

Other events in the year:

- Christmas day service
- House group and on-line Lent course
- Easter Services
- Christmas Tree Festival
- A Nine Lessons & carols services were held in the parish.
- A Remembrance Day service was held at the War Memorial in Kingsthorpe.
- Crib and Christingle services
- Fun & Faith youth group met regularly across.

Each of the church halls have reopened for community events and sponsored by the church congregations.

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St David's Church



***The Church of
St John the Baptist***

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2023 REPORTS



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The Parochial Church Council met five times in full session in the year. All meetings were held on Zoom until May 2022. After May 2022, the PCC meet in person at St David's with an option of dialling in on Zoom for those who wished to. All meeting were quorate.

(Representation to the PCC from each church at the annual meeting in 2013 increased to 10 persons over and above Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members (as agreed and notified in 2012)).

Various members of the PCC support the life of the Parish through sub-groups, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth activity and Mission.

Deanery Synod representation after the annual meeting was 1 person. (The electoral roll allows for 5 positions).

The Parish was unable to pay the Parish Share in full in 2022. Fund-raising efforts slowly recovered during the year, but they were not enough to be back to the same level as it was pre pandemic.

The Parish Office, with a Team Co-ordinator and voluntary assistance, continues to be an important asset.

Mrs Jane Serbyn is the Parish Safeguarding Officer. She has ensured that across the team on-line training has been undertaken where individuals have access to the technology to do so. She provided regular updates to the Parochial Church Council.

The Team has representatives to the local Kingsthorpe Village Conservation Group, Pocket Park Committee, Kingsthorpe Churches Together and St. David's Community Association. The Community Café at St. David's was able to reopen. St David's have been running a successful and well used foodbank.

Fabric matters are dealt with regularly at all churches. The redevelopment of the Chapter House at St. John the Baptist has stalled due to the planning permission expiring.

During 2022, contact with the local schools has continued. There have been in person visits made to our churches at Christmas.

Report for Charity Commission

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Charity No. 1130370)
for St. David, Eastern Avenue, NN2 7QB
St. John the Baptist, Kingsthorpe Village, NN2 6QZ
St. Mark, St. Mark's Crescent, NN2 8EG

The staffing level in the parish during the last year was Rector (Rev. Canon Jane Butler), the Curates Rev. Jonathan and Sarah Lee. Assistance is also given to the parish by Rev Stuart Mousir-Harrison. The Lay Pastoral Minister is Christopher Woodley. Mrs. Sarah-Jane Major is a Reader Ministry. Mrs. Judith Whitmore was the Lay Evangelists within the parish.

Thanks are due to Interpreters Jackie Hutchinson and Matthew Brennan who work with the Rector.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 7th April 2022 on Zoom. Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the membership of the Parochial Church Council was made up as follows: -

St. David:

Rebecca Adnitt (Churchwarden), Sarah-Jane Major (Lay Reader/ex-officio), Maureen Robinson, Joyce Munroe, Paula Blackwell, Jane Serbyn and June Ward (Churchwarden).

St. John the Baptist:

Mandy Bentley (Lay Chair), Peter Borley-Cox (Treasurer), Mark Brame (Churchwarden), Dorothy Brooke, Geoffrey Foster, Jennifer Griffin (Deanery Synod/ex-officio), and Pauline Stone.

St. Mark:

Jo Carrick (Churchwarden), Suzanne Evans (Assistant Treasurer), Ruth Gould, Helen Hickman (Secretary), Elizabeth May, Karen Tomlin (Churchwarden), Kathy Wilcox and Richie Carrick.

KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY Charity Number 1130370 **KINGSTHORPE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2022**

*The purpose of our Church is
to grow together in the faith of Jesus Christ
and to share God's love with all.*

AGENDA for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at St David's Church at 7.30pm.

Prayers

VESTRY MEETING:

Apologies for absence

- Appointment of Churchwardens
- Appointment of PCC members (10 persons from each church)
- Appointment of Sidespersons.
- Appointment to Deanery Synod.

PARISH MEETING:

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 7th April 2022.

Report from PCC Treasurer and approval of the accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Electoral Roll(s).

Comments from Team Clergy.

Reports from Lay Pastoral Ministers, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod - already circulated.

Fabric reports.

Rector's comments.

Any Other Business:

Date of 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

Dates of future meetings.

Appointment of Lay Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer.

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**KINGSTHORPE TEAM MINISTRY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of the annual parochial church meeting held on Thursday, 7th April 2022 by Zoom.

Revd. Canon Jane Butler chaired the meeting. Re Jonathan Lee & Revd Sarah Lee were also present. Mark Brennan was interpreter.

Present:	St. David	5 laity
	St. John the Baptist	10 laity
	St. Mark	12 laity
Apologies:	St. David	2 laity
	St. John the Baptist	None
	St. Mark	1 laity

The meeting opened with prayers lead by Revd. Canon Jane Butler.

VESTRY MEETING:

Appointment of Churchwardens:

St. David:

1. June Ward - proposed - Jane Serbyn; seconded - Pat Raybould.
2. Rebecca Adnitt - proposed - Jane Serbyn; seconded - Pat Raybould.

St. John the Baptist:

1. Mark Brame - proposed - Jackie Hutchinson; seconded - Mandy Bentley.
2. Vacant

St. Mark:

1. Karen Tomlin - proposed - Sue Evans; seconded - Margaret Gorringe .
2. Jo Carrick - proposed - Shirley Cumbleton; seconded Karen Tomlin

Revd Jan Butler thanked the outgoing churchwardens for all their work in the past year and that she looked forward to working with the newly elected church wardens in the coming year.

