality, fundraising, and community outreach. The Trustees are grateful for this commitment, which has enabled the Church not only to meet practical demands but also to build momentum in its mission and ministry during a year of renewed focus and progress.

Financial Review

Our regular income from Planned giving has continued to fall significantly. However, we have received some significant legacies and one-off gifts, which have helped boost the funds considerably. We have acquired a digital card reader, which we hope will generate more donations from visitors, especially now that the Church building is covered by Wi-Fi.

The PCC increased the hire rate in line with inflation for the Church Centre by 5% for 2026. However, we also need to address the issues of reduced regular giving, shrinking general fund reserves and potential expenditure on the Church building. After our Quinquennial Inspection, significant problems have been identified, which will be expensive to remedy. A Stewardship Committee has been set up, which, with the help of a Diocesan resource called Cornerstone, is pursuing several schemes for improving the health of our finances.

The following pages show our financial position at the end of 2025, and in summary:

	2024	2025
Income	£86,960	£96,720
Expenditure	£91,810	£79,685
Net	(£4,850)	£17,035

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to maintain unrestricted free reserves (excluding restricted funds and fixed assets) of £23,000 which is equivalent to approximately three months' normal operating expenditure¹. This level enables the Church to manage cash flow, respond to unforeseen expenditure, and ensure continuity of ministry and mission. Our General Fund stands at £17,463 (below the target), although the PCC also has access to the Designated Fund for any expenses that they deem necessary. This gives a combined reserve fund of £39,309. The adequacy of reserves is reviewed annually as part of the budget-setting and reporting process, with adjustments made as necessary in light of financial risks, planned expenditure, and income trends.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Clare Challis
Resident Minister

Dated: 12th May 2026

¹ PCC Meeting 17 October 2016

Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Parochial Church Council of St. John the Baptist Church Rowlands Castle

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1129918

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Al Forrest

Date:

24/4/26

Name:

Alastair Forrest

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACMA

Address:

22 Bridge Road, Emsworth, Hampshire. PO10 7DS

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Prior Year Total
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	75,735	4,576	80,311	67,684
Income from charitable activities	2,383		2,383	5,258
Other trading activities	13,263		13,263	12,952
Investments	669	94	763	1,069
Total income	92,050	4,670	96,720	86,963
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	614		614	
Expenditure on charitable activities	62,190	5,894	68,084	76,317
Other expenditure	10,987		10,987	15,498
Total expenditure	73,791	5,894	79,685	91,815
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	18,259	(1,224)	17,035	(4,851)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Net movement in funds	18,259	(1,224)	17,035	(4,851)
Total funds brought forward	21,050	6,175	27,226	32,077
Total funds carried forward	39,309	4,951	44,261	27,226
REPRESENTED BY				
Unrestricted				
General fund	17,643		17,643	21,050
Designated				
Legacies fund	21,666		21,666	
Restricted				
Building Repair		955	955	955
Ceiling Repair Fund		1,410	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep		209	209	115
Parish Administrator		926	926	2,274
Portable Font & Baptism		531	531	560
St Johns Church School Prize		920	920	860

Balance sheet

Class and Code	Description	This Year	Last Year
Current assets			
6501	Bank current account	28,415	7,213
6502	Bank current account #2	796	5,917
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	20,069	19,400
6520	CCLA (CBF) Education Account	1	1
6590	Cash in hand	100	100
	Total Current assets	49,382	32,631
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	5,121	5,405
	Total Liabilities	5,121	5,405
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	44,261	27,226
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	17,035	(4,851)
Z01	Starting balances	27,226	32,077
Z03	Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		
	Total Reserves	44,261	27,226
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	17,643	21,050
	Designated	21,666	
	Restricted	4,951	6,175
	Total	44,261	27,226

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	This Year	Last Year
Current assets –					
Cash at bank and in hand					
Bank current account -	(54,230)	21,666	60,979	28,415	7,213
Bank current account #2 -	51,704		(50,908)	796	5,917
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	20,069			20,069	19,400
CCLA (CBF) Education Account -	0		1	1	1
Cash in hand -	100			100	100
Totals	17,643	21,666	10,072	49,382	32,631
Liabilities - Agency accounts					
Agency collections -			5,121	5,121	5,405
Totals			5,121	5,121	5,405
Grand total	17,643	21,666	4,951	44,261	27,226

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Closing
Administrator Fund					
	Restricted	2,274	4,516	5,865	926
Font & Baptism Fund					
	Restricted	560		29	531
Ceiling Fund					
	Restricted	1,410			1,410
Dunning Fund					
	Restricted	115	94		209
Legacies Fund					
	Designated		21,666		21,666
Building Repair Fund					
	Restricted	955			955
School Prize Fund					
	Restricted	860	60		920
General fund					
	Unrestricted	21,050	70,383	73,791	17,643
Grand total		27,226	96,720	79,685	44,261

Analysis of income and expenditure

INCOME

	Un- restricted	Des- ignated	Re- stricted	Total This Year	Total Last Year
Donations and legacies					
Gift Aid - Bank	29,697		2,150	31,847	35,495
Gift Aid - Envelopes	3,475		220	3,695	4,122
Other planned giving	1,500		1,328	2,828	2,792
Open plate collections	2,365			2,365	2,718
Blue Moon / Little Fishes	935			935	1,136
Back of Church Donations	208			208	236
Donations from Fellowship	218			218	252
Breakfasts					
Giving through church boxes	56			56	56
One-off Gift Aid gifts	5,065		357	5,422	3,700
Donations appeals etc	945	1,000	521	2,466	2,740
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	7,580			7,580	9,480
Legacies		20,666		20,666	
Non-recurring one-off grants	1,995			1,995	4,957
Other funds generated	30			30	
Total	54,069	21,666	4,576	80,311	67,684
Income from charitable activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,747			1,747	5,258
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	636			636	
Total	2,383			2,383	5,258
Other trading activities					
Bookstall sales - fund raising					3
Church hall lettings - fund raising	13,263			13,263	12,692
Refunds and Misc Income					256
Total	13,263			13,263	12,952
Investments					
Dividends			94	94	92
Bank and building society interest	669		0	669	978
Total	669		94	763	1,069
TOTAL					
INCOME TOTAL	70,383	21,666	4,670	96,720	86,963

EXPENDITURE

	Un- restricted	Des- ignated	Re- stricted	Total This Year	Total Last Year
Raising funds					
Costs of fetes & other events	614			614	
Total	614			614	
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Giving to missionary societies					150
PCC Charitable Giving Fund	5,266			5,266	6,492
Giving - relief and development agencies	10			10	
Home mission	124		29	153	27
Library & Home groups materials	750			750	
Secular charities	150			150	28
Ministry parish share etc	46,353			46,353	48,782
Assistant staff costs	384			384	584
Salary of parish administrator			5,865	5,865	5,047
Interregnum - Ministers Expense	7			7	29
Church running - insurance	1,324			1,324	1,298
Church office - telephone	645			645	547
Church maintenance	316			316	800
Upkeep of services	281			281	169
Upkeep of churchyard	772			772	3,297
Administration	2,100			2,100	2,612
Photocopier Running Costs	479			479	426
Church running - electric	574			574	545
Church running - gas	2,506			2,506	3,604
Church running - heating and lighting	75			75	1,517
Church running - flowers					27
Church Running - candles					161
Governance costs examination/audit fee	75			75	75
Other PCC property upkeep					100
Total	62,190		5,894	68,084	76,317

	Un- restricted	Des- ignated	Re- stricted	Total This Year	Total Last Year
Other expenditure					
Vicarage Water rates					222
Kitchen Sundries (Coffee, milk etc)	693			693	1,351
Hall Running - Cleaning	1,404			1,404	1,404
Hall running - electricity	1,659			1,659	1,818
Hall running - gas	2,368			2,368	2,578
Hall running - insurance	1,324			1,324	1,298
Hall running - maintenance	1,370			1,370	482
Hall running - water	1,453			1,453	1,005
Hall running - heating and lighting	522			522	4,990
Hall Running - Refunds					110
Bank Account Charges	194			194	239
Total	10,987			10,987	15,498
TOTAL					
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	73,791		5,894	79,685	91,815
GRAND TOTAL					
Income Total	70,383	21,666	4,670	96,720	86,963
Expenditure Total	73,791		5,894	79,685	91,815
GRAND TOTAL	(3,407)	21,666	(1,224)	17,035	(4,851)

Notes

General

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA)

Funds

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds are unrestricted funds which the PCC has designated for a specific purpose. A legacy was received last year and will be used where the PCC decides is appropriate.

Restricted Funds represent funds given to the PCC for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended for the specific purpose for which they were given.

- The Building Repair Fund was not drawn on for new work in 2025 and has a limited fund left over from the significant activities in 2019.
- The Dunning Fund is a collection fund for income from an endowment managed by the Diocese for upkeep of the graves. The income is used for church yard upkeep.
- The Font & Baptism fund was created in 2016 from money donated in the memory of M. Law & P. Winn for a portable font and provision of Baptism materials.
- The Ceiling Fund was created in 2017 to collect donations towards the repair of the church ceiling.

- The St John's School Prize Fund was created in 2019 to provide an annual prize for pupils considered by the school to be deserving.
- The Administrator Fund was created in June 2022 to hold donations specifically to pay for an Administrator.

Agency Funds

From time to time the PCC collects money on behalf of others. This money is not income of the Church so is collected by the PCC as an agent for the recipient. As such it does not normally appear in the main accounts. There are two routine occasions on which agency collections are made:

- Fees collected on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and eligible officiants for Weddings and Funerals as laid out in the Diocese fees table; also fees for Organists, Vergers and Sextons as necessary.
- Sequestrated fees related to any interregnum period .

In 2024 the Fees agency account stood as follows

	Carried Over from 2024	Collected	Paid Out	Carried Over to 2026
DBF fees	(£3,779)	£500	£324	(£3,955)
DBF fees (sequestrated)	£647	-	£240	£887
Verger Costs	(£365)	-	-	(£365)
Organist Costs	£5	£300	£200	£105
Sexton Costs	(£700)	£1,595	£1,130	(£235)

Note: negative balances in braces () represent money held by the PCC but owed to a third party.

Fixed Assets

The Church retains the Church Centre Building as its sole fixed asset. Since its acquisition the Church Centre building has been depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Net book value at 31 Dec 2024	£293,440
Depreciation for 2024	£10,480
Net book value at 31 Dec 2025	£282,960

Missionary and Charitable Giving

The Church supports a number of causes using approximately 10% of our donated income. In 2025 the following causes received contributions totaling £5,266:

Church Housing Trust	Hope into Action	Beacon Food Bank
Tearfund	Sovereign World Trust	Mission Aviation Fellowship
Emmanuel International	Mercy Ships	Release International
Medaille Trust	Barnabas Fund	Quicken Trust

Fundraising

No proactive fund raising was done during 2025. However, several generous donations and legacies were received.

Accounts

**PARISH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROWLANDS CASTLE**



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**AGENDA FOR VESTRY MEETING AND
THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING FOR
THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ROWLANDS CASTLE
12 May 2025 at 10.30am IN THE CHURCH**

Opening Prayer.

VESTRY MEETING (ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS)

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the last Meeting – Sunday 17 March 2024
3. Election of two Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last Meeting – Sunday 17 March 2024
4. Receive Reports:
 - a. Electoral Roll
 - b. PCC Activities
 - c. Finance and Accounts
 - d. Fabric
 - e. Deanery Synod
 - f. Activities in the Parish
5. Election of Deanery Synod Members
6. Election of PCC Members
7. Appoint the Independent Examiner
8. Vicar's Statement
9. Closing Prayer

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting (Annual Meeting of Parishioners)
for the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Rowlands Castle
held on Sunday 17 March 2024 in the Church.**

Chair: Revd Dr. Sarah Baker

Minutes: Gill Whatley

Item	Notes
1.	<u>Welcome</u> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	<u>Minutes from the Vestry Meeting held on 17th March 2023</u> The Minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chair.
3.	<u>Election of Two Churchwardens</u> In the absence of any new nominations, Raymond Youngs agreed to continue as sole churchwarden for the forthcoming year. His appointment was proposed and unanimously agreed.
	It was noted that a second churchwarden could be co-opted during the year if a new nomination was received.
	The Chair recognised and thanked Daphne Youngs for her time and efforts in assisting the churchwarden.
The meeting ended at 10.15am	

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of St John the Baptist Rowlands Castle held on Sunday 17 March 2024 in the Church.

Chair: Revd Dr. Sarah Baker

Minutes: Gill Whatley

Item	Notes
1.	<p><u>Welcome</u> The Chair welcomed everyone and explained that the meeting would be held on the assumption that the Annual Report and Accounts (AR&A) had been read by everyone in attendance.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies had been received from Revd Joy Windsor, Alison Myall, Shirley Varnish and Jill Hewitt.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes from the APCM Meeting held on 26th March 2023</u> The Minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>
4.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> None.</p>
5.	<p><u>Receive the Electoral Roll Report (changes since previous report)</u> At the end of 2023 APCM the Roll stood at 88, and subsequently 4 additions and 2 deletions led to the total at year end being 90. Acknowledging that there were some obvious changes to be made, the Chair noted that a full electoral review will be held at this year-end which will address these corrections.</p>
6.	<p><u>Receive the Financial Report & Accounts</u> Chair referred meeting to the AR&A for a full update. In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the General Fund is slightly better than end of 2022 in part due to the lower utility charges; • the employment of a Church Administrator will require funds; • the Monterey Pine will encounter significant costs to make it safe; • 50% of church funds are paid to the Parish Share which has been increased by 5%. Attendees were asked to consider

	<p>increasing their parish giving to help the finances going forward.</p> <p>The full Report in the AR&A was received and accepted.</p>
7.	<p><u>Receive the Fabric Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks were offered to John Skinner for his ongoing work on church and centre fabric issues. • Ian Hewitt requested help over the summer months with paintwork both inside the church centre and in the churchyard. Ian was offered thanks for the enormous amount of work he continues to do at St. Johns and within the community. • Marion Collin was thanked for her efforts in securing local Government grants to cover the cost of projects including the replacement of lights in the church centre. <p>The full report in the AR&A was received and accepted.</p>
8.	<p><u>Receive the Deanery Synod Report</u></p> <p>The full report in the AR&A was received and accepted.</p>
9.	<p><u>Receive the PCC Annual Report</u></p> <p>The Chair recognised how the large number of contributions in the Annual Report demonstrated the breadth of the congregational support, with so many people helping towards the mission of the church behind the scenes.</p> <p>The full report in the AR&A was received and accepted.</p>
10.	<p><u>Election of Deanery Synod Members</u></p> <p>Mary Close and Pam Ewing were elected in 2023 and will represent St. Johns for a further 2 years.</p>
11.	<p><u>Election of PCC Members</u></p> <p>Thanks were given to Valerie Palmer, Chris Powne and Roger Watson, particularly for his work as PCC Secretary, as they stand down at the end of their 3-year term, and to Rosie Harbour who has resigned from the post.</p> <p>Nominations had been received from Jane Ainscow and Mandy Monahan, who were proposed and nominated. Although good governance to replace PCC members, no further nominations had been received and Valerie Palmer and Chris Powne offered to re-stand for a further term. They were duly proposed and nominated. Thanks were offered to all PCC members.</p>

<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Appointment of Independent Examiner</u> PE proposed that the Sandra Hodgetts, current Independent Examiner, continue in the role for 2024. This proposal was unanimously agreed.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>Vicar's Statement</u> Two months into her temporary appointment, Revd Baker will continue as Minister at St. John's until the end of June, and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PCC is pressing ahead with developing the Mission Action Plan; • A post-Easter sermon series will focus on a Healthy Church, with the opportunity for all members of the church to contribute, and hopefully by Pentecost the majority of the work will be done. • The Parish Profile is currently being drafted by Raymond Youngs and Pam Ewing, to be considered by the PCC at its next meeting. • A Healthy Church Audit has recently been carried out, aimed at establishing where we think we are. The raw data has been circulated to all church members and identifies very little consistency, with answers ranging across a broad scale. The PCC will review the data at its next meeting and the results will form part of the Mission Plan. Members were asked study the data so that they can refer back when looking at areas to explore. <p>On behalf of the congregation, Pam Ewing offered thanks to Revd Dr Baker for stepping in when the church was floundering, and helping the church look forward, and for everything she is doing and will continue to do.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>Closing Prayer</u> The meeting ended in prayer at 10.38am.</p>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Administrative Information

Full Parochial Name: St. John the Baptist, Rowlands Castle
Benefice: Rowlands Castle
Diocese: Portsmouth
Location: Rowlands Castle, Hampshire
Parish Office: 120 Redhill Road, Rowlands Castle, Hampshire PO9 6DF

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

**Standing Committee members*

During all or part of 2024 the following served as members of the PCC:

Priest-in Charge: Period of Interregnum
Interim Minister: The Revd Dr Sarah Baker* (*Jan-June 2025*)
Churchwarden: Raymond Youngs*
Licensed Readers: Mary Close* (Deanery Synod Rep)
Chris Hollis (Safeguarding Officer - DBS checks)
Terry Monahan
Zoë Skinner
Ex-Officio Member: Pam Ewing* (Deanery Synod Rep/Treasurer)
Elected Members: Jane Ainscow
Marion Collin (Electoral Roll Officer)
Alan Elliott
Mandy Monahan
Carol Milford* (Parish Safeguarding Officer)
Christine Powne
Valerie Palmer
John Skinner
Roger Watson

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules as published online by the Church of England General Synod at: (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/churchrepresentation-rules/church-representation-rules-online>)

All regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC is the body of trustees for the Parish.

Charitable Status

The PCC is an Ecclesiastical Charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity No. 1129918.

Activities of the Parish 2024

Vicar's Introduction

Well, it's an absolute joy and a privilege to be writing some introductory words to my first APCM report booklet as Vicar for St. John's, Rowlands Castle.

The Vestry and APCM meetings form an important legal and spiritual juncture in our annual church calendar. It's a place where both ordained and lay leadership work together to renew commitments to the life of the church.

But more than this, it forms an opportunity for us to celebrate and reflect. We can reflect on all that has gone before, remembering the struggles and challenges, and we can celebrate all that has been good and fruitful. We can then look forward with hope in the risen Lord Jesus to lead us together in building his church.

As you read the rest of this report, I hope you will join me in praying, reflecting and celebrating with hope as we look forward to our future together.

God bless, with love.

Rev. Clare

Electoral Roll

The total number on the Electoral Roll as of this APCM is 64. In this year a new roll was prepared as required by Church Representation Rules every 6 years.

Marion Collin

Activities of the PCC

I've been covering the PCC Secretary role but am not an elected member, so don't input into decisions. My main role has been to keep everything in order according to Church Representation Rules, and HMRC Trustees.

Meetings

The PCC 'year' runs from APCM to APCM, as opposed to the financial accounts and trustees report which runs for a calendar year. It has met
The PCC met 7 times since the last APCM, and the meetings are always well supported.

Members' focus during the year was largely taken up with the production of a parish profile and the appointment of a new Incumbent. However, many other topics were agreed, including:

- Quinquennial Report – this was received in November 2024.
- Works to the Monterey Pine – approval was sought from EHDC to reduce the height of the protected Pine, after it refused to allow it to be felled.
- Healthy Church Audit – this was carried out, and offered a good perspective into areas where the congregation felt St John's does well, but highlighted the lack of mission and outward-looking focus, where more needs to be done to engage with the wider community.
- Prayers of Love and Faith – Following an extraordinary meeting of the PCC, Revd Andrew Sheard chaired a whole church meeting on 12th May to allow the congregation to share their views on this subject.
- NHS First Responder Vehicle – agreement was given to allow NHS First Responders in the local area to leave a designated vehicle in the church car park which can be accessed in an emergency at all times.

Gill Whatley

Fabric

This has been another relatively quiet year regarding fabric projects. There have, however, been a few notable events and reports.

Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection as of November 2024 is now complete. It has highlighted several issues that we have already been aware of and has also raised some new concerns.

Damp in the Columns

The rising damp in the columns in the aisles is getting worse. It is unsightly and is causing the surface to crumble. This is something that we need advice about from an engineer.

Plaster Falls

There have been additional falls of plaster from the sanctuary ceiling and from the South aisle. We have currently blocked access to the sanctuary and removed all loose plaster from aisle's ceiling.

Paint Falls in the Transept Arch

There have been a couple of falls of paint from the Transept Arch, above the altar table. As a precaution we have moved the table forward slightly so that

the minister does not stand directly underneath it whilst administering communion. This is only paint, not plaster, so is not heavy but we still want to keep the area clear.

Cracks

Several cracks have been identified in the stonework. These will be monitored.

Water Ingress

Water ingress in the south aisle is a continuing problem. Keeping the gutters cleared is the best remedy we have at present. We await any further comments in the quinquennial report.

Vestry Floor

The vestry floor was found to be extremely rotten when the carpet tiles were removed. For the moment this room is not being used for general use.

All of the above items from the Quinquennial Report will be followed up by seeking professional advice from an Engineer.

John Skinner

Deanery Synod

The Anglican Church is governed by Synods at three levels – General, Diocesan and Deanery. Here at Rowland's Castle we are in the Diocese of Portsmouth, and the Deanery of Havant. Portsmouth Diocese has 6 members, (3 clergy, 3 lay), on General Synod. Havant Deanery has 27 members (15 clergy ,12 lay) on Diocesan Synod.

Havant is the largest of the 8 deaneries in Portsmouth Diocese, with 22 churches and 15 stipendary clergy.

Each Parish is represented on the Deanery Synod by the ordained clergy and 2 elected lay members. Mary Close and Pam Ewing are our elected reps.

Deanery Synod meets 3 times a year, hosted at various churches. At a relatively low level of church government, the synod's role is to inform and educate and to discuss and decide policy matters as requested or directed by Diocesan and General Synods, Bishop's staff or council. Part of its role is to inform; most members are busy and committed members of their own churches and synod gives the opportunity to raise one's vision in a wider context; there is almost always a guest speaker.

Here is a list of recent venues, speakers and subjects during 2024:

Date	Venue	Guest Speaker	Subject
12 March	St. James, Emsworth	Archdeacon Kathryn Percival	Update on the Introduction of 'Prayers of Love and Faith'
13 June	St. Faiths, Havant	Vanda Leary, Strategic Programme Mgr, Portsmouth Diocese	Diocesan Vision and Regeneration Plan
12 Nov	St. Clare's, Warren Park	David Cain, Environmental Officer Portsmouth Diocese	Net Zero Carbon

All meetings raised interesting discussions – contact your Deanery Reps if you want to find out more.

Mary Close & Pam Ewing

Little Fishes Baby & Toddler Group

LITTLE FISHES is run by a small group of ladies and a couple of community mums whose contributions include singing, craft and story-telling. They are much appreciated as well as one Gran in the kitchen occasionally too. We have met every Monday morning during the last year except for school and bank holidays. There is also a team of ladies who help generally and prepare snacks in the kitchen.

The adults who attend are mainly parents or grandparents of 0 - 3 year olds with occasionally an older child. We also have a foster carer and occasionally a child minder. The children and their carers arrive any time after 9 am when there are lots of toys to play with and sometimes a craft activity for the older ones. At 10am there is a short bible story and sung grace before a healthy snack for the children - usually between 20 and 25 in number - and cake for the adults! After snack time there is more free play before packing up time and then 15 minutes of singing songs on the mat and activities around the big hall.

There is now a rack and table with clothes and other resources to pass on to other families, a 'meal train' initiative for meals for new mothers in the early weeks, and a prayer request box. We also hold a short time of prayer for the

group when the families have gone home including any prayer requests they have put in the box or voiced.

We attract families mainly from the village but also from a wider area and have received compliments on how friendly the group is and have watched friendship groups being formed. We continue to be very grateful to members of the church family who help to 'set up' on a Sunday after coffee, this really helps to spread the load. We all enjoy the mornings and we all, participants and helpers have fun!

Jill Hewitt

Women's Fellowship

1st October was our last meeting in 2024. 3 nonagenarians attended this meeting. We would like to attract new members and are considering transport needs, as well as changing the day and time if necessary.

Alison Myall

Home Groups

There are currently 3 home groups meeting. These are small groups of church members who gather weekly to look at what the Bible says about living life God's way and learning together how to put this into practice.

Meetings usually involve fun, tea and cake. It's a place to get to know others better and share the ups and downs of life, receiving practical and prayer support as needed.

Home Groups in the past have been involved in facilitating courses held in the church centre for both the village and Church family. In 2024 up 35 people attended the Open Doors Lent Course, Out of the Ashes.

So don't miss out, invite your friends and neighbours. See Mandy or Valerie and we'll help you find a group. EVERYONE is welcome!

Valerie Palmer & Mandy Monahan

Flower Team

We are a team of church members and non-members who usually work in pairs for two weeks at a time to provide a floral pedestal arrangement. Special events see more of us get together to decorate the church in more detail, such as Easter, Mothering Sunday, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday,

Christmas and this year the service welcoming Clare as our new priest in charge.

Carol Green

Cleaning Team

We wish to thank all members of the cleaning team for all their good work throughout the past year.

We know it is not easy to carry out some jobs as the access to so many areas is restricted, but we appreciate all your efforts.

We also know that age and health and fitness does affect some of us, so we would very much like new members to join us. It is just for a couple of weeks in every few months, and of course the more we have, the less often we are needed.

If you wish to join up please let us know, and we will add you to the schedule.

Bob & Donna Woolston

Prayer Ministry

Meetings

Led Morning Prayers are held every Wednesday's at 9:00am in the church. All are welcome to join whenever they can.

Monday evening "Prayer Hour" is held 'via Zoom at 7:30pm' the link is published in our weekly sheet.

During this time, we seek guidance for the Lord's mission here at St John's, and we pray for world, community and individual needs. All are welcome for this important part of our church life.

Ministry Team

The Prayer Team is always available for anyone who would like prayer and support.

Prayer Ministry is always offered after our 10:00 o'clock Sunday service, in our Prayer Corner at the back of the Church.

Prayer Requests

We have received many prayer requests verbally or through personal emails.

Carol Milford receives the requests and then circulates as appropriate to the Prayer Team. Regular updates are shared of testimonies and or continued needs.

All prayer follows the guidelines for confidentiality, unless an individual has given permission for wider knowledge.

If anyone feels they have a heart for prayer and would like to join our team of faithful prayers, please contact Rev Sarah Baker or Carol Milford for more information.

Carol Milford

Pastoral Ministry

As reported at the last APCM, St John's has a Pastoral Visiting Team with eight volunteers available to provide a listening ear, empathetic support, arrange practical support and prayer. Mandy Monahan and Mel Ainsworth are key contacts for this team. Support can be accessed through pastoralcare@saintjohnschurch.org.

Earlier this year the team provided meals for a married couple during a time of illness. Meals were also provided, for a short while, to Little Fishes families following the birth of a baby.

In October 2024, Angela Isse, the Social Provider, based at the RC surgery, contacted the church office asking to meet with someone to discuss the community support provided by St John's Church. Mandy Monahan met with her. The support available was discussed and she was provided with a list of contact details and how to access the support.

Access to the Social Prescriber is open to all. Angela has provided leaflets to explain the service and how to contact her. These can be found in church.

Mandy Monahan

Beechwood Care Home

Regular visits are made to see some of the Residents in our Village's Care Home, which caters mainly for those suffering with Dementia. The Care Home Staff provide a loving and caring home for those they are looking after and make any Visitors welcome. I go there willing to listen and chat about whatever the Resident wishes. Sometimes our conversations involve Faith, but it could be anything. For example, I thought I knew a lot about Dr Who until I got to know a resident I was visiting! I value the time I can spend with the residents of Beechwood Care Home.

Chris Hollis

8am Communion Services

After a quarter of century serving as sidesman at 8am services, Barbara Openshaw, on reaching a milestone birthday last year, decided it was time to stand down. Huge thanks go to Barbara for her dedicated service in this role. We are also grateful to her initiating and, until very recently, running the 'Croissant Sunday' breakfast as part of the Diocesan Kairos initiative at the beginning of the 2000s.

The 8 a.m. congregation are regular attendees, and include some regular visitors from Chalton church. We are grateful to Alison Myall, Chris Powne, Shirley Varnish and Sarah Lee for continuing as sidesmen at this service.

Ian Hewitt

Churchyard

Once again this year, the magnificent display of crocuses in February has been due to some 20+ years of 'deliberate neglect'. The Dioceses of Lichfield and Gloucester initiated God's Little Acre at the turn of the century, encouraging churches to be more aware of the wildlife in our churchyards, and particularly NOT to mow every available area. Over 20 years on the results are so impressive; the crocuses, primroses, wood anemones and, later, bluebells are slowly spreading across large areas of the churchyard, including the north side of the church. The ox-eye daisies and wild geraniums will flourish later in the year and, although both quite invasive, they do provide great spreads of flowers during early to mid-Summer.

Particular thanks are due to the Blendworth Centre, who send out their teams every 4 weeks to cut and trim the main areas from April to October. Their contribution is particularly valuable as they are able to trim areas where our

mowers are too big to cut close to headstones and they pick up all the cuttings helping to keep the area tidy.

A few people contribute in different ways to help maintain the tidiness of the church grounds.

Paul Marshman puts in a huge effort throughout the year. He attends several times each week clearing and tidying mainly in the central triangle area. He also looks after one flowerbed and unfailingly puts out the dustbins for collection each week.

Alison Myall, Andrew Wyatt and Julie Taylor also look after some of the church flower beds.

Raymond and Daphne Youngs have been keeping the hedges in check by gentle trimming. They also help by taking the bulk of the swept leaves for composting. Much easier and more practical than taking them to the local tip! They have also now found a small team of gardeners who trim the church hedges regularly.