Deanery Synod Representatives ex officio (1st year of 3-year term).

During 2022/3 our numbers have steadily grown (Currently 31) The sessions provide a mix of fellowship and craft as well as having a regular time of meditation and prayer. The group provides a space where 'Its ok not to be ok'. Members are referred from Social Prescribers at local surgeries as well as those who regularly attend from within the parish.

Throughout the warmer months of the year a small group extended the session by joining a short walk to Bradlaugh Fields Barn for refreshment before returning to the hall. As the winter approached, we extended our session in the hall by an hour to include lunch as well as a 'warm space' where others could join us.

We have received a £500 grant from Kingsthorpe Parish Council which has been used towards resources, games, and lunches.

Young people have started to attend the sessions with a range of needs, so it is our intention to develop a space where they are free to be supported through discussion and referral as necessary. This group 'Renew 88 Family' will be supported by health professionals and councillors. It will offer 'Parenting courses and Early years child welfare', a Space to talk', a 'time for meditation and prayer' and a space to develop friendships. This too is a place where 'Its ok not to be ok'. (Thursdays - June 2023)

The church recognises everyone by name and not by label and offers fellowship and support in a non-judgemental space.

Jane Serbyn

Pocket Park Report.

The volunteers continue to meet every Saturday morning from March to October.

In 2022 we bought a second new bench made from cast iron and recycled plastic. As part of the Queen's green canopy and celebration of her Platinum Jubilee, we planted a flowering cherry tree which seems to have taken well. A new gate was fitted to the front entrance and the paths maintained for easy movement around the park.

The village school continues to visit the park most Tuesdays for Woodland activities and it serves as a great educational site for them.

New volunteers are always welcome, and a free hot drink is usually served at 11 am!

Mandy Bentley

We have welcomed some new members to our group but with sadness we said our final goodbyes to four of our members, Rosie, Pat, Brenda and Shirley, they will be missed but remembered with a smile.

As your chair I still have much to learn and as we move into a new year thank you for your commitment and support of such a wonderful organisation and may we continue as a branch upholding the aims and objectives of the world wide Mothers Union.

Sarah - Jane Major

Safeguarding

The Parish continues to hold Safeguarding at the centre of its framework. The Diocese Dashboard is working at the highest level and continues to keep abreast of new and updated issues.

All the churches activities have annually reviewed policies, risk assessment and appropriately registered DBS checked, paid and volunteer workers. Each church has a safeguarding representative who meet quarterly throughout the year and as necessary to ensure safety within our churches.

St David's Time for Tots

(Thursdays 1.30-3pm in term time)

This group for parents/carers and their children aged between 0-5yrs continues to flourish. It attracts families from across the parish and beyond. The group have met regularly over the past year using the local parks during the school's summer break to keep in touch. Families are encouraged to join in with the activities of the church in the form of services and social engagement.

Twice this past year the adults have met socially to share a meal and to continue to build relationships.

We are blessed to have developed a core team of volunteers who support families wellbeing and share the responsibilities of the sessions. We meet quarterly to review and plan for the future.

This year we are thankful to the Kingsthorpe Parish Council for their grant donation of £500. These funds have secured play equipment, social entertainment, and refreshments.

Renew 88

This group meets throughout the year on a Wednesday morning in St David's Church Hall (10-1pm)

(5 persons allowed)

- Jenny Griffin - proposed by Mark Brame; seconded by Andrea Brame
- Sarah-Jane Major - proposed by Rebecca Adnitt; seconded by June Ward

Appointment of Parochial Church Council:

St. David:

All the names listed bellowed were proposed by June Ward and seconded by Rebecca Adnitt

1. Sarah-Jane Major Ex-Officio/Lay Reader.
2. Joyce Munroe
3. Jane Serbyn
4. Paula Blackwell
5. Maureen Robinson

Vacancies remain for five PCC places.

St. John the Baptist:

1. Mandy Bentley (P - Mark Brame S - A Brame)
2. Pauline Stone: (P - Roger Stone - S - Jenny Griffin)
3. Peter Borley-Cox (P - Mark Brame S - A Brame)
4. Dorothy Brooke (P - Jenny Griffin S - M Brame)
5. Geoff Foster (P - Mark Brame S - A Brame)
6. Jenny Griffin (P - Roger Stone S - Pauline Stone)

Vacancies remain for four PCC places.

St. Mark:

1. Ruth Gould (P - Helen Hickman S - Mukesh Nautiyal)
2. Helen Hickman (P- Ruth Gould S- Mukesh Nautiyal)
3. Sue Evans (P - Karen Tomlin S - Jo Carrick)
4. Richie Carrick (P- Karen Tomlin S - Ruth Gould)
5. Kathy Wilcox (P- Helen Hickman S - Jo Carrick)
6. Liz May (P - Karen Tomlin S - Andrea Francis)

Vacancies remain for four PCC places.

Appointment of Sidespersons:

St. David:

All members of the congregation.

St. John the Baptist:

All members of the congregation.

St. Mark:

All members of the congregation.

All the above named were elected to serve as sidespersons in their individual churches for the coming year. All members present were in favour.

This ended the business of the Vestry Meeting.

PARISH MEETING:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2021, were signed as a true record after the following corrections were noted:-

- Dorothy Brooke pointed out that each church has 10 places on the PCC so the St John vacancy figure should read 4.
- Peter Borley-Cox stated that he had been treasurer for 15 years not 10 as reported in the second paragraph under the "Appointment of Independent Examiner" section.