Roger Watson has joined the team and taken over the flowerbed by the South door smartening it up considerably and making it so much more presentable and welcoming so close to the church entrance.

Pam and Roy Ewing help with bonfires of the cuttings which steadily accumulate in the spoil heap near the War Memorial.

THANK YOU again, all helpers. If any keen gardener would like to look after one of the flower beds or take on one of the many small jobs needed in the churchyard, please let me know.

Ian Hewitt

Safeguarding

Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, copies are shown on the notice boards which can be found in the Church and Church Centre, and are available upon request from the church office.

PCC members and anyone involved in volunteering for all the various aspects of church life are required to obtain a DBS check where it is deemed desirable or necessary to receive clearance and to undergo training before any volunteer starts in their voluntary role.

Current volunteers have been attending or completing Safeguarding training modules on E- Learning or face to face courses as required.

This is an ongoing process whenever anyone comes forward to volunteer, and requires leaders of the various areas of church life to advise the PSO Safeguarding Officer and the DBS Officer to ensure we are in full compliance.

Carol Milford

**Parochial Church Council
of
St John the Baptist Church
Rowlands Castle**

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2024

Pam Ewing
21 April 2025

Charity Commission Registration Number 1129918

Introduction

St John's Church was without a priest-in-charge for the whole of 2024. We were fortunate to have Rev Sarah Baker to lead us for half the year, but our focus was not on financial matters – no fund-raising or stewardship initiatives. During the year some regular donations stopped, and few significant donations occurred, so our income dropped. Meanwhile, with some increases in church running costs, our expenses rose, so our General Fund has reduced by £4732.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	<i>Prior year total funds</i>
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	62,697	4,986	67,684	68,737
Income from charitable activities	5,258	—	5,258	5,320
Other trading activities	12,951	—	12,951	10,879
Investments	977	91	1,069	662
Other income	—	—	—	—
Total income	81,885	5,078	86,963	85,598
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	71,119	5,197	76,317	70,913
Other expenditure	15,497	—	15,497	14,951
Total expenditure	86,617	5,197	91,814	85,864
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(4,732)	(119)	(4,851)	(265)
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	420
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	(420)
Net movement in funds	(4,732)	(119)	(4,851)	(265)
Total funds brought forward	25,782	6,294	32,077	32,343
Total funds carried forward	21,050	6,175	27,225	32,077
Represented by				
Unrestricted				
General fund	21,050	—	21,050	25,782
Restricted				
Building Repair	—	955	955	955
Ceiling Repair Fund	—	1,410	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep	—	115	115	23
Education Fund	—	—	—	—
Mission Possible	—	0	0	150
Parish Administrator	—	2,274	2,274	2,335
Portable Font & Baptism	—	560	560	560
St Johns Church School Prize	—	860	860	860

Balance Sheet

	General	Restricted	This year	Last year
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	21,050	11,580	32,631	36,177
	21,050	11,580	32,631	36,177
Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	5,405	5,405	4,100
	—	5,405	5,405	4,100
Net current assets less current liabilities	21,050	6,175	27,225	32,077
Total assets less current liabilities	21,050	6,175	27,225	32,077
Total net assets less liabilities	21,050	6,175	27,225	32,077
Represented by				
Unrestricted				
General fund	21,050	—	21,050	25,782
Restricted				
Parish Administrator	—	2,274	2,274	2,335
Portable Font & Baptism	—	560	560	560
Ceiling Repair Fund	—	1,410	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep	—	115	115	23
Mission Possible	—	0	0	150
Building Repair	—	955	955	955
St Johns Church School Prize	—	860	860	860
Funds of the church	21,050	6,175	27,225	32,077

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Restricted	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand				
Bank current account -	(46,921)	54,134	7,212	16,180
Bank current account #2 -	48,471	(42,554)	5,917	1,474
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	19,399	—	19,399	18,422
CCLA (CBF) Education Account -	0	0	1	1
Cash in hand -	100	—	100	100
Totals	21,050	11,580	32,631	36,177
Liabilities - Agency accounts				
Agency collections -	—	5,405	5,405	4,100
Totals	—	5,405	5,405	4,100
Grand total	21,050	6,175	27,225	32,077

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Closing
Admin - Parish Administrator					
Restricted		2,335	4,986	5,047	2,274
	Sub-total for Admin	2,335	4,986	5,047	2,274
Baptism - Portable Font & Bapt					
Restricted		560	—	—	560
	Sub-total for Baptism	560	—	—	560
Ceiling - Ceiling Repair Fund					
Restricted		1,410	—	—	1,410
	Sub-total for Ceiling	1,410	—	—	1,410
Churchyard - Church Yard Upkeep					
Restricted		23	91	—	115
	Sub-total for Churchyard	23	91	—	115
MPfund - Mission Possible					
Restricted		150	—	150	0
	Sub-total for MPfund	150	—	150	0
Repair - Building Repair					
Restricted		955	—	—	955
	Sub-total for Repair	955	—	—	955
SchPrize - St Johns Church Scho					
Restricted		860	—	—	860
	Sub-total for SchPrize	860	—	—	860
General - General fund					
Unrestricted		25,782	81,885	86,617	21,050
	Sub-total for General	25,782	81,885	86,617	21,050
	Grand total	32,077	86,963	91,814	27,225

Analysis of income and expenditure

			Total	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	This year	Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	33,454	2,040	35,494	42,590
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	3,902	220	4,122	3,685
0201 - Other planned giving	1,400	1,392	2,792	1,525
0301 - Open plate collections	2,718	—	2,718	3,789
0310 - Blue Moon / Little Fishes	1,135	—	1,135	789
0320 - Back of Church Donations	236	—	236	282
0330 - Donations from Fellowship	252	—	252	343
Breakfasts				
0410 - Giving through church boxes	56	—	56	48
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	3,180	520	3,700	1,545
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,924	814	2,739	1,479
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,480	—	9,480	12,657
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	4,957	—	4,957	—
Total	62,697	4,986	67,684	68,737

Income from charitable activities

1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	5,258	—	5,258	5,320
Total	5,258	—	5,258	5,320

Other trading activities

0910 - Fund Raising Events	—	—	—	191
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	3	—	3	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	12,692	—	12,692	9,990
1270 - Refunds and Misc Income	256	—	256	697
Total	12,951	—	12,951	10,879

Investments

1001 - Dividends	—	91	91	90
1020 - Bank and building society interest	977	—	977	572
Total	977	91	1,069	662

INCOME TOTAL	81,885	5,078	86,963	85,598
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EXPENDITURE

			Total	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	This year	Last year
Expenditure on charitable activities				
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	150	150	—
1820 - PCC Charitable Giving Fund	6,492	—	6,492	6,264
1835 - Vicars Discretionary Fund	—	—	—	—
1850 - Home mission	26	—	26	1,108
1870 - Secular charities	28	—	28	25
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	48,782	—	48,782	46,458
2001 - Assistant staff costs	584	—	584	357
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	—	5,047	5,047	3,600
2110 - Interregnum - Ministers Fee	—	—	—	—
2111 - Interregnum - Ministers Expense	28	—	28	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,297	—	1,297	1,267
2310 - Church office - telephone	546	—	546	502
2330 - Church maintenance	800	—	800	1,008
2340 - Upkeep of services	168	—	168	861
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	3,297	—	3,297	1,396
2360 - Administration	2,612	—	2,612	1,288
2361 - Photocopier Running Costs	426	—	426	580
2401 - Church running - electric	545	—	545	797
2410 - Church running - gas	3,604	—	3,604	4,476
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	1,517	—	1,517	665
2450 - Church running - flowers	26	—	26	48
2460 - Church Running - candles	161	—	161	131
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	75	—	75	75
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	100	—	100	—
Total	71,119	5,197	76,317	70,913

Other expenditure

2140 - Vicarage Water rates	222	—	222	1,102
2515 - Kitchen Sundries (Coffee, milk etc)	1,351	—	1,351	2,577
2525 - Hall Running - Cleaning	1,404	—	1,404	1,404
2530 - Hall running - electricity	1,817	—	1,817	2,878
2540 - Hall running - gas	2,578	—	2,578	4,344
2550 - Hall running - insurance	1,297	—	1,297	1,267
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	481	—	481	286
2580 - Hall running - water	1,005	—	1,005	478
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	4,989	—	4,989	261
2595 - Hall Running - Refunds	110	—	110	100
2610 - Bank Account Charges	239	—	239	249
Total	15,497	—	15,497	14,951
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EXPENDITURE TOTAL	86,617	5,197	91,814	85,864
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GRAND TOTAL (Income – Expenditure)	(4,732)	(119)	(4,851)	(265)

NOTES

1. General

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA)

2. Funds

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted Funds represent funds given to the PCC for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended for the specific purpose for which they were given.

- The Building Repair Fund was not drawn on for new work in 2024 and has a limited fund left over from the significant activities in 2019.
- The Dunning Fund is a collection fund for income from an endowment managed by the Diocese for upkeep of the graves. The income for 2023 was used for church yard upkeep.
- The Font & Baptism fund was created in 2016 from money donated in the memory of M. Law & P. Winn for a portable font and provision of Baptism materials.
- The Mission Possible fund was created in 2017 to account for gifts, grants and expenses specifically for the Mission Possible housing project. The project has ended, and the surplus (£150) was donated to Hope into Action, the charity behind the Mission Possible project, so this fund is now closed.
- The Ceiling Fund was created in 2017 to collect donations towards the repair of the church ceiling.
- The St John's School Prize Fund was created in 2019 to provide an annual Prize for pupils considered by the school to be deserving.
- The Administrator Fund was created in June 2022 to hold donations specifically to pay for an Administrator.

Agency Funds. From time to time the PCC collects money on behalf of others. This money is not income of the Church so is collected by the PCC as an agent for the recipient. As such it does not normally appear in the main accounts. Two occasions on which agency collections are made:

- a. Fees collected on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and eligible officiants for Weddings and Funerals as laid out in the Diocese fees table; also fees for Organists, Vergers and Sextons as necessary.
- b. Sequestered fees relate to any interregnum period.

In 2024 the Fees agency account stood as follows:

	Carried over from 2024	Collected	Paid Out	Carried Over to 2024
DBF fees	(£2689)	£3222	£2132	(£3779)
DBF fees (sequestrated)	£320	-	£327	£647
Verger Costs	(£125)	£780	£540	(£365)
Organist Costs	£205	£900	£700	£5
Sexton Costs	(£800)	£2180	£2280	(£700)

Note: negative balances in braces () represent money held by the PCC but owed to a third party.

3. Fixed Assets

The Church retains the Church Centre Building as its sole fixed asset. Since its acquisition the Church Centre building has been depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Net book value at 31 Dec 2023	£303,920
Depreciation for 2024	£10,480
Net book value at 31 Dec 2024	£293,440

4. Missionary and Charitable Giving

The Church supports a number of causes using approximately 10% of our donated income. In 2024 the following causes received contributions totalling £6492.00:

Church Housing Trust	Hope into Action	Beacon Food Bank
Tearfund	Sovereign World Trust	Mission Aviation Fellowship
Emmanuel International	Mercy Ships	Release International
Medaille Trust	Barnabas Fund	Quicken Trust

5. Fundraising

No fund raising was done during 2024.

6. Reserve Level

The PCC has agreed that a reasonable cash reserve of £23,000 (nominally 3 months of running costs) should be maintained (PCC Meeting 17 October 2016). Our General Fund stands at £21,050, so is below that of 2023 (£25,782), and below the recommended reserve level.

Conclusion

Our regular income from Planned Giving has dropped significantly. We need to address the issues of reduced regular giving, shrinking reserves and potential expenditure on the Church building. After our Quinquennial Inspection, significant problems have been identified, which will be expensive to remedy.

St John's will be receiving a legacy from a long term member of our congregation.

It was agreed in 2024 that we will need to reconvene a Finance Committee to help with ongoing financial constraints.

Pam Ewing

Vicar's Closing Words

I do hope this booklet has been helpful and informative reflection on 2024.

As we move forward together, let's keep praying for one another and our shared life together.

The Collect for Vocations Sunday

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church;
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

God bless with love,
Clare

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH ROWLANDS CASTLE. Ref. No. 1129918**

I report on the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and 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(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of 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 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 you as 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

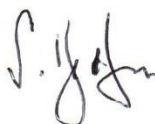
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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.

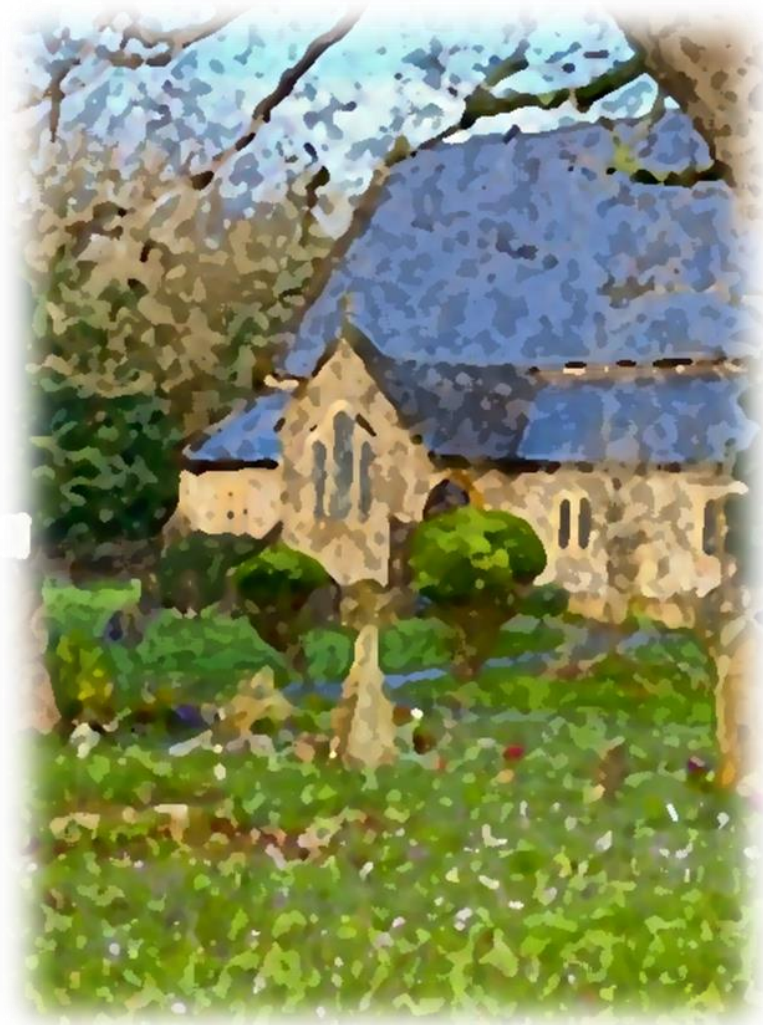
Sandra Hodgetts
42 The Green
Rowlands Castle
Hants PO9 6AB
(Barclays Bank-Ret'd)



Dated: 27 April 2025

Accounts

**PARISH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROWLANDS CASTLE**



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

**AGENDA FOR VESTRY MEETING AND
THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING FOR
THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ROWLANDS CASTLE
17 March 2024 at 10.00am IN THE CHURCH**

Opening Prayer.

VESTRY MEETING (ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS)

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the last Meeting – Sunday 26 March 2023
3. Election of two Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last Meeting – Sunday 26 March 2023
4. Matters Arising (if any)
5. Receive the Electoral Roll Report
6. Receive the Finance Report & Accounts
7. Receive the Fabric Report
8. Receive the Deanery Synod Report
9. Receive the PCC Annual Report
10. Election of Deanery Synod Members
11. Election of PCC Members
12. Appoint the Independent Examiner
13. Vicar's Statement
14. Closing Prayer

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting (Annual Meeting of Parishioners) for the Parish of St John the Baptist Rowlands Castle held on Sunday 26 March 2023 in the Church.

Chair: Pam Ewing

1. Welcome

John Skinner began by explaining that Rev Vickie Morgan was ill, and unable to chair the meeting, so Pam Ewing (PE) (Treasurer) was going to take her place. He said that the meeting was being audio recorded for the purpose of taking the minutes, and there were no objections.

PE welcomed those present and explained the purpose of the meeting (to appoint new Churchwardens). The meeting opened in prayer.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 15th May 2022 were approved. It was recorded that John Skinner was elected as the only churchwarden at that meeting.

3. Election of Churchwardens

A nomination had been received for Raymond Youngs, proposed by PE and seconded by John Skinner. There were no further nominations from the floor. It was suggested that Nick Granger-Brown would be a suitable nomination, but he has been asked and has said 'No'. The nomination was approved nem. con., and Raymond Youngs was therefore elected churchwarden for the year 2023-24.

There being no other business, PE declared the meeting closed.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of St John the Baptist Rowlands Castle held on Sunday 26 March 2023 in the Church.

Chair: Pam Ewing

1. Welcome

PE explained that Rev Vickie was unwell, so PE was chairing the meeting instead. She welcomed 32 members present, reminding them that this meeting was concerned with the events of the calendar year 2022.

2. Apologies for Absence

The Rev. Vickie Morgan, Terry & Mandy Monahan, Jonathan Nash, Roger & Diane Watson, Valerie Palmer, Carol Milford & Marion Collin had all offered apologies.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 15th May 2022 had been distributed and were taken as read. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Daphne Youngs, seconded by Alan Elliot and agreed by all.

4. Matters Arising

Barbara Openshaw observed that the minutes of the APCM for 2020 were unavailable at the 2021 APCM and wondered if they had ever been found. The answer was no.

5. Electoral Roll Report

Chris Churchley explained that the Electoral Roll is revised every year and renewed completely every 6 years. The next renewal will be in 2025. He reported that at the start of 2022 there were 78 members, and at the end there were 6 additions and 1 removal, making a total of 83. After the revision recently carried out, another 5 additions have been made, so the current Electoral Roll stands at 88. (March 2023). The report was received by the meeting.

6. Finance Report and Accounts

The examined accounts had been circulated in advance of the meeting. PE observed that the figures for 2022 showed that we had restored our reserves to the recommended level of £23,000. This was mainly due to increased

Centre bookings, and the Administrator salary being removed from the General Fund to a Reserved Fund, and the generous giving of a few to cover the cost of manning the office for 3 mornings a week. However, the general trend of regular giving was DOWNWARD.

PE warned that we should not be complacent. At present, a few generous members pay for the Administrator, but this is not fair: the whole church should bear the cost. Additionally, we have to face fuel bills of 4 times those of 2022 – total gas and electricity bills in 2022 amounted to c. £3,400, projected figures based on the same consumption for 2023 come to £12,700. So that means £7,200 (Admin salary) + £9,300 (fuel bill increase) = £16,500 more to be raised – a 22% rise in income. We have increased Centre hire fees by 10%, but they are only 14% of our total income.

Another expense due will be the Quinquennial inspection – a compulsory 5-yearly building inspection, due last year but still awaited, that will no doubt raise issues to be resolved.

So, the challenge is to try and increase our income to meet our predicted expenditure. At a recent Deanery Synod meeting, the Diocesan Financial Advisor suggested that we introduce the idea of leaving a legacy to the church in our Will – a long-term 'solution', but one we could start thinking about today.

If each family thinks carefully about how much they give regularly, and how much it has changed since they started their standing order/direct debit. The Parish Giving Scheme helps with this, as you can arrange to increase your gift automatically every year.

PE concluded by asking if anyone has any bright ideas about Fundraising, please share them.

The acceptance of the Financial Report was proposed by Zoë Skinner, seconded by Jill Hewitt and carried unanimously.

7. Fabric Report

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. A new architect for the church has been appointed, and it was noted that the quinquennial inspection was due in 2022. The report was received by the meeting.

8. Deanery Synod Report

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The report was received by the meeting.

9. PCC Annual Report

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Chris Powne proposed the report be accepted. The report was received by the meeting.

10. Election of Deanery Synod Members

Graham Mitchell proposed and Jill Hewitt seconded that Mary Close and Pam Ewing were re-elected as Deanery Synod members there being no other nominations.

11. Election of PCC Members

2 existing members – Graham Mitchell and David Mann - have stood down from the PCC as their 3-year term was complete, and a 3rd – Joanna Mills - has resigned for personal reasons. This leaves just 3 elected members (Valerie Palmer, Chris Powne and Roger Watson) all with another year to run.

5 nominations had been received:

- Rosemary Harbour proposed by Roger Watson, seconded by Diane Watson
- Marion Collin proposed by Bill Wilson, seconded by Diane Watson
- Carol Milford proposed by Graham Mitchell, seconded by Ann Mitchell
- Alan Elliot proposed by Graham Dale, seconded by Ian Hewitt
- John Skinner proposed by Pam Ewing, seconded by Daphne Youngs

The nominations were approved nem. con., and Rosemary Harbour, Marion Collin, Carol Milford, Alan Elliott and John Skinner were therefore elected to the PCC for the period 2023-2026.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Pam Ewing that Sandra Hodgetts be re-appointed as Independent Examiner. This proposal was approved nem. con., and Sandra Hodgetts was therefore appointed.

13. Vicar's Statement

The Vicar being absent, PE instead prayed for her that God would bless her, and give her wisdom, discernment and strength to lead the churches of Rowlands Castle, Blendworth, Chalton and Idsworth, and the Governing Body of Saint John's School.

PE also thanked John Skinner for his time as Church Warden not just last year but for a total of 14 years overall in the role.

14. Any other Business

Graham Mitchell pointed out that Chris Churchley had resigned as the Electoral Roll Officer and Gift Aid, and a replacement was needed. It was thought Marion Collin has offered to carry out these duties. Chris was thanked for his long service in those tasks.

15. Closing Prayer

Lizzy Gradidge closed the meeting in prayer.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Administrative Information

Full Parochial Name: St. John the Baptist, Rowlands Castle
Benefice: Rowlands Castle
Diocese: Portsmouth
Location: Rowlands Castle, Hampshire
Parish Office: 120 Redhill Road, Rowlands Castle, Hampshire PO9 6DF

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

**Standing Committee members*

During the year 2022 the following served as members of the PCC:

Priest-in Charge: The Revd Victoria Morgan*Chair (*until Dec 2023*)
Interim Minister: The Revd Dr Sarah Baker (*from Jan 2024*)
Associate Priest: The Revd Joy Windsor
Licensed Readers: Terry Monahan
Mary Close* (Deanery Synod Rep)
Zoë Skinner
Chris Hollis (Safeguarding Officer - DBS checks)
Bob Raley
Ex-Officio Member: Pam Ewing* (Deanery Synod Rep/Treasurer)
Elected Members: Carol Milford* (Parish Safeguarding Officer)
Marion Collin (Electoral Roll Officer)
Valerie Palmer
Roger Watson
Christine Powne
John Skinner
Rosie Harbour
Alan Elliott

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules as published online by the Church of England General Synod at: (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/churchrepresentation-rules/church-representation-rules-online>)

All regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC is the body of trustees for the Parish.

Charitable Status

The PCC is an Ecclesiastical Charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity No. 1129918.

Review of the Year

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 23rd March 2023 the former Churchwarden, John Skinner, stood down and Raymond Youngs was appointed as Churchwarden;

In October 2023, the Revd Vickie Morgan resigned with effect from 31st December 2023;

The PCC met on the following dates:

- 22nd May, 10th July, and 18th September 2023;
- 14th August 2023, to hold an all-day prayer meeting about the future of the church;
- 13th November 2023, to agree to the appointment of the Revd Dr Sarah Baker as Interim Minister with effect from the 1st January 2024;
- 8th January 2024 (with the Archdeacon and Area Dean present initially), to decide the future of St Johns Church, and decided that it should remain a Benefice on its own and should take accept the offer from the Diocese for funding for an incumbent for St Johns, on a half-time basis with housing provided at St Johns Vicarage, College Close;
- 15th January 2024 (with the Archdeacon and Area Dean present initially) to receive advice as to the procedure for appointing a new incumbent); and
- 7th February 2024, to develop a Mission Action Plan.

On 25th January 2024, the Archdeacon and her personal assistant carried out a Fabric Inspection of the Church and Church Centre.

Revd Dr Sarah Baker

ELECTORAL ROLL

At the 2023 APCM the Roll stood at 88. There were 4 additions and 2 deletions, and the Roll at year end stood at 90.

Marion Collin

SAFEGUARDING

The Church adheres to the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, copies of which can be found in the Church and Church Centre, and are available upon request from the church office.

PCC members and anyone involved in volunteering for all the various aspects of church life which are deemed desirable or necessary to receive DBS clearance and to undergo training, have been attending or completing on E- Learning the required safeguarding courses. This is an ongoing process whenever anyone comes forward to volunteer.

Carol Milford

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS

In 2023 at St. John's, there were 5 baptisms, 1 marriage, and 9 funerals in church,

Pam Ewing

FABRIC

This has been another quiet year regarding fabric. Funds are limited for any new major projects. There have, however, been a few notable events.

Architect

We have changed our architect and appointed a new one, John-Paul Rogers. This will be his first appointment as a church architect.

Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection is now overdue. It should be completed within the near future. We expect a few issues to be raised, including the crumbling pillar bases and the cracked ceiling.

Water Ingress

Water ingress in the south aisle is a continuing problem. Keeping the gutters cleared is the best remedy we have at present. We await any further comments in the quinquennial report.

Centre Lights

We are thankful for a grant that we received from the EHDC which enabled us to replace all the lights in the church centre with LED equivalents. The emergency lights have also been checked and replaced where necessary.

Centre Painting

We are hoping to get the church centre repainted in the near future.

Projector

We have a new projector in the church to replace the old one that died last year.

John Skinner

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Churchyard

The magnificent display of crocuses in February is due to some 20 + years of 'deliberate neglect'. The dioceses of Lichfield and Gloucester initiated God's Little Acre at the turn of the century, encouraging churches to be more aware of the wildlife in our churchyards – and particularly NOT to mow every available area. Some 20 years on the results are so impressive; the crocuses, primroses, wood anemonies and, later, bluebells are slowly spreading across large areas of the churchyard – including the North side of the church. The oxeye daisies and wild geraniums will be up later in the year and are both a bit invasive, but they do provide great spreads of flowers during early to mid Summer.

Particular thanks are due to the Blendworth Centre, who send out their teams every 4 weeks to cut and trim the main areas from April to October.

A few people each contribute in different ways to help maintain the tidiness of the church grounds and we offer our thanks to the following:

Paul Marshman puts in a huge effort throughout the year. He attends several times each week clearing and tidying mainly in the central triangle area. He also keeps one of the flower beds tidy and unfailingly puts out the dustbins for collection each week.

Alison Myall and Andrew Wyatt and Julie Taylor also look after some of the church flower beds.

Raymond and Daphne Youngs have been keeping the hedges in check, and this year arranged for a tree surgeon to reduce the height of the northern hedge as it was

too high for amateurs. They also help by taking the bulk of the swept leaves for composting. Much easier and more practical than taking them to the local tip!

Pam and Roy Ewing help with bonfires of the cuttings which steadily accumulate in the spoil heap area.

Finally, a HUGE thank-you to Ted Redsull who has tidied up the cremation plot memorial stones and has lifted them all after they had sunk below grass level over the last few years.

DIY Tasks

Pre Covid, a few church members helped out with a number of small DIY tasks e.g. painting the wrought iron gates and the chains outside the West door. We haven't done this since lock down and a few areas could do with some tidying/smartening up. I hope to put out a list of possible DIY jobs at the AGM and encourage some members to sign up to do them during the Summer.

THANK YOU again, all helpers. If any keen gardener would like to look after one of the flower beds or take on one of the many small jobs needed in the churchyard, please let me know.

Ian Hewitt

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES – MISSION REPORTS

8 O'Clock Eucharist

Everyone is welcome to this early, short, peaceful Eucharist, where usually around 15 regular worshippers attend.

We have 8 sidesmen, organised by Ian Hewitt, to be on duty once a month. The duties comprise opening up and lighting the church, accessing the safe, laying the communion table, handing out the newssheet and prayer book, lighting the candles, welcoming the Priest, reading the Epistle, taking and counting the collection, and then finally returning everything to order at the end.

Barbara Openshaw

Home Groups

These are small groups of members of the church family who choose to meet weekly in a home. The main reasons for these groups is to have an opportunity, which Sunday services don't always provide, to discover what the Bible says about living life today and having a chance to talk it through with a small group of friends.

I think it's right to say that we all find it is time well spent, in good company, learning by studying the Bible and often listening together to excellent teachers making great sense of God's design for our better living.

We also have social events, eat cake, Jaffa cakes and meals! The Home Groups often help to provide events such as Lent Course for the church family and the village to attend.

So don't miss out, see either Mandy or Valerie and we'll help you find a group that meets at a convenient time for you and will welcome you in. EVERYONE is welcome!

Valerie Palmer and Mandy Monahan

Flower Team

We have welcomed some new members to the flower arranging team, including myself, and this has brought about change, new ideas and a collective way of working at certain times, like Harvest Festival and Christmas. It is a great team working together and supporting each other, and it is wonderful to be a part of such a talented team who all share a love of God and flowers.

Rosie Harbour

Cleaning Team

Our dedicated team continue to keep the church clean and tidy each week. This involves two people on the rota cleaning our church six times a year. Additionally, we have team cleans and lunches. We thank everyone who gives their time to keeping the church clean, and welcome any new volunteers to the team.

Cynthia Raley

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship holds two meetings each month, as it has done for more than a century. Sadly, our numbers have fallen very low as our elderly members have no transport. We welcome anyone and everyone for tea, chat and sympathy.

Alison Myall

Prayer Ministry

Led Morning Prayers are held every Wednesday's at 9:00am in the church. All are welcome to join whenever they can.