All persons present were in favour.

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer:

Jane Serbyn was appointed to this position for the Team.

Finance:

Peter Borley-Cox told the APCM that the draft accounts which had been circulated had now been independently examined and that he had received their report today. A very slight error had been spotted which meant that the Income and Expenditure account had decreased by £500.00 This does not affect the balance sheet.

Peter was pleased to report that there had been a small recovery in the amount of income recovered but the recovery was no near the pre-pandemic level.

Ward (St David's) Trevor Clarke (Methodist) Dawn Lovesey (Baptist) Ann Comerford (Roman Catholic) Rev Francis M'itiiri (Methodist Minister). We were unable to hold a service and walk of witness on Good Friday in 2022 as trying to plan such an event proved difficult due to the short time between our first meeting and Good Friday. It would have been difficult to find anyone able to lead the service with other events taking place within Kingsthorpe parish. It was also felt that to try and resume the Carol Singing outside Waitrose would be difficult as the representatives were, like most people, trying to get back to a degree of normality after the lockdowns. The meetings we held were very positive and it was decided that rather than organize KCT events individual churches would extend invitations to the other denominations to join in with their events. We look forward positively to 2023.

Ruth Gould (Chairperson).

Mothers Union Report

Where has the last year gone, it has been so busy in a lot of ways. It has been wonderful to be able to meet regularly, enjoying each other's company and listening to some excellent speakers. We also enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea at Whilton Locks during the summer. Our branch also hosted in the Deanery party in January, a thank you to all those who made this a very successful afternoon.

The committee also meet regularly and keep me on my toes. A personal thank you to Jane S and her excellent organising skills, Andrea for managing the accounts, Jane for organising our Christmas lunch, Pauline for arranging our speakers and Anne for her dedication and wise council. The biggest thanks go to two very special hardworking ladies who have helped me so much, Brenda Wootton and Pam Handley who have stepped down as committee members after many years of faithful service.

Our ladies continue to give of their time and Christian fellowship at Baptisms. Thank you, Pauline Gothard, for organising the team and Penny Ingleton who sends cards to each family. The clergy and families really value your input at these very important and special services.

As we move into the new year, we look forward to meeting together, sharing the values of Mothers Union with each other, learning together about the influences and hardships that families face in this country and further afield. We do have a committee that is willing to continue next year but we would also welcome a couple of new members to join us.

In order to be more sustainable, we have tried several arrangements this year without using floral foam with varying degrees of success (we're sure we will get better with practise!). We are also buying and using locally grown flowers where we can.

For the Christmas Tree Festival, we did a Seasons Greeting tree which we decorated with dried flowers, pinecones and Christmas greetings.

If anyone would be interested in joining the flower arrangers, please contact either Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac or Jenny Griffin

Thank you to all those who have given towards the cost of flowers throughout the year either in memory of someone or just as donations.

Thank you also to all who have arranged flowers or helped in any way.

Pauline Stone, Carol Isaac, Jenny Griffin

St Mark's Flower Fund Report

We have continued only asking for donations at Festival times and provided flower arrangements for these. During the summer we have placed silk arrangements in church because of the extremely hot conditions in the building.

At the end of 2022 the accounts stood at £31.07 cash in hand. The price of flowers has increased just as everything else has. This year Easter and St Mark's Patronal Festival will be celebrated a couple of weeks apart so I will be asking for donations towards the cost shortly. Note: £170 in donations received since writing this report. Thank you.

My thanks to those who have made donations during last year and also to Ruth who has helped with the arrangements.

Liz May

Kingsthorpe Churches Together Annual Report 2022

Kingsthorpe Churches Together (KCT) managed to meet four times during 2022 and the representatives were unanimous in wishing to continue as KCT. We welcomed Rev Sarah Lee as a clergy member into the group at our first meeting in January and David Bunker joined us March. Representatives are Ruth Gould (St Marks) chairperson. David Bunker (St Marks) secretary. Joan Heaton (St John The Baptist) Maureen Robinson (vice Chair) and June

Mandy Bentley asked what the missionary costs were. Peter Borley-Cox explained that these had been covered by a grant.

Peter Borley-Cox proposed that the meeting to approve the accounts. This was seconded by Rebecca Adnitt. The meeting passed this motion.

Revd Jane thanked both Peter Borley-Cox and Sue Evans for their hard work during the last year.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Peter Borley-Cox explained that Jackie Brame was willing to be the Independent Examiner again for 2022. However, the parish would have to find someone else to fulfil this function in 2023. The appointment of Jackie Brame was proposed by Peter Borley-Cox and seconded by Mandy Bentley. The meeting passed this motion.

Electoral Roll:

St. David:

Pat Raybould reported that St David's had a total of 37 (4 members had moved away and 1 member had been added).

St. John the Baptist:

Jenny Griffin reported that no formal review had been undertaken in 2021 but 3 people had died. However, a 2022 review had left the St John's total at 80.

St. Mark:

Ken Sumbler had reported that the St Mark's membership had remained stable at 42.

Curate's Comments

Revds. Jonathan and Sarah told the APCM that their report in the booklet covered everything they wanted to say.

Rector's Comments:

Revd Jane said that society had now a new normal as it came out of Covid and the lockdowns. The parish itself was doing well. The churches had been opened again so that in person services could be held once again.

She explained that she felt there was a need to look for the positive signs for the future: Two parish examples being:

- The number of weddings and baptism which have been booked.
- The LYCIG (Leading Your Church into Growth) initiative.

Rev Jane pointed out that it was not an easy six months after Rev Denise and Rev Rachel left the parish but now the Parish was in a better position since the curates have arrived. An advertisement was also being placed for a half time job share post with the Malcom Arnold Academy

The struggle to paid the full quota of the parish share is and ongoing issue but the Archdeacon has made it clear that he wants the parish to pay more.

Revd Jane concluded by saying well done to everybody.

Report from Organisations & Committees including the Fabric Reports

Revd. Jane told the meeting that all the report were in the booklet which had been circulated. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Any Other Business:

A vote of thanks was given for all the volunteers who help with ensuring that the parish more than meets its safeguarding requirement and for Jane Serbyn who co-ordinates it all.

Adrian Evans thanked Rev Jane Butler for her work in the parish during the previous 12 months.

Date of 2023 Annual Meeting:

Thursday, 13th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

This ended the business of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

community are cared for. The pastoral needs are well covered at St Marks and across the Team as a whole.

God Bless you all Chris Woodley, April2023

St John the Baptist Choir Report

Regrettably, the long-term future of the choir remains precarious. We lost a further two experienced singers (Robin and Honey, both young adults who joined as children) and the probationer (Boa) whose parents relied on Honey to bring her. We thank Robin and Honey for their longstanding contribution. However, a student at Northampton University has joined. She attends rehearsals enthusiastically, but lack of transport prevents her attending morning services until September 2023, by when she will be living within walking distance of SJB. Revd Jonathan reached out to children at local schools several times, but this initiative yielded only one enquiry. Even that came to naught due to parental misconceptions as to the nature of a church choir.

However, for the time being and despite its limited resources, the choir is still able to lead the congregation in the setting of the Eucharist and to sing an anthem most Sundays. We also held our traditional festival of nine lessons and carols on Advent 4 and sang for the special service to commemorate the life of the late Queen, with the choir augmented by several former members and occasional singers.

An unexpected and welcome benefit of the introduction of weekly joint services during the winter months has been the emergence of a 'parish choir'. It has been a pleasure to welcome experienced singers from St Davids and St Marks to our Friday regular rehearsals and we have enjoyed singing together when such services have been held at SJB. We plan to make this a regular occurrence for joint services at SJB.

Finally, I'd like to thank all members of the choir for their continued commitment and enthusiasm at this challenging time in the choir's history. My thanks also go to Robert for his assistance on the organ (thereby enabling me to direct the choir) and to Laura when she is able to help out.

Ian Smith, Organist SJB

St John the Baptist Flowers Arrangers Annual Report 2022

2022 was a year in which we were able to get back to some normality after the lockdowns and restrictions of the previous two years and we were able to do flower arrangements throughout the year.

A constant review is undertaken by Rev Jane whereby individually as ministers and Lay Ministers, we get together regularly for 1:1 for an hour or so, face to face. This gives us all an opportunity to express our opinions ideas and grievances and to be of mutual encouragement in addition to the Team clergy and Lay Ministers. St Mark's still operate a prayer triplet which was and is carrying on although it is down to one triplet meeting once a month.

Fun & Faith continues to operate, live and the youngsters have great fun along with some varied ethical, faith, theological topics prayer and teaching. Thanks to Kathy, Sarah Jane, Rev Sarah, and Rev Johnathan in keeping this worthwhile Ministry going now at St David's. recently this year twice a month and latterly at the Vicarage. The youth enjoyed an outing at the bowling alley and the Pancake Day, was also carried out. Thanks to Johnathan Hunt in baking again, and to all that help to make this another success. In addition, at the beginning of the Summer term we even went Football golf at Chapel Brampton Golf Club. We look forward to reinstating car wash etc to raise funds for the coming year.

The House group however is not now personally functioning with loss of 1 or 2 people became not practical. However with Jane Serbyn Friday lunch time group, Lent and Advent group and the advent of Food for Thought, via a LYCIG (Lead your church into growth) initiative there is plenty on offer in the Parish. However, I would encourage and reiterate a comment I always make if you are at all interested ask myself or your fellow church friends, Jane Serbyn, Mark Brame or Canon Jane or Clergy for more details where you would be welcome or indeed start your own. It might be that you would be interested in leading, if only on an adhoc basis, if so , discuss this with one of the Ministers.

House groups and courses, alternative service are on offer to all regardless of your ability or standing, you don't have to be an academic we can all learn from each other to increase our faith and share our experiences.

In addition, as a Pastoral resource I am involved with Little Stars at St Marks and Food for Thought working in the team across the Parish. In addition with Rev Sarah involvement with Whitehills school I support her with such items as Experience Easter, Advent, Church etc and a great time had by all, if not a little tiring.

I wish it to be noted that I am extremely grateful for the help and support of other members of the congregation and Team Clergy that people in our

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Appointments to the new Parochial Church Council:

Lay Chair - MANDY BENTLEY.

Secretary - HELEN HICKMAN

Treasurer - PETER BORLEY-COX and Assistant SUE EVANS.

All members present were in favour of these appointments:

Dates of Parochial Church Council meetings for 2022/23:

- 26th May 2022
- 28th July 2022
- 22nd September 2022
- 24th November 2022
- 26th Jan 2023
- 23rd March 2023

- 2023 APCM 13th April 2023

The meeting closed with the Prayers.