Monday evening "Prayer Hour" is held 'via Zoom' at 7:30pm and the link is published in our weekly newsheet.

During this time, we seek guidance for the Lord's mission here at St John's, and we pray for world, community and individual needs. All are welcome for this important part of our church life.

Prayer Ministry Team

The Prayer Team is always available for anyone who would like prayer and support.

Prayer Ministry is always offered after our 10:00 o'clock Sunday service, in our Prayer Corner at the back of the Church.

Prayer Requests

There have been no requests received via Church Suite, however we have received many direct verbal requests or through personal emails;

Carol Milford receives the requests and then circulates as appropriate to the Prayer Team. Regular updates of testimonies and continued needs are also circulated.

All prayer follows the guidelines for confidentiality, unless an individual has given permission for wider knowledge.

If anyone feels they have a heart for prayer and would like to join our small team of faithful prayers, please contact Rev Sarah Baker or Carol Milford for more information as we seek to give prayer the higher profile it quite rightly deserves.

Carol Milford

Pastoral Ministry

- Beechwood Care Home

Both Chris Powne and I pay weekly visits to some of the residents in our village's care home. We are there as friends, willing to listen and chat about whatever residents' wish for. We have become very attached to the lovely people we have befriended and value the time we spend with them. It is also very inspiring to see the love and care which the Beechwood staff there give to the people they are looking after.

- Home Communion

Communion is taken to some members of our congregation who might not be well enough to attend one of our Communion Services. It gives me much happiness to be able to do this.

- Pastoral Visits

St John's has a Pastoral Visiting Team with eight volunteers available to provide a listening ear, empathetic support, arrange practical support and prayer. Mandy Monahan and Mel Ainsworth are key contacts for this team. Support can be accessed through pastoralcare@saintjohnschurch.org.

Chris Hollis

Little Fishes Baby & Toddler Group

Little Fishes has met every Monday this year except for School and Bank Holidays. Daphne Youngs, Lizzie Gradidge and Jill Hewitt lead the group, assisted by Zoë Skinner and Jackie Handscombe. There is a separate team of eight or nine ladies who offer more general help, particularly providing tea, coffee and snacks for everyone (and the lucky adults get a piece of cake, usually made by Chris Powne).

The adults who come along are mainly parents or grandparents of 0 - 3 year olds, and occasionally an older child. We also have a few regular childminders with a varying number of children in their care. The children and their carers can arrive any time after 9am when there are lots of toys to play with and usually a craft activity for the older ones. At 10am we have a short bible story and sing Grace before snack time. As we frequently have up to or around 30 children attending we have reorganised the format and now hold this in the large hall, and with lots of help it seems to work.

After the snack we have more free play, following by 'pack away' time and then 15 minutes of singing songs on the mat and action around the big hall. Rosie Dowty (née Batty) has started helping with this.

We attract not just families from the village, but also from the surrounding areas, and have received compliments on how friendly the group is, and have watched friendship groups being formed. We are very grateful to members of the church family who help to 'set up' on a Sunday after coffee, which really helps spread the load. The mornings are great fun and there is a cheerful 'buzzy' atmosphere most Mondays. Families occasionally attend church services and there has been one baptism and another recent enquiry.

Jill Hewitt

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF 2023

The Financial Report and Independent Examiners Report are available in a separate document.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Diocese of Portsmouth is divided into 7 Deaneries, looked after by 3 Archdeacons (of Portsdown, the Meon and the Isle of Wight). Here in Rowlands Castle we are part of Havant Deanery, under the Archdeacon of Portsdown. Our Area Dean is Rev. Andrew Sheard, (vicar of Warblington with Emsworth). Normally there are 3 DS meetings per year.

The March meeting was held at Hartplain Church. This was a positive and informal meeting, in which each Parish represented gave an account of good things happening in their Parish. Mary and Pam described our Anna Chaplaincy outreach to older folk and Little Fishes reaching out to young families. Other good things included a new toilet in Bedhampton, a successful Warm Hub in Hartplain, a Lent course in Denmead, Eco Church initiatives in Waterlooville and the Havant Passion Play introduced by the Leigh Park and Warren Park parish.

The June meeting was held at Christchurch, Portsdown. The main speaker was the Diocesan Director of Ministry and Mission, Canon Dr Anthony Rustell. He gave a presentation on Lay Leadership.

The November meeting was held here at St John's. The main speaker was the Vicar of St Peter's, Petersfield, Revd Will Hughes, talking about many aspects of ECO church. Among many points raised, I noted 'Replacing light bulbs can hugely reduce energy bills' – something we have just carried out in the Church Centre, with a grant from East Hants District Council, giving us a saving of 75% of our lighting bill.

Mary Close and Pam Ewing, Deanery Synod representatives.

Pam Ewing

**Parochial Church Council
of
St John the Baptist Church
Rowlands Castle**

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2023

Charity Commission Registration Number 1129918

Introduction

Despite the high cost of Fuel Bills, particularly gas, and no fundraising activities apart from Church Centre lettings being carried out, we have kept our head above water and the General Fund is higher than last year.

Statement of Financial Activities

<i>year</i>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	<i>Prior</i>
<i>funds</i>	funds	funds	funds	funds	<i>total</i>
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	65,425	3,120	—	68,545	70,202
Income from charitable activities	5,260	60	—	5,320	4,015
Other trading activities	10,879	—	—	10,879	11,145
Investments	572	90	—	662	321
Total income	82,137	3,270	—	85,407	85,684
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	65
Expenditure on charitable activities	66,474	4,438	—	70,913	68,109
Other expenditure	13,451	1,499	—	14,951	8,331
Total expenditure	79,926	5,938	—	85,864	76,505
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,210	(2,668)	—	(457)	9,178
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	420	—	420	600
Gross transfers between funds - out	(420)	—	—	(420)	(600)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	1,790	(2,248)	—	(457)	9,178
Total funds brought forward	23,850	8,492	—	32,343	23,164
Total funds carried forward	25,641	6,244	—	31,885	32,343
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	25,641	—	—	25,641	23,850
Restricted					
Building Repair	—	955	—	955	955
Ceiling Repair Fund	—	1,410	—	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep	—	23	—	23	(486)
Energy Assistance	—	0	—	0	1,500
Mission Possible	—	150	—	150	830
Parish Administrator	—	2,285	—	2,285	2,705
Portable Font & Baptism	—	560	—	560	578
St Johns Church School Prize	—	860	—	860	1,000

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	36,047	36,658
	36,047	36,658
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	4,162	4,315
	4,162	4,315
Total net assets less liabilities	31,885	32,343
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	25,664	23,850
Restricted		
Parish Administrator	2,285	2,705
Portable Font & Baptism	560	578
Ceiling Repair Fund	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep	0	(486)
Energy Assistance	0	1,500
Mission Possible	150	830
Building Repair	955	955
St Johns Church School Prize	860	1,000
Funds of the church	31,885	32,343

Statement of assets and liabilities

<i>year</i>	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	(25,475)	—	41,525	—	16,050	17,008
Bank current account #2 -	32,616	—	(31,142)	—	1,474	1,699
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	18,422	—	—	—	18,422	17,850
CCLA (CBF) Education Account -	0	—	0	—	1	0
Cash in hand -	100	—	—	—	100	100
Totals	25,664	—	10,383	—	36,047	36,658
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	4,162	—	4,162	4,315
Totals	—	—	4,162	—	4,162	4,315
Grand total	25,664	—	6,221	—	31,885	32,343

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	
Closing							
Admin - Parish Administrator							
Restricted	2,705	3,180	3,600	—	—	—	2,285
Sub-total for Admin	2,705	3,180	3,600	—	—	—	2,285
Baptism - Portable Font & Bapt							
Restricted	578	—	18	—	—	—	560
Sub-total for Baptism	578	—	18	—	—	—	560
Ceiling - Ceiling Repair Fund							
Restricted	1,410	—	—	—	—	—	1,410
Sub-total for Ceiling	1,410	—	—	—	—	—	1,410
Churchyard - Church Yard Upkeep							
Restricted	(486)	90	—	420	—	—	23
Sub-total for Churchyard	(486)	90	—	420	—	—	23
Education - Education Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Energy - Energy Assistance							
Restricted	1,500	—	1,499	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for Energy	1,500	—	1,499	—	—	—	0
MPfund - Mission Possible							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	830	—	680	—	—	—	150
Sub-total for MPfund	830	—	680	—	—	—	150
Repair - Building Repair							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	955	—	—	—	—	—	955
Sub-total for Repair	955	—	—	—	—	—	955
SchPrize - St Johns Church Scho							
Restricted	1,000	—	140	—	—	—	860
Sub-total for SchPrize	1,000	—	140	—	—	—	860
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	23,850	82,137	79,926	(420)	—	—	25,641
Sub-total for General	23,850	82,137	79,926	(420)	—	—	25,641
Grand total	32,343	85,407	85,864	—	—	—	31,885

Analysis of income and expenditure

<u>year</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total This year</u>	<u>Last</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	41,290	—	1,270	—	42,560	46,492
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	3,685	—	—	—	3,685	4,129
0201 - Other planned giving	1,125	—	300	—	1,425	1,740
0301 - Open plate collections	3,789	—	—	—	3,789	2,883
0310 - Blue Moon / Little Fishes	789	—	—	—	789	167
0320 - Back of Church Donations	282	—	—	—	282	141
0330 - Donations from Fellowship Breakfasts	343	—	—	—	343	99
0410 - Giving through church boxes	48	—	—	—	48	18
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	345	—	1,200	—	1,545	120
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,018	—	400	—	1,418	2,757
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	12,657	—	—	—	12,657	11,153
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	500
Total	65,375	—	3,170	—	68,545	70,202
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	5,260	—	60	—	5,320	4,015
Total	5,260	—	60	—	5,320	4,015
Other trading activities						
0910 - Fund Raising Events	191	—	—	—	191	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	9,990	—	—	—	9,990	10,847
1270 - Refunds and Misc Income	697	—	—	—	697	298
Total	10,879	—	—	—	10,879	11,145
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	—	—	90	—	90	89
1020 - Bank and building society interest	572	—	—	—	572	231
Total	572	—	90	—	662	321
INCOME TOTAL	82,087	—	3,320	—	85,407	85,684

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	—	—	—	—	—	65
Total	—	—	—	—	—	65

Expenditure on charitable activities

1820 - PCC Charitable Giving Fund	6,264	—	—	—	6,264	6,048
1835 - Vicars Discretionary Fund	—	—	—	—	—	24
1850 - Home mission	270	—	838	—	1,108	1,762
1870 - Secular charities	25	—	—	—	25	150
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	46,458	—	—	—	46,458	46,468
2001 - Assistant staff costs	357	—	—	—	357	255
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	—	—	3,600	—	3,600	3,225
2101 - Vicars Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	47
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	80
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,267	—	—	—	1,267	1,102
2310 - Church office - telephone	502	—	—	—	502	—
2330 - Church maintenance	1,008	—	—	—	1,008	180
2340 - Upkeep of services	861	—	—	—	861	40
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	1,396	—	—	—	1,396	2,604
2360 - Administration	1,288	—	—	—	1,288	2,050
2361 - Photocopier Running Costs	580	—	—	—	580	686
2401 - Church running - electric	797	—	—	—	797	319
2410 - Church running - gas	4,476	—	—	—	4,476	1,791
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	665	—	—	—	665	—
2450 - Church running - flowers	48	—	—	—	48	—
2460 - Church Running - candles	131	—	—	—	131	50
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	510
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	75	—	—	—	75	75
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	636
Total	66,474	—	4,438	—	70,913	68,109

Other expenditure

2140 - Vicarage Water rates	1,102	—	—	—	1,102	439
2515 - Kitchen Sundries (Coffee, milk etc)	2,577	—	—	—	2,577	588
2525 - Hall Running - Cleaning	1,404	—	—	—	1,404	1,404
2530 - Hall running - electricity	2,636	—	242	—	2,878	1,197
2540 - Hall running - gas	3,086	—	1,257	—	4,344	1,524
2550 - Hall running - insurance	1,267	—	—	—	1,267	1,102
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	286	—	—	—	286	514
2580 - Hall running - water	478	—	—	—	478	424
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	261	—	—	—	261	440
2595 - Hall Running - Refunds	100	—	—	—	100	431
2610 - Bank Account Charges	249	—	—	—	249	263
Total	13,451	—	1,499	—	14,951	8,331
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	79,926	—	5,938	—	85,864	76,505

GRAND TOTAL	2,233	—	(2,691)	—	(457)	9,178
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Notes

1. General

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA)

2. Funds

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted Funds represent funds given to the PCC for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended for the specific purpose for which they were given.

- The Building Repair Fund was not drawn on for new work in 2023 and has a limited fund left over from the significant activities in 2019.
- The Dunning Fund is a collection fund for income from an endowment managed by the Diocese for upkeep of the graves. The income for 2023 was used for church yard upkeep.
- The Font & Baptism fund was created in 2016 from money donated in the memory of M. Law & P. Winn for a portable font and provision of Baptism materials.
- The Mission Possible fund was created in 2017 to account for gifts, grants and expenses specifically for the Mission Possible housing project. The project has ended, and the surplus (£150) will be used appropriately for similar projects.
- The Ceiling Fund was created in 2017 to collect donation towards the repair of the church ceiling.
- The St John's School Prize Fund was created in 2019 to provide an annual Prize for pupils considered by the school to be deserving.
- The Administrator Fund was created in June 2022 to hold donations specifically to pay for an Administrator.
- The Energy Assistance Fund was created in December 2022 with a donation from the Church of England to help all Parishes with the great increase in fuel costs. It has been completely used up in 2023.

Agency Funds

From time to time the PCC collects money on behalf of others. This money is not income of the Church so is collected by the PCC as an agent for the recipient. As such it does not normally appear in the main accounts. Two occasions on which agency collections are made

a. Fees collected on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and eligible officiants for Weddings and Funerals as laid out in the Diocese fees table; also fees for Organists, Vergers and Sextons as necessary.

b. Sequestrated fees relate to any interregnum period .

In 2023 the Fees agency account stood as follows

	Carried over from 2022	Collected	Paid Out	Carried Over to 2024
DBF fees	(£3380)	£2053	£2753	(£2689)
DBF fees (sequestrated)	£320	-	-	£320

Verger Costs	(£75)	£350	£300	(£125)
Organist Costs	(£45)	£450	£700	£205
Sexton Costs	(£550)	£1180	£930	(£800)

Note: negative balances in braces () represent money held by the PCC but owed to a third party.

3. Fixed Assets

The Church retains the Church Centre Building as its sole fixed asset.

Since its acquisition the Church Centre building has been depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Net book value at 31 Dec 2022	£314,400
Depreciation for 2022	£10,480
Net book value at 31 Dec 2023	£303,920

4. Missionary and Charitable Giving

The Church supports a number of causes using approximately 10% of our donated income. In 2023 the following causes received contributions totaling £6264.00

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Church Housing Trust	Hope into Action	Beacon Food Bank
The Toybox Charity	Sovereign World Trust	Mission Aviation Fellowship
Emmanuel International	Mercy Ships	Release International
Medaille Trust	Barnabas Fund	Quicken Trust

5. Fundraising

Very little fund raising was done during 2023.