Curates' Report

It has been good to have a settled second year of our curacies, feeling a little more familiar with the community and the rhythms of the parish. Thank you to everyone for their continued encouragement and patience.

Our ordination as Priests took place in Peterborough cathedral on 26 June 2023. It was lovely to have the support of many people from Kingsthorpe at the service and in the garden of the Bishop's palace afterwards for a picnic.

It has been a busy year for us since the last APCM. The pattern of our week has continued with a mix of online and in person services. Morning prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays continues on zoom and enables several people to join in who would be unable to attend these services if held in person. 9.30am Thursday morning Holy Communion at St John the Baptist Church and a monthly 11.30am morning Holy Communion service at St David's have become regular events. We do encourage anyone who is available at those

times of the day to join us if they can, it is so lovely to meet to pray and worship together.

This was the year during which Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died unexpectedly in September. During the period of national mourning, there was the occasion to work with a wide cross-section of the Kingsthorpe community to prepare and lead a special service of commemoration and thanksgiving. This was well attended and included representatives of the Parish Council, uniformed organisations, schools and emergency services.

In January 2023 we celebrated the week of prayer for Christian Unity by planning and holding an ecumenical service in St John the Baptist Church with people involved from all our three churches, plus people from the Roman Catholic, Baptist and Methodist Churches. Rev Sarah really enjoyed connecting with all our local churches in the planning of this service. We had over 100 people in attendance and it was well received by all.

Little Stars which launched in Sept 2021 alternating between St Mark's Church, and St John the Baptist Church has continued throughout school term times. This group is for parents/carers and their children and attracts usually through word of mouth or Facebook, between around 8-10 families each week for a 1.30-3pm session. This has stories, songs and prayers on seasonal theme accompanied by live piano music and the presence of a large Teddy Bear dressed in his liturgically coloured waistcoat. After this there is informal time relaxing with toys, chat and refreshments. Many new friendships have been forged and there have been several meals organised during the last year either by the Tots at St David's and more recently by the Little Stars leaders to get the mums and carers together for a happy social occasion.

The Alpha Course ran from January through to the end of the summer of 2022. This small group really enjoyed exploring together more about Christianity and discussing the difficult questions that arise for many believers in their journey of faith. The mums involved have gone on to enjoy participating more actively in their church communities.

Brick Church has continued at St. John-the-Baptist Church on a monthly basis save for a pause over the sunny summer months. The format remains the same: we enjoy a bible story together (read and watched on a 'Lego-video') before launching into an hour or so of fun with Lego and Duplo, taking themes from the bible story and building together with creativity and imagination. This is coupled with a Lego treasure hunt, a prayer wall and colouring sheets, which is all followed by Grace, and more chat over a

me and especially enhanced lent for me this year and prepared me for a busy Holy Week and a glorious Easter, busy but I feel renewed and ready for the year ahead wherever I personally and the Parish are led.

I continue to take communion to those at home or in care homes. It is a privilege to visit these members of our churches.

It is always very difficult to say goodbye to members of our church families and this year has been no different. It was very special to support one of our family at St David's and a privilege to be asked to take her funeral.

Lastly a few thanks, for our wonderful congregations who also make me feel welcome, our curates Jonathan and Sarah who I enjoy working with and lastly Rev Jane for her encouragement, guidance, teaching and prayers.

I look forward to the coming year, continuing my journey with Christ together with you all.

May we all receive Gods love and Grace.

Sarah - Jane Major

Report from the Lay Pastoral Minister 2022/2023.

This was not a normal year, due continuing covid restrictions in the early part of the year but since the Autumn we were returning to some degree of normality. Nevertheless, church work, pastoral care had not stop, it was if anything more necessary in a different way with regard to the rules. In addition St Marks Church Prayer request and concerns were well up year on year They are fed into the Lay Minister and sent out to the group, numbering over 18 including Clergy strictly adhering to the content of the request.

Care home communions are no longer suspended as of the beginning of this year 2023, but care is required such as Hand gel and Masks still strictly in force Personal external communication and individual home communion continued. Via the Lay Minister and thanks to the curates and Sarah Jane in helping across the Parish. Personally 6 regularly receive communion at least once a month and elderly house bound really look forward to this and are very grateful. I was personally re-licenced as a Lay Minister along with Sarah-Jane last September 2022 for another 3 to 5 yrs. Unfortunately Margaret Gorringe decided not to take on another spell but give her thanks for the dedication she showed in working with me for many years a sad loss

On Good Friday we held a craft morning in the church which was well attended by a large number of families from outside of the regular congregation. We successfully ran a number of Christmas events with Carols on the Green, a carol service for the uniformed groups and our Christingle Service. Over 150 people attended on Christmas Eve.

Karen Tomlin, Jo Carrick

Lay Reader Report

A busy year, but one full of blessings and opportunities to meet and worship together. I know that many find joint services difficult and prefer to have a base where they are most comfortable but on personal level, I really enjoyed the joint service it was uplifting to be able to worship with a bigger congregation. The Parish really worked together during the winter months, giving lifts to those that needed them as well as giving a very warm welcome to those that were perhaps a little apprehensive and felt out of their comfort zone when worshipping at one of the other churches.

Over the last year I have continued to lead worship, as well as jointly working with clergy during our time of joint services.

It has been a pleasure to work with the team as we welcome local schools to our buildings to explore the Christian faith as part of their RE curriculum.

Fun and faith continue to meet fortnightly, and we have recently welcomed a new member. Our young people are a credit to themselves, and their families. It is a real privilege to work with them as we journey together in faith.