6. Reserve level

The PCC has agreed that a reasonable cash reserve of £23,000 (nominally 3 months of running costs) should be maintained (PCC Meeting 17 October 2016). Our General Fund stands at £25,664, so is above that of 2022 (£23,850).

7. Conclusion

We may have maintained our funds, but we will need to work hard to keep afloat. We are now employing an administrator again, and our Admin Fund will need more income than has been pledged to cover that cost. We have to face the problem of the Monterey Pine in the Church car park, which needs at least £3000 spending to make it safe.

This report dated: 12th February 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ROWLANDS CASTLE,REG NO,1129918

I report on the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and 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(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of 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 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 you as 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 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.

Sandra Hodgetts
42 The Green
Rowlands Castle
Hants PO9 6AB
(Barclays Bank-Ret'd)



Dated: 13th March 2024

Accounts

**THE PARISH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
ROWLANDS CASTLE**

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Priest in Charge: The Reverend Victoria Morgan
313 Havant Road, Farlington, Portsmouth PO6 1DD

Parish Office: The Church Centre, 120 Redhill Road,
Rowlands Castle PO9 6DF

Independent Examiner: Sandra Hodgetts, 42 The Green, Rowlands Castle
PO9 6AB

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc, 4 West Street, Havant PO9 1PE

1. Administrative Information

Full Parochial Name: St. John the Baptist, Rowlands Castle

Benefice: Rowlands Castle

Diocese: Portsmouth

Location: Rowlands Castle, Hampshire

Parish Office: 120 Redhill Road, Rowlands Castle, Hampshire PO9 6DF

2. Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

**Standing Committee members*

During the year 2022 the following served as members of the PCC:

Priest-in Charge: The Revd Victoria Morgan* *Chair*

Associate Priest: The Revd Joy Windsor

Licensed Readers: Terry Monahan*

	Mary Close* <i>Deanery Synod rep</i>
	Zoë Skinner
	Chris Hollis <i>Parish Safeguarding Officer</i>
	Bob Raley
<i>Church Wardens:</i>	Terry Monahan (until May 2022)
	John Skinner*
<i>Ex-Officio Member:</i>	Pam Ewing* <i>Deanery Synod rep / Treasurer</i>
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Chris Churchley <i>Electoral Roll Officer</i>
	David Mann
	Carol Milford (until May 2022)
	Joanna Mills (from May 2022 until November 2022)
	Graham Mitchell
	Valerie Palmer
	Roger Watson
	Christine Powne

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules as published online by the Church of England General Synod (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/church-representation-rules/church-representation-rules-online>). All regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC is the body of trustees for the Parish.

4. Charitable Status

The PCC is an Ecclesiastical Charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity No. 1129918.

5. Electoral Roll

At the 2022 APCM the Roll stood at 84. There was one deletion in 2022, and the Roll at year end stood at 83.

6. Safeguarding

St. John's is fully committed to the Church of England's Safeguarding Policies. The Safeguarding Policy can be found on the parish website and on internal and external church noticeboards. Any safeguarding concerns about either children or vulnerable adults should be brought to the immediate attention of the Clergy

or the Safeguarding Officer. There have been no reports of safeguarding matters in this reported year. The Safeguarding Officer monitors the training needs and initiates DBS checking. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Chris Hollis.

7. Review of activities - Mission Reports

Mission Possible

2022 has been our fifth and final year providing a home for vulnerable, homeless folk. We supported a refugee family for the first two years and since then a further four women (two with toddlers). All but one have moved on successfully into their own homes.

We came up to our five-year commitment during the year and were unable to find replacements for the key support roles from St John's. We explored the possibility of handing over the management of the service (and house) to Hope into Action Portsmouth but that didn't prove a viable alternative. In October, we put the house on the market.

Our final tenant has been ready to move on since August and has been actively looking for future accommodation, ably supported by Mandy and Jane.

At the end of 2022, our tenant is still in place but is expecting to move out before our sale (expected to be early March 2023).

The really good news is that our buyer is linked in with our friends at the Rural Refugee Network and plans to house a refugee family from Afghanistan so, in a very real sense, the work we started will continue in the house.

Our thanks go to all who have contributed to the Mission Possible project through investing, being trustees, providing furniture and equipment, refurbishing and cleaning, praying and befriending the tenants, not to mention the more hands-on roles of supporting the tenants and managing the house. It's been a wonderful adventure which has provided us with a real opportunity for joining in Christ's mission.

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.” (Is 58:6-8)

Terry, Jane, and Mandy

Communications

Email

Due to the increase in spam hitting the website email accounts additional protection has been added. This has reduced the amount of spam reaching the church accounts to a trickle. There are ten church email accounts in addition to Revd Vickie's work email account. The church office email account is the most heavily used by the parish to make contact through the website's Contact Us page.

Church Suite

The number of users registered with Church Suite is over a hundred. Church Suite is used for:

- Weekly communication of the news sheet to the church family
- Ad hoc communication as required by Revd Vickie or the admin team to promote special requests or events
- Management of rotas allowing users to set their availability for their given ministry
- Managing the bookings of the Church Centre
- Creation of Events that are automatically displayed in the What's Happening section of the website
- Linked the church calendar onto the website so it's available online for the whole parish
- Created a dual site to provide a similar display of Events and calendar for the BCI churches

Website saintjohnschurch.org.uk

The website is continually updated during the year to provide a resource for the parish giving details of services, a contact point for each of the ministries and details of special Events. A full calendar of the Christmas services was easily accessible for the parish.

The website has an invitation from Revd Vickie to the Ukrainian guests in the village to attend our services with Ukrainian music and prayers.

When available, the sermons from the 10am service are uploaded to the website so that they can be listened to again. Each month the information about the charity of the month is updated.

The website has all the required statutory information for Saint John's church.

Graham Dale

Women's Fellowship

Womens Fellowship has continued to meet twice monthly with a few new members but would like to give friendship to many more. We would like some drivers who could perhaps pick up a handicapped member. All are welcome for tea and company.

Alison Myall

Pastoral Group

Pastoral Care

As "Here to Listen" no longer provides the service we anticipated, we are reviewing the wider Pastoral Care Ministry of St Johns for the church a family and wider community

We currently do not have an official "Pastoral Care Team" as shared in last years Annual Report Pastoral Care and Prayer.

However Pastoral Care continues very much as part of our individual discipleship, both within the church and the wider community, home groups also provides an important pastoral care element.

Many of our Church family had picked up pastoral duties during the difficult period of Covid, which bought along its own unique situation, not least the feeling of isolation.

We are blessed in having a loving church family who have supported and continue to visit people within the parish and we are most grateful for all of those who draw alongside people in their need, without it having to be formalized, and see it as an accepted part of their Christian walk.

If you are aware of any need within the community, the Ministry Team would welcome you letting them know so that no one is 'falling through the gaps'.

Chris Hollis and others continue to visit Beechwood Care Home on a regular basis or when there are no restrictions due to ongoing Covid issues.

Home communion is offered for those who are no longer able to attend church, If know of anyone who would like to receive home communion, please let Rev Vickie or Chris Hollis know so they can contact them.

Mary Close was appointed to the Havant Deanery Anna Chaplaincy team in November 2022.

Prayer Ministry

Chris Powne continues to lead Morning Prayers on Wednesday's at 9:00am in the church, and would love you to join them whenever you can.

There is a "Prayer Hour" every Monday from 7:30pm by Zoom, the link is published in the weekly sheet.

During this time we seek the Lord for guidance for His mission here at St John's, and we pray for world, community and individual needs and situations, seeking the Lord's guidance for all our prayers.

The Prayer Ministry Team

The Prayer Team is always available for anyone in need, or would like prayer and support.

Prayer Ministry is always offered after our 10:00 o'clock Sunday service

Prayer Requests

Unfortunately, there have been no requests received via Church Suite, however we have received many requests for prayer via a WhatsApp group or personal emails;

Carol Milford usually receives the requests and then circulates as appropriate to the Prayer Team. Regular updates of testimonies and continued needs are also circulated.

With prayer we follow all the guidelines for confidentiality, unless an individual has given permission for wider knowledge.

If anyone feels they have a heart for prayer and would like to join our small team of faithful prayers, please contact Rev Vickie or Carol Milford for more information as we seek to give prayer the higher profile it quite rightly deserves.

Carol Milford

Little Fishes

Little Fishes met every Monday during 2022 except for School and Bank holidays. Daphne Youngs, Lizzie Gradidge and Jill Hewitt assisted by Zoe Skinner and Jackie Handscombe run the mornings. There is a separate team of seven ladies who help generally and particularly in the kitchen making tea and coffee and snacks for the participants. The adults who come are mainly parents or grandparents of 0 - 3 year olds, with occasionally an older child. The children and their carers arrive any time after 9 a.m. when there are lots of toys to play with. At 10 a.m. there is a short bible story and snacks for all, more play afterwards then singing and a craft activity; the morning ends at 11.15. 2022 started slowly after lockdown, but from September to Christmas the attendance varied from 5 to 15 children and since then has been rising steadily. Friendship groups have formed, particularly with mothers who moved in during or soon after the pandemic and many have commented on the friendliness of the group. We feel that we are providing a useful service to the village and it has been good to see some of the families occasionally attending church services.

Home Groups

Homegroups continue to be an important part of St John's family life. There are 4 groups which meet weekly. Attending online has continued to enable friends who are still isolating and those who live away from the area to be part of a group. One group has 5 zoomers and 7 who attend in person, so it clearly works well. Each group chooses its own session materials. A sample of the wide range of topics and books of the bible covered during 2022 include:

Paula Gooder – 'Everyday God', Antony Billington – 'Wisdom for the Whole of Life on Proverbs,' a study of Ruth, LICC study 'Connecting with your Front Line', Tom Wright - James and Advent for Everyone. A challenging read, in a good way, has been 'Twenty Questions Jesus Asked' by John Pritchard. Groups have also made good use of resources found on Youtube followed by discussion.

Members of the groups enjoy the fellowship, support, and encouragement of meeting with others on a regular basis. The yummy refreshments probably contribute to the enjoyment! Some groups have a choice of cake every meeting!

After 2 years of not being able to have whole church courses due to the pandemic it was good to gather for Lent 2022. We looked at 'Holy Habits. Following Jesus'. The course encourages the development and renewal of ten key practices, or holy habits, that were modelled by Jesus and were formative for the earliest Christian communities. This was a real team effort with each homegroup taking part in leading one of the sessions. Valerie and I were so grateful for the support from the groups during a tricky period for both of us.

Please chat to Valerie Palmer and Mandy Monahan, Homegroup Coordinators, if you would like to know more about Homegroups and how to get involved...all are welcome, no prior knowledge or experience required! Come along...what are you waiting for?

Mandy Monahan

Eco Church

Having successfully achieved our bronze award last year progress with Eco Church has stalled as we do not have a volunteer to lead this initiative. It continues to be a potential missional activity and I hope someone can take the lead this year.

Revd Vickie

Messy Church

2022 saw the return of Messy church at St John's. We had good attendance for Harvest and Christmas. The events have been slightly different to those in the past and have seen new faces joining us. In the future we may need to review when our Messy Church events are held. Many of our church school children cannot attend on a Sunday morning due to Sports events.

Revd Vickie

Church School

It has been a joy to welcome a number of our church school families to Messy church and events over the last year. I have been busy building relationships with children and families through our church school mission. I currently lead Collective Worship weekly in school. We have had special times of worship for Ukraine, the Queen's death, and Ash Wednesday. School have held Easter, Christmas and Harvest worship in church. These services are now split into EYFS and KS1, and KS2. This has enabled us to use the space more efficiently and parents are able to join the service. Offering coffee before the services for parents has enabled me to build relationships with the parents who would not usually attend our events. If any one is able to volunteer to make coffee before a school service please let me know.

Year 5 visited the war graves earlier this year and the school worship counsellors visited church for Remembrance and to mark the death of the Queen. Our children have been involved in a Macmillan coffee morning (parish and village were invited to join us) and our annual Christmas shoebox appeal. Year 6 attended the Cathedral leavers service in the summer term. We sadly could not find our school banner, however the children designed a new banner which we hope will be made in time for this years' service at the cathedral.

Our school were very pleased that members of St John's were able to help with the refreshments stall at the summer fair. This year we have been able to set up a secondhand uniform sale for school. Preloved uniform is collected from school and washed by volunteers. Sales are advertised throughout the year and donations for school uniform are raised for the school PTA.

As well as welcoming our church school, this year we also welcomed Jigsaw Nursery (who run out of our school) to church for their Christingle service.

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. If you would like to know more about how you could support our church school, please talk to me.

Revd Vickie

8. Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

In 2022 there were 10 baptisms, 1 confirmation, 6 marriages, and 10 funerals (7 in church, and 3 at the crematorium).

9. Review of the Year – PCC

The PCC met five times in 2022. The meetings were a mixture of ‘virtual’ and ‘in person’. The main points of focus were the Havant Deanery Plan and budget management.

10. Fabric Report

This has been another quiet year regarding fabric. Funds are limited for any new major projects. There have, however, been a few notable events.

Architect

We have appointed a new church Architect, Shawn Lambert of PWP Architects in Havant.

Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection is now overdue. It should be completed within the near future.

Water Ingress

Despite the pointing done on the roof tiles, we are still experiencing water ingress at the front of the south aisle during heavy rain if the gutters overflow. This has caused some damage to the ceiling paintwork and plaster. The rainwater troughs were found to be completely blocked and were professionally cleaned. We await further comments in the quinquennial.

Centre Lights

Many of the ceiling lights in the main hall have been replaced. This is not easy and requires the use of a scaffold tower. We are awaiting a convenient time to replace all the lights with LED equivalents.

Centre Painting

Thanks to Ian Hewitt for the never-ending job of touching up the paintwork in the church centre.

Churchyard report to be given separately at the meeting.

11. 2022 Financial Review

The Financial Report and Independent Examiners Report are available in a separate document.

12. Deanery Synod Report

Normally there are 3 Deanery Synod meetings per year. In March the Diocese appointed a new Bishop, so the scheduled meeting was replaced by a 'Meet Bishop Jonathan' event at St James' Church Emsworth.

The June meeting was held at St John's Church, Purbrook.

- Rev Ian Snares retired as joint Area Dean.
- An update on the Diocesan and Deanery Mission Action Plan was given. A lot of discussion produced several 'points to consider' including
 1. the support, training and encouragement of existing volunteers in their roles
 2. Parishes willing to try new things, plant new congregations, accommodate different worship styles
 3. Losing stipendiary posts would be detrimental to growth
 4. Many successful initiatives involving children (e.g. Messy Church, toddler groups) but no consistent way of progressing that to regular church attendance
- A report on the Anna Chaplaincy scheme, an initiative strongly supported by Bishop Jonathan, was presented by Colleen Jackson.