Little Stars is now a well-established group and Tuesday afternoon is a highlight of my week as parents, grandparents and carers come together to have fun together as well as finding out about Jesus and His love and compassion for us all. It is particularly special to watch the adults support each other both practically and emotionally.

Food 4 Thought is a new initiative, a group of us from across the parish are working together to provide an alternative service with a meal at St Marks Church. Numbers are small but those who come along are enjoying the time we spend together exploring our faith through fellowship, music and prayer.

For some of our congregation it is difficult to come out and about, so I have led zoom Advent and Lent courses this year. Those that attend journey with

‘sandwich & cake’ tea together. Numbers have fluctuated, but relationships are deepening over a relaxed shared time together.

September 2022 saw the launch of Woodland Church at the Outdoor Classroom on the Brampton Valley Way. We gathered an intergenerational group to explore a Harvest theme through singing, exploring, trying new crafts and eating baked apples from the firepit as well as delicious flapjack on a lovely sunny afternoon. We met again in November for a light/dark themed time of story, poetry and decorating jam jars with tea lights in, all around a giant firepit, watching and singing as the sun set, and making Smores together in the flames. (Chocolate biscuits and marshmallows melted together!). Although chilly we had lots of fun. In January we decided to keep moving so walked from The Windhover along the Brampton Valley Way, pausing to reflect on our surroundings three times, before ending up at the Chapter House of St John the Baptist Church for refreshments. Those unable to walk joined us for the tea and brought signs of life from their gardens to show us. We listened and reflected to sounds of birdsong and harp music recorded in Northamptonshire woodland. We hope Woodland Church will continue through the summer months exploring the fields behind St David’s Church too.

Our links with Whitehills School have grown, and in the summer term, Reception and year 1 came to visit St Mark’s and learn about the building and what goes on in a church. In the autumn term, Rev Sarah started to take assemblies regularly at the school covering Church festivals for them. We visited year 6 lessons, and Year 2 visited us for an Explore Advent morning at St Mark’s the highlight of which was the hunting for and taking home of a beautifully coloured jewel, after learning that God values them as much as they do their precious stone. Year 5 & 6 came to us for their Carol service this year, which was a lovely opportunity to warmly welcome all the parents and say a few words about the importance of God’s love for us all. In the spring term we have visited year 4 along with Leah from the Lighthouse Trust to talk about Easter, and year 5 have visited us to Explore Easter. Two families from that visit joined us at our Good Friday Messy Easter event. A large team was involved in both the set up and the running of the Explore days and our thanks go to everyone who was involved as the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their time at St Mark’s Church. It has been lovely to re-establish contact with Purple Oaks Academy, which is one of the schools in our parish for students with autism and/or Severe Learning Difficulties. Students and parents have attended St David’s church twice during this year for a short Christmas or Easter service followed by activities in the hall.

We have had good links with the Uniformed organisations in the parish this year, who came to us for Remembrance Sunday in November, but prior to that each group came on a visit to explore St John the Baptist Church. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all attended, and we look forward to welcoming the youngest group the Squirrels in June 2023. We invited the uniformed groups to attend a Carol Service put on particularly with them in mind at St Mark's Church in December 2022, this was well attended by one of our Scout/Cub/Beaver troupes and we were also joined by some of the Girls Brigade from our ecumenical partners at the Baptist Church.

2022 to 2023 has been a period of high price inflation and along with the rest of the country people in Kingsthorpe have experienced a 'cost of living crisis'. In the Autumn it was decided that as a parish we would respond to this by offering communal warm spaces in the halls at each of our churches. Demand was less than had been first feared, but a small group of people has met (more often for conversation than warmth) each week in the Chapter House at St John the Baptist and this is now morphing into a Tuesday Coffee event. At St David's the warm welcome was offered through extending the 4UCommunity Café by an hour on Saturdays and by adding a soup lunch on to the end of the Renew 88 wellbeing group which is held on Wednesdays. We are thankful for the support of the Parish Council whose provided grants towards the cost of the extra heating costs that the churches incurred through offering warm communal spaces.

Men's Group has continued to meet during the past year and includes people from all three churches. We have enjoyed watching rugby and cricket, playing indoor bowls, eating together enjoying company and conversation. This summer we have a walk, a boat trip and spectating at another cricket match planned.

PauseWork4-Lunch continued until the Summer, but it was decided not to continue into the Autumn due to pressure of other activities.

We have benefited during the last year from gaining experience in conducting baptisms and leading funerals. These pastoral services continue to provide opportunity to support members of the community of Kingsthorpe in times of joy or sorrow.

We have continued to enjoy being part of the team who run 'Fun and Faith' for our young people; and also being involved in the running of the Advent and Lent courses. We have enjoyed supporting the work of Renew 88 Wellbeing on Wednesdays and the Café on Saturday mornings at St Davids.

the Chapterhouse, however the decision has been taken to improving the earthing now.

The trees and shrubs in the churchyard have been trimmed regularly by the contractor working for the council. Some additional trimming has been recommended by the architect in his quinquennial report and the council have been made aware of his recommendations.

There was one organised churchyard tidy-up in the year. The fabric committee would however like to thank those that have, as individuals, on occasion done some tidying up.

Alan Isaac

St Mark's Churchwardens report

Buildings and fabric

The boilers had their annual service and maintenance in November 2021 and no issues were identified. All the appropriate checks to meet the Fire Regulations and electrical testing have been undertaken in the year.

We focused on the repairs of the plaster inside the church and had approval from the Archdeacon to go ahead with the work. This took place in February 2023.

Thank you to the fabric committee who do so much to maintain the church, often keeping many repairs 'in house' to enable us to save money. Thank you also to the many members of the congregation who help keep St Mark's looking good - cleaning, lawn mowing, gardening, and many other jobs which are all appreciated!

General

Our Sunday attendance numbers have remained stable.

Little Stars continues to run alternate weeks and one family now regularly attend on a Sunday morning. Rev Sarah has worked closely with Whitehills school and as a result we have held more visits in church for the school including Experience Easter, Explore Advent and two carol services. As well as a large number of children visiting, the carol services brought many parents and relatives to church as well.

Hall bookings continue to be good with several regular bookings which brings in a steady income. We reviewed our hire fees in comparison with similar venues in the area and found we were charging much less. As a result, we increased our prices this year which was expected and accepted by our regular users.

followed by the Act of Remembrance at Kingsthorpe War Memorial. This service was well attended, with Kingsthorpe Scout and Guide Groups joining us.

The Christmas Tree Festival was arranged for the start of December and was well attended and finished off with “Carols on the Green” with refreshments and fire-pits. Although there was no Advent Carol Service this year, we did hold a Nine Lessons and Carols service, Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Family Eucharist. We also hosted a Christingle Service within church for the local Kingsthorpe Village Primary School. Numbers continue to be lower than what was considered “normal” pre-pandemic, but Christmas services were well attended, and we hope it will pick up again in 2023 with some new initiatives planned. Little Stars and Brick Church have continued to flourish throughout the year.

Mark Brame

St John the Baptist - Fabric Report 2022

The fabric committee has met regularly during the year.

A health and safety review is carried out regularly and this year updated to include bellringing activities.

Work on the project to extend the Chapterhouse has continued. Even though we had complied with all the DAC requests for information, the faculty application forms have still not been issued. The planning permission has now lapsed, and new application will need to be submitted. Until such time as the faculty has been approved and planning permission granted only limited progress can be made in seeking further financial support. Whilst it is appreciated that the DAC have a role to play, they have not helped moving the project forward.

The architect carried out the quinquennial inspection of the church. The report highlighted various works that need to be looked at but nothing major. Much of the work was of a “housekeeping” nature e.g., cleaning gutters and gullies. The necessary work is being discussed with the architect with a view to having it done in the spring.

Annual servicing of the clock, boilers, alarm systems and fire extinguishers was carried out.

The additional earthing required for the lightening conductor is still required. It was planned that this be done as part of the work to extend

We look forward to working with everyone throughout our third year of curacy as the churches continue to offer Christian community, a range of different expressions of Christian worship, and as we continue to look for opportunities that might appeal to those wanting to engage with faith in our parish.

Rev Sarah and Rev Jonathan

Deanery Synod Report

The September meeting was cancelled following the death of The Queen.

A very interesting meeting dealt with the need for families to grieve for the death of loved ones through the support of a funeral. There was discussion about what churches can do to counteract the trend for direct cremation which is much advertised on daytime TV.

A meeting to which church treasurers were also invited discussed stewardship and planned giving.

Suggestions were given of ways to persuade people to increase their contributions, but many felt that the current financial crisis made such requests inappropriate at the current time.

Jenny Griffin

St David Electoral Roll Report

St John the Baptist Electoral Roll Report

We began the year with 80 on the Roll.

5 have left the parish.

3 have died.

5 new members have been added.

There are now 77 members on the roll.

Jenny Griffin

St Mark's Electoral Roll Report

Moved Away: M. Nautiyal J. Weir

New Members: A. Hunt E. Tomlin P. Blackwell

There were 2 changes of address, but they remain in the parish.

The 2023 membership therefore stands at 43 an increase of 1.

Ken Sumbler

PCC Secretary's Report 2022

The Parochial Church Council met five times in the 2022-23 parochial year. Officers were elected at the end of the annual meeting. All the meetings were quorate and held just on Zoom until July 2022. From the September 2002 meeting, a hybrid was offered with both in person meetings taking place at St David's church alongside Zoom. Attendance was very good.

The main items of business across the year:

- The PCC did not manage to pay the Parish Share in full. The recovery from the effects of the pandemic was a major effect on the level of income being able to be raised. (The decision was made in 2013 to pay the parish share in full as a priority, requiring regular fund-raising events).
- The parish became to resume its outreach activities but the restarting of activities such as a Brick Church and new ones such as Food for Thought.
- Safeguarding work took place to ensure the 3 churches and the parish continued to be compliant in all aspects of safeguarding
- Revd Jonathan and Revd Sarah Lee were ordained at Peterborough Cathedral in June 2022.

Deanery Synod is attended regularly.

Core Groups remain and were able to recover and meet in person during the year, i.e., Pastoral Care, Nurture and Growth, Youth, and Mission.

Helen Hickman

St Davids Church Warden report

Vestments and Chattels:

These are all as previous year are in good serviceable conditions, valuables are retained within a locked safe when not used for worship.

Buildings and Fabric:

During the year most of the quinquennial inspections have been sorted. Work started on the projector and sound system in the hall, grants paid for this.

Electrical 5 year inspections has taken place. 25.08.2022

Fire alarm 28.11.2022 Gas safety 15.07.2022 Pact testing 28.09.2022 Fire extinguisher 20.09.2022

We are happy that the hall continues to satisfy the requirements for Safety, Fire regulations and current fire precautions and fire exit routes are also satisfying the requirements.