The November meeting was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn.

- Rev Kate MacFarlane was licenced as Associate Area Dean.
- The Action Plan was reviewed and the need for reenergising to turn plans into real action, in the areas of: Mission; enabling leadership; partnership and working together; youth and children.

· Chris Parker, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser, spoke on financial matters. The acronym MINT was introduced:

1. Mechanisms - tools for payment
2. Impact – explanation of why the church needs money
3. Need for people to give
4. Trust – confidence that the church will spend their gifts well

· Nick Ralph, Diocesan head of Mission and Social Transformation, gave a presentation on tools used for analysing populations to identify how to engage with people in our parishes.

Pam Ewing & Mary Close

13. The Future

In the coming year the PCC will need to review the missional activities we currently offer, not least because we have several volunteers stepping down and very few taking on new roles. They will also need to carefully consider a budget as the funds currently received are not covering our outgoings. The ministry team and PCC will also need to discern where we might work more closely with BCI churches in activities of ministry and mission.

**Parochial Church Council
of
St John the Baptist Church
Rowlands Castle**

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2022

Introduction

Income has increased and there have been no major expenses during 2022, so the figures look much better than the last couple of years..

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	62,272	7,930	—	70,202	61,275
Income from charitable activities	4,015	—	—	4,015	4,257
Other trading activities	11,145	—	—	11,145	5,598
Investments	231	89	—	321	95
Other income	—	—	—	—	3,402
Total income	77,664	8,019	—	85,684	74,629
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	65	—	—	65	4,491
Expenditure on charitable activities	63,457	4,651	—	68,109	74,183
Other expenditure	8,331	—	—	8,331	6,405
Total expenditure	71,854	4,651	—	76,505	85,081
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	5,810	3,368	—	9,178	(10,451)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	600	—	600	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(600)	—	—	(600)	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	5,210	3,968	—	9,178	(10,451)
Total funds brought forward	18,639	4,524	—	23,164	33,616
Total funds carried forward	23,850	8,492	—	32,343	23,164
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	23,850	—	—	23,850	18,639
Restricted					
Building Repair	—	955	—	955	955
Ceiling Repair Fund	—	1,410	—	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep	—	(486)	—	(486)	23
Energy Assistance	—	1,500	—	1,500	—
Mission Possible	—	830	—	830	364
Parish Administrator	—	2,705	—	2,705	—
Portable Font & Baptism	—	578	—	578	770
St Johns Church School Prize	—	1,000	—	1,000	1,000

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	36,658	25,933
	36,658	25,933
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	4,315	2,769
	4,315	2,769
Net current assets less current liabilities	32,343	23,164
Total assets less current liabilities	32,343	23,164
Total net assets less liabilities	32,343	23,164
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	23,850	18,639
Designated		
Mission Possible	—	—
Building Repair	—	—
Restricted		
Parish Administrator	2,705	—
Portable Font & Baptism	578	770
Ceiling Repair Fund	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep	(486)	23
Education Fund	—	—
Energy Assistance	1,500	—
Mission Possible	830	364
Building Repair	955	955
St Johns Church School Prize	1,000	1,000
Funds of the church	32,343	23,164

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	(17,799)	—	34,807	—	17,008	6,146
Bank current account #2 -	23,699	—	(22,000)	—	1,699	2,067
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	17,850	—	—	—	17,850	17,618
CCLA (CBF) Education Account -	—	—	0	—	0	0
Cash in hand -	100	—	—	—	100	100
Totals	23,850	—	12,808	—	36,658	25,933
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	4,315	—	4,315	2,769
Totals	—	—	4,315	—	4,315	2,769
Grand total	23,850	—	8,492	—	32,343	23,164

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Admin - Parish Administrator						
Restricted	—	5,930	3,225	—	—	2,705
Sub-total for Admin	—	5,930	3,225	—	—	2,705
Baptism - Portable Font & Bapt						
Restricted	770	—	192	—	—	578
Sub-total for Baptism	770	—	192	—	—	578
Ceiling - Ceiling Repair Fund						
Restricted	1,410	—	—	—	—	1,410
Sub-total for Ceiling	1,410	—	—	—	—	1,410
Churchyard - Church Yard Upkeep						
Restricted	23	89	600	—	—	(486)
Sub-total for Churchyard	23	89	600	—	—	(486)
Education - Education Fund						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
Energy - Energy Assistance						
Restricted	—	1,500	—	—	—	1,500
Sub-total for Energy	—	1,500	—	—	—	1,500
MPfund - Mission Possible						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	364	500	634	600	—	830
Sub-total for MPfund	364	500	634	600	—	830
Repair - Building Repair						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	955	—	—	—	—	955
Sub-total for Repair	955	—	—	—	—	955
SchPrize - St Johns Church Scho						
Restricted	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for SchPrize	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	18,639	77,664	71,854	(600)	—	23,850
Sub-total for General	18,639	77,664	71,854	(600)	—	23,850
Grand total	23,164	85,684	76,505	—	—	32,343

Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
	Total				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	41,602	—	4,890	46,492	44,058
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	4,129	—	—	4,129	2,206
0201 - Other planned giving	1,440	—	300	1,740	2,480
0301 - Open plate collections	2,883	—	—	2,883	2,120
0310 - Blue Moon / Little Fishes	167	—	—	167	78
0320 - Back of Church Donations	141	—	—	141	40
0330 - Donations from Fellowship Breakfasts	99	—	—	99	—
0410 - Giving through church boxes	18	—	—	18	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	120	—	—	120	640
0550 - Donations appeals etc	517	—	2,240	2,757	100
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	11,153	—	—	11,153	9,551
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	500	500	—
Total	62,272	—	7,930	70,202	61,275
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,015	—	—	4,015	4,257
Total	4,015	—	—	4,015	4,257
Other trading activities					
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	10,847	—	—	10,847	5,368
1270 - Refunds and Misc Income	298	—	—	298	230
Total	11,145	—	—	11,145	5,598
Investments					
1001 - Dividends	—	—	89	89	86
1020 - Bank and building society interest	231	—	—	231	9
Total	231	—	89	321	95
Other income					
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	3,402
Total	—	—	—	—	3,402
INCOME TOTAL	77,664	—	8,019	85,684	74,629

EXPENDITURE

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Total Last year</u>
Raising funds					
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	65	—	—	65	4,491
Total	65	—	—	65	4,491
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1820 - PCC Charitable Giving Fund	6,048	—	—	6,048	7,140
1835 - Vicars Discretionary Fund	24	—	—	24	50
1850 - Home mission	936	—	826	1,762	1,427
1870 - Secular charities	150	—	—	150	—
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	46,468	—	—	46,468	50,519
2001 - Assistant staff costs	255	—	—	255	128
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	—	—	3,225	3,225	7,970
2101 - Vicars Expenses	47	—	—	47	96
2201 - Parish training and mission	80	—	—	80	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,102	—	—	1,102	1,062
2330 - Church maintenance	180	—	—	180	—
2340 - Upkeep of services	40	—	—	40	215
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	2,004	—	600	2,604	862
2360 - Administration	2,050	—	—	2,050	1,838
2361 - Photocopier Running Costs	686	—	—	686	579
2401 - Church running - electric	319	—	—	319	351
2410 - Church running - gas	1,791	—	—	1,791	1,206
2420 - Church running - water	—	—	—	—	72
2460 - Church Running - candles	50	—	—	50	70
2570 - Hall running - telephone	510	—	—	510	516
2601 - Governance costs	75	—	—	75	75
examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	636	—	—	636	—
Total	63,457	—	4,651	68,109	74,183
Other expenditure					
2140 - Vicarage Water rates	439	—	—	439	201
2515 - Kitchen Sundries (Coffee, milk etc)	588	—	—	588	—
2525 - Hall Running - Cleaning	1,404	—	—	1,404	1,504
2530 - Hall running - electricity	1,197	—	—	1,197	967
2540 - Hall running - gas	1,524	—	—	1,524	899
2550 - Hall running - insurance	1,102	—	—	1,102	1,062
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	514	—	—	514	1,477
2580 - Hall running - water	424	—	—	424	62
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	440	—	—	440	—
2595 - Hall Running - Refunds	431	—	—	431	—
2610 - Bank Account Charges	263	—	—	263	231
Total	8,331	—	—	8,331	6,405
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	71,854	—	4,651	76,505	85,081
GRAND TOTAL	5,810	—	3,368	9,178	(10,451)

The attached notes form part of these Financial Statements

Approved by the PCC on

Signed on their behalf by the PCC Chairman

PCC Treasurer

Notes

1. General

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the SORP 2015 Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA)

2. Funds

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds are unrestricted funds which the PCC has designated for a specific purpose. We currently have no money in designated funds.

Restricted Funds represent funds given to the PCC for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended for the specific purpose for which they were given.

- The Building Repair Fund was not drawn on for new work in 2022 and has a limited fund left over from the significant activities in 2019.
- The Dunning Fund is a collection fund for income from an endowment managed by the Diocese for upkeep of the graves. The income for 2022 was used for church yard upkeep.
- The Font & Baptism fund was created in 2016 from money donated in the memory of M. Law & P. Winn for a portable font and provision of Baptism materials.
- The Mission Possible fund was created in 2017 to account for gifts, grants and expenses specifically for the Mission Possible housing project.
- The Ceiling Fund was created in 2017 to collect donation towards the repair of the church ceiling.
- The Administrator Fund was created in June 2022 to hold donations specifically to pay for an Administrator, intended to last for a year in the hope that by then regular income would increase sufficiently to pay an Administrator from the General fund.
- The Energy Assistance Fund was created in December 2022 with a donation from the Church of England to help all Parishes with the great increase in fuel costs.
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Agency Funds

From time to time the PCC collects money on behalf of others. This money is not income of the Church so is collected by the PCC as an agent for the recipient. As such it does not normally appear in the main accounts. The two occasions on which agency collections are made

a. Fees collected on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and eligible officiants for Weddings and Funerals as laid out in the Diocese fees table; also fees for Organists, Vergers and Sextons as necessary.

b. Sequestrated fees relate to the interregnum period prior to the appointment of the new vicar in September 2019.

In 2021 the Fees agency account stood as follows

	Carried over from 2021	Collected	Paid Out	Carried Over to 2023
DBF fees	(£1,630)	£2487	£728	(£3,390)
DBF fees (sequestrated)	£320	-	-	£320
Verger Costs	£5	£360	£280	£75
Organist Costs	(£45)	£295	£295	(£45)
Sexton Costs	(£470)	£190	£110	(£550)

Note: negative balances in braces () represent money held by the PCC but owed to a third party.

3. Fixed Assets

The Church retains the Church Centre Building as its sole fixed asset.

Since its acquisition the Church Centre building has been depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Net book value at 31 Dec 2021	£324,880
Depreciation for 2021	£10,480
Net book value at 31 Dec 2021	£314,400

4. Missionary and Charitable Giving

The Church supports a number of causes using approximately 10% of our Unrestricted Funds. In 2022 the following causes received contributions totaling £6048.00:

Church Housing Trust	St Lukes Healthcare	Beacon Food Bank
The Toybox Charity	Sovereign World Trust	Mission Aviation Fellowship
Emmanuel International	Mercy Ships	Release International
Medaille Trust	Barnabas Fund	Quicken Trust

5. Fundraising

Very little fund raising was done during 2022.

6. Reserve level

The PCC has agreed that a reasonable cash reserve of £23,000 (nominally 3 months of running costs) should be maintained (PCC Meeting 17 October 2016). This has been achieved in 2022, mainly because :

1. the income from the hire of the Church Centre has doubled.
2. The cost of a Parish Administrator has been covered by special donations to a reserved fund.

Conclusion

It is good to have increased our income enough to restore our reserves

However, looking forward, to maintain this level of reserves, our income will need to increase considerably to cover

1. the projected fuel bills in the coming year. They will be 4 times last year's bills – for comparison , fuel bills for January 2022 totalled £483; January 2023 totalled £2,327.
2. The payment of a Parish Administrator without relying on a few generous individuals committing to cover the costs.

We have increased Centre fees by 10%. We need to promote our Church Centre for daytime and weekend use.

This report dated: February 9, 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ROWLANDS CASTLE. REG NO., 1129918.

I report on the financial statements for the year to 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and 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(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of 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 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 you as 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 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.

Sandra Hodgetts
42 The Green
Rowlands Castle
Hants PO9 6AB
(Barclays Bank-Ref'd)



Dated: 1st March 2023

Accounts

**THE ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER 2021**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
of
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ROWLANDS CASTLE**

Charity Commission Registration Number: 1129918

Reference and administrative information

The Church of St John the Baptist, Rowlands Castle is situated off Redhill Road near the junction of the B2148 and B2149. It is part of the Deanery of Havant and Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The address of the Parish Office is 120 Redhill Road, Rowlands Castle, Hampshire PO9 6DF (Tel: 02392 410111).

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (number: 1129918).

<i>Vicar</i>	The Revd Vickie Morgan
<i>Readers:</i>	Mary Close Chris Hollis Terry Monahan Bob Raley Zoe Skinner
<i>Church Wardens</i>	Pam Ewing Terry Monahan
<i>Treasurer</i>	Nick Granger-Brown
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Pam Ewing Mary Close
<i>Elected Members</i>	Lyndsay Leggatt Phil Leggatt David Mann Carol Milford Alison Myall Valerie Palmer Chris Powne John Skinner Roger Watson Gill Whatley (PCC Secretary to Oct 2021)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has ultimate responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the Parish including compliance with legislation relating to health and safety, disability discrimination and child protection. There is a Standing Committee to deal with executive and administrative issues and Ministers & Readers meet to plan matters relating to worship. Individual PCC members represent the PCC in various aspects of Church life and report back to the PCC as a body.

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar and the Churchwardens in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre.

Public Benefit

The PCC has had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular to guidance contained in www.gov.uk/public-benefit-rules-for-charities.

Our activities of public benefit included:

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas
- Maintaining a churchyard and encouraging biodiversity in plant and insect species
- Maintaining graves of historical interest
- Provision of church centre available for use as a meeting place

Achievements and performance

During 2021, events and activities continued to be affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Church Attendance

The number of parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll was 81. Average weekly attendance at Sunday services, when these were possible, was considerably reduced at approximately 35. There were 4 funerals and 4 baptisms during the year. No weddings took place.

Parochial Church Council

The PCC were able to meet physically for most meetings during 2021. The significant areas of business addressed have been the finances of the PCC, risk assessments for public worship and adopting safeguarding policies. During the year, the PCC has maintained vigilance over Safeguarding, continued to pay its Parish Share in full, reviewed its budget and ensured that church buildings were risk assessed as Covid restrictions changed.

Safeguarding

St. John's is fully committed to the Church of England's Safeguarding Policies. The Safeguarding Policy can be found on the parish website and on internal and external church noticeboards. There have been no reports of safeguarding matters in this reported year.

Church Fabric and Grounds

Our thanks go to all who helped to maintain the churchyard and flowerbeds throughout the year.

Roof Slates

Six slates were replaced on the roofs of the church and centre as they had slipped out of place. At the same time the builder identified a crack in the mortar above the south aisle. He filled this and the influx of water during storms has been greatly reduced.

Ceiling plaster

There was a fall of plaster from the ceiling in the sanctuary. This area has been closed for safety reasons.

Mission Possible

2021 was a very busy year for us with the Mission Possible House, complicated by various lockdowns and restrictions on how we could meet with our tenants. We started the year with 3 young vulnerable women, two of whom had toddlers. All three of them have since moved on successfully to their own private rentals with Housing Associations. St John's have continued to be very supportive, both to our volunteers, and also financially, providing the TV Licence and Broadband service for our tenants.

Communications

Email

Generic email addresses have been created for the key ministries at Saint John's. The generic email addresses have been incorporated into the contact information on the website.

Church Suite

The Church is using Church Suite, a widely used administration and planning tool.

Church Suite training was given to the volunteer administration team and additionally to the church family.

Website (saintjohnschurch.org.uk)

Version 2 of Saint John's website was released on 25th October 2021 incorporating a change of style and removal of the blue background.

The calendar from Church Suite was built into the website, accessible from the top-level menu, enabling the church family and the whole parish to find out what's happening at Saint John's and in the church centre, selectable month by month. Featured events are highlighted on the front page of the website. These events have included the Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services, the Lent course and the APCM.

When available, the sermons from the 10am service are uploaded to the website so that they can be listened to again. Each month the information about the charity of the month is updated.

Music/Worship Group

The music group usually played twice a month for the 10 o'clock Sunday service. In December, members of the group were involved in the outdoor carol service on the Village Green.

Pastoral Care

Prayer Ministry Team

Chris Powne leads morning Prayers on Wednesdays at 9:00am in the church. All are welcome to join.

An informal Prayer Hour takes place every Monday from 7:30pm by Zoom.

The Prayer Ministry Team is available to minister to those in need and it is available to anyone for prayer and support.

Ministry usually occurs after our 10:00 o'clock service, but the team is available at any time.

Our Website and ChurchSuite have links for prayer requests. We emphasise that all prayer requests are in strictest confidence.

Charitable Giving and Mission Support

The Church continued to support the Beacon Food Bank with donations of food. The PCC aims to allocate approximately 10% of its income to our giving mission.

During 2021 the following causes received contributions totaling £7,140.

Barnabus Fund	Beacon Food Bank	Church Housing Trust
Emmanuel International	Sovereign World Trust	Mission Aviation Fellowship
Medaille Trust	Mercy Ships	Quicken Trust
Release International	St. Luke's Healthcare	The Toybox Charity

The Charitable Giving Committee supports the probity of the PCC by ensuring that monies are given in line with strict legal requirements and it checks that our charities are Christian, registered with the Charities Commission, and remain in good standing.

Small Groups / Home Groups

Despite the difficulties of the last two years, Homegroups have continued to function and continue to be an important part of St John's family life, with four groups running weekly.

Gatherings have taken place online as well as in person throughout 2021 as covid numbers and restrictions have allowed. Meeting online has opened up a new way to include friends who are still isolating and those who have moved to pastures new or live away from the area part of the year.

Eco Church

The Eco Church initiative is an ecumenical scheme helping churches to make the link between environmental issues and the Christian faith, and to respond in practical action. It considers how the environment is addressed within Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community & Global Engagement and Lifestyle. Saint John's has been awarded the A Rocha Bronze Award for the work it has completed towards meeting this vision.

Church School

Revd Vickie led Collective Worship weekly either in school or via pre-recorded videos. She has also supported some year groups on school trips which has allowed her to get to know the children and staff better.

We now have a team of children who act as Worship Counsellors and assist in worship. In 2021 we were not able to host the school end of term worship due to Covid restrictions.

**Parochial Church Council
of
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Rowlands Castle**

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2021

Charity Commission Registration Number 1129918

Introduction

The continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have disrupted all activities during 2021, with restrictions on church attendance and social functions not being relaxed until July. Weekly collections and Centre lettings have been affected, although the majority of Pledged giving continues through the Parish Giving Scheme or monthly standing orders.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	61,225	50	—	61,275	71,722
Income from charitable activities	4,257	—	—	4,257	2,646
Other trading activities	5,526	72	—	5,598	3,364
Investments	9	86	—	95	197
Other income	3,402	—	—	3,402	—
Total income	74,420	208	—	74,629	77,930
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4,491	—	—	4,491	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	73,480	702	—	74,183	79,108
Other expenditure	6,405	—	—	6,405	7,054
Total expenditure	84,378	702	—	85,081	86,162
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(9,958)	(493)	—	(10,451)	(8,231)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	356
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(356)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(9,958)	(493)	—	(10,451)	(8,231)
Total funds brought forward	28,598	5,018	—	33,616	41,847
Total funds carried forward	18,639	4,524	—	23,164	33,616
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Unrestricted					
General fund	18,639	—	—	18,639	28,598
Designated					
Building Repair	—	—	—	—	—
Mission Possible	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted					
Building Repair	—	955	—	955	955
Ceiling Repair Fund	—	1,410	—	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep	—	23	—	23	20
Education Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Mission Possible	—	364	—	364	823
Portable Font & Baptism	—	770	—	770	807
St Johns Church School Prize	—	1,000	—	1,000	1,000

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Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	25,933	35,354
	25,933	35,354
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,769	1,738
	2,769	1,738
Net current assets less current liabilities	23,164	33,616
Total assets less current liabilities	23,164	33,616
Total net assets less liabilities	23,164	33,616
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	18,639	28,598
Designated		
Mission Possible	—	—
Building Repair	—	—
Restricted		
Portable Font & Baptism	770	807
Ceiling Repair Fund	1,410	1,410
Church Yard Upkeep	23	20
Education Fund	—	—
Mission Possible	364	823
Building Repair	955	955
St Johns Church School Prize	1,000	1,000
Funds of the church	23,164	33,616

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	(15,963)	—	22,110	—	6,146	4,397
Bank current account #2 -	16,885	—	(14,818)	—	2,067	13,247
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	17,618	—	—	—	17,618	17,609
CCLA (CBF) Education Account -	—	—	0	—	0	0
Cash in hand -	100	—	—	—	100	100
Totals	18,639	—	7,293	—	25,933	35,354
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	2,769	—	2,769	1,738
Totals	—	—	2,769	—	2,769	1,738
Grand total	18,639	—	4,524	—	23,164	33,616

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Baptism - Portable Font & Bapt						
Restricted	807	—	37	—	—	770
Sub-total for Baptism	807	—	37	—	—	770
Ceiling - Ceiling Repair Fund						
Restricted	1,410	—	—	—	—	1,410

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Sub-total for Ceiling	1,410	—	—	—	—	1,410
Churchyard - Church Yard Upkeep						
Restricted	20	86	84	—	—	23
Sub-total for Churchyard	20	86	84	—	—	23
Education - Education Fund						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
MPfund - Mission Possible						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	823	122	581	—	—	364
Sub-total for MPfund	823	122	581	—	—	364
Repair - Building Repair						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	955	—	—	—	—	955
Sub-total for Repair	955	—	—	—	—	955
SchPrize - St Johns Church Scho						
Restricted	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for SchPrize	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	28,598	74,417	84,378	—	—	18,636
Sub-total for General	28,598	74,417	84,378	—	—	18,636
Grand total	33,616	74,629	85,081	—	—	23,164

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	44,058	—	—	—	44,058	40,540
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	2,206	—	—	—	2,206	1,986
0201 - Other planned giving	2,480	—	—	—	2,480	6,036
0301 - Open plate collections	2,120	—	—	—	2,120	1,117
0310 - Blue Moon / Little Fishes	78	—	—	—	78	115
0320 - Back of Church Donations	40	—	—	—	40	500
0330 - Donations from Fellowship Breakfasts	—	—	—	—	—	5
0401 - Regular gift days	—	—	—	—	—	—
0410 - Giving through church boxes	—	—	—	—	—	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	640	—	—	—	640	7,709
0510 - Gifts of quoted securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	50	—	50	—	100	400
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,551	—	—	—	9,551	12,813
0701 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	500
0801 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
0901 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	61,225	—	50	—	61,275	71,722

Income from charitable activities

1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,257	—	—	—	4,257	2,646
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote	—	—	—	—	—	—

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objectives						
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4,257	—	—	—	4,257	2,646
Other trading activities						
0910 - Fund Raising Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	5,368	—	—	—	5,368	3,364
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1270 - Refunds and Misc Income	158	—	72	—	230	—
Total	5,526	—	72	—	5,598	3,364
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	—	—	86	—	86	83
1020 - Bank and building society interest	9	—	—	—	9	114
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9	—	86	—	95	197
Other income						
1310 - Insurance claims	3,402	—	—	—	3,402	—
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
1999 - Holding for unidentified deposits	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3,402	—	—	—	3,402	—
INCOME TOTAL	74,420	—	208	—	74,629	77,930

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	4,491	—	—	—	4,491	—
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4,491	—	—	—	4,491	—

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1820 - PCC Charitable Giving Fund	7,140	—	—	—	7,140	6,749
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1835 - Vicars Discretionary Fund	50	—	—	—	50	—
1850 - Home mission	809	—	618	—	1,427	1,259
1855 - Library & Home groups materials	—	—	—	—	—	2
1870 - Secular charities	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	50,519	—	—	—	50,519	42,039
1911 - Fees returned on behalf of	—	—	—	—	—	100

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DBF						
2001 - Assistant staff costs	128	—	—	—	128	588
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	7,970	—	—	—	7,970	9,588
2101 - Vicars Expenses	96	—	—	—	96	141
2110 - Interregnum - Ministers Fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2111 - Interregnum - Ministers Expense	—	—	—	—	—	—
2150 - Vicar's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	73
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	494
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,062	—	—	—	1,062	1,027
2310 - Church office - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	160
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	—
2330 - Church maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	415
2331 - Cleaning	—	—	—	—	—	—
2340 - Upkeep of services	215	—	—	—	215	905
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	778	—	84	—	862	73
2360 - Administration	1,838	—	—	—	1,838	654
2361 - Photocopier Running Costs	579	—	—	—	579	777
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	—
2380 - Young / Messy Church materials	—	—	—	—	—	13
2390 - Blue Moon Cafe expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2401 - Church running - electric	351	—	—	—	351	400
2410 - Church running - gas	1,206	—	—	—	1,206	1,181
2420 - Church running - water	72	—	—	—	72	—
2430 - Church running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
2450 - Church running - flowers	—	—	—	—	—	23
2460 - Church Running - candles	70	—	—	—	70	4
2501 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2520 - Hall running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2570 - Hall running - telephone	516	—	—	—	516	546
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	75	—	—	—	75	75
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	11,817
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	—	—	—	—	—	—
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	73,480	—	702	—	74,183	79,108
Other expenditure						
2120 - Vicarage Council tax	—	—	—	—	—	—
2140 - Vicarage Water rates	201	—	—	—	201	—
2515 - Kitchen Sundries (Coffee, milk etc)	—	—	—	—	—	96
2525 - Hall Running - Cleaning	1,504	—	—	—	1,504	1,404
2530 - Hall running - electricity	967	—	—	—	967	982
2540 - Hall running - gas	899	—	—	—	899	1,181
2550 - Hall running - insurance	1,062	—	—	—	1,062	1,027

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2560 - Hall running - maintenance	1,477	—	—	—	1,477	1,330
2580 - Hall running - water	62	—	—	—	62	801
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
2595 - Hall Running - Refunds	—	—	—	—	—	—
2610 - Bank Account Charges	231	—	—	—	231	230
Total	6,405	—	—	—	6,405	7,054
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	84,378	—	702	—	85,081	86,162
GRAND TOTAL	(9,958)	—	(493)	—	(10,451)	(8,231)

Notes

1. General

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the SORP 2015 Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA)

2. Funds

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds are unrestricted funds which the PCC has designated for a specific purpose. We currently have no money in designated funds.

Restricted Funds represent funds given to the PCC for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended for the specific purpose for which they were given.

- The Religious Education fund is for religious educational purposes within the Parish of Rowlands Castle. The fund was used in 2020 for young church activities and was depleted to zero during the year.
- The Building Repair Fund was not drawn on for new work in 2021 and has a limited fund left over from the significant activities in 2019.
- The Dunning Fund is a collection fund for income from an endowment managed by the Diocese for upkeep of the graves. The income for 2021 was used for church yard upkeep.
- The Font & Baptism fund was created in 2016 from money donated in the memory of M. Law & P. Winn for a portable font and provision of Baptism materials.
- The Mission Possible fund was created in 2017 to account for gifts, grants and expenses specifically for the Mission Possible housing project.
- The Ceiling Fund was created in 2017 to collect donation towards the repair of the church ceiling.

Agency Funds

From time to time the PCC collects money on behalf of others. This money is not income of the Church so is collected by the PCC as an agent for the recipient. As such it does not normally appear in the main accounts. The two occasions on which agency collections are made

a. Fees collected on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and eligible officiants for Weddings and Funerals as laid out in the Diocese fees table; also fees for Organists, Vergers and Sextons as necessary.

b. Sequestrated fees relate to the interregnum period prior to the appointment of the new vicar in September 2019.

In 2021 the Fees agency account stood as follows

	Carried over from 2020	Collected	Paid Out	Carried Over to 2021
DBF fees	(£1,162)	£906	£437	(£1,630)
DBF fees (sequestrated)	£320	-	-	£320
Verger Costs	£55	£160	£110	£5
Organist Costs	(£65)	£265	£285	(£45)
Sexton Costs	(£15)	£1145	£690	(£470)

Note: negative balances in braces () represent money held by the PCC but owed to a third party.

3. Fixed Assets

The Church retains the Church Centre Building as its sole fixed asset.

Since its acquisition the Church Centre building has been depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Net book value at 31 Dec 2020	£335,360
Depreciation for 2021	£10,480
Net book value at 31 Dec 2021	£324,880

4. Missionary and Charitable Giving

The Church supports a number of causes using approximately 10% of our Unrestricted Funds. In 2021 the following causes received contributions totaling £7140.00:

Church Housing Trust	St Lukes Healthcare	Beacon Food Bank
The Toybox Charity	Sovereign World Trust	Mission Aviation Fellowship
Emmanuel International	Mercy Ships	Release International
Medaille Trust	Barnabas Fund	Quicken Trust

5. Fundraising

Very little fund raising was done during 2021.

6. Reserve level

The PCC has agreed that a reasonable cash reserve of £23,000 (nominally 3 months of running costs) should be maintained (PCC Meeting 17 October 2016). Unfortunately, it has not been possible to maintain this during 2021. Contingency reserve available at the end of 2021 is £18,636 general.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ROWLANDS CASTLE-REG.CHARITY NO.1129918**

I report on the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and 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(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and**
- **To state whether particular matters have come to my attention**

Basis of 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 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 you as 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 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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Dated: 26 April 2022