New shelving and flooring has now been completed in the store cupboard. The grants have been received for the disabled toilet and we are waiting for the faculty.

Overall, the property is in good repair, many thanks to Pete Cotter and the grounds are kept in good order thanks goes to Terry Basford and a member of the community. Also, through the year working parties has kept the grounds tidy and in good order, members of the community have also helped with this.

General:

We have held some fundraisings events i.e. Quiz with Ploughman's supper, games night with chili and curry and carols and mulled wine.

Finally, Thanks to Revd Cannon Jane, Revd Sarah and Jonathan, Sarah Jane Major and Visiting priests for the support for St David's family and community.

Particular thanks to Pete Cotter who works extremely hard behind the scenes unknown to many of us. Also, to Barry Monroe who does the task of cleaning the hall etc. Also, thanks to Joyce for doing the 50/50 club, which has momentarily stopped while the joint services are taking place. A big thank you for the servers, side persons, tea makers, flower arrangers and all who contribute to upkeep our service.

June Ward, Rebecca Adnitt

St. John the Baptist Churchwardens Report, 2022.

Although most on-line services have ceased, we still hold Morning Prayer on Zoom on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30am.

During the first half of the year, we held services on Sundays at the normal time of 10:00am, with quite a few instances of Service of the Word, hosted by Revds. Jonathan and Sarah Lee and Sarah-Jane Major.

At Easter we held services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter Day, all of which were well attended. After Easter we also went back to having communion in two kinds, re-introducing wine to the service as an option. Once the Curates were ordained priests, on 26th June, we were able to go back to having a Eucharist service most weeks.

The Church was not open for Heritage Weekend this year, but the annual "Ride and Stride" event went ahead as planned.

On 18th September we held a Special Commemoration Service for The Late Queen Elizabeth II and there were about 100 people in church; the church had been open prior to that for people to come in and sign a book of condolences.

The annual Remembrance Service was held within Church in November,

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	<u>90,000</u>	<u>65,770</u>	<u>155,770</u>	<u>95,114</u>
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	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Charitable Activities				
Charitable Giving	0	0	0	157
Parish Share	74,000	0	74,000	77,000
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Current Accounts	10,630	12,041
Cash	465	755
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Creditors: amounts falling due in one year		
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Deferred Income:		
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	251,939	186,275
TOTAL NET ASSETS	251,939	186,275
PARISH FUNDS		
Unrestricted	23,470	25,055
Restricted	228,469	161,220
TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	251,939	186,275

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1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005, using the accruals basis.

Financial Review & Reserves

The net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure in unrestricted funds of £4,682. The PCC continued to experience a modest recovery in its income following the COVID-19 pandemic, although not to pre-pandemic levels. However, this did not fully offset the inflationary pressure on running costs and in particular utilities, meaning that the PCC was only able to pay a smaller amount towards its Parish Share.

	2022	2021	2020	2019
Parish share due	£109,178	£109,177	£109,177	£107,715
Amount paid	£ 74,000	£ 77,000	£ 68,000	£ 84,000
Shortfall in payment of parish share	£ 35,178	£ 32,177	£ 41,177	£ 23,715

Trustees regularly review the financial position of the PCC, including its forecasted cash flow. Reports comparing annual budget to actual income and expenditure are updated through the year, providing Trustees with confidence that the PCC is able to meet its outgoings and estimating the level of parish share it is expected to be possible to pay.

A summary of the PCC reserves is provided below. The increase in restricted funds was due to a bequest received by St John the Baptist church.

	2022	2021	2020	2019
PCC general funds (unrestricted)	£ 2,098	£ 6,917	£ 4,681	£ 4,156
PCC reserve (unrestricted)	£ 21,372	£ 18,138	£ 18,045	£ 18,566
Total unrestricted funds	£ 23,470	£ 25,055	£ 22,726	£ 22,722
Restricted reserve (St John the Baptist Church)	£228,469	£161,220	£164,425	£185,470
Total funds	£251,939	£186,275	£187,151	£208,192

The PCC reserves are within its revised policy approved in 2017, summarised as an amount equivalent to:

- Three months of general running costs for the team (excluding parish share)

With restricted reserves held to include:

- Sufficient funds to cover commitments in relation to identified expenditure required on building repairs and maintenance across the team
- As appropriate in the cycle of quinquennial inspections of the team's churches, sufficient funds to meet likely costs arising from the next quinquennial inspection by its due date
- Sufficient funds for any specific projects within the team which may be identified by the PCC

A summary of the accounts for each fund within the PCC is available on request.



Peter Borley-Cox BA (Hons) FCMA CGMA
PCC Treasurer.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO KINGSTHORPE PCC, NORTHAMPTON**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and assessing the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless required otherwise.

You consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. In 2022 the Charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

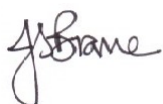
Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's report

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 Act, and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave 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.



Jacqueline Brame FCCA

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26th April 2023

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Notes to the financial statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005, using the accruals basis.

Financial Review & Reserves

The net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure in unrestricted funds of £4,682. The PCC continued to experience a modest recovery in its income following the COVID-19 pandemic, although not to pre-pandemic levels. However, this did not fully offset the inflationary pressure on running costs and in particular utilities, meaning that the PCC was only able to pay a smaller amount towards its Parish Share.

	2022	2021	2020	2019
Parish share due	£109,178	£109,177	£109,177	£107,715
Amount paid	£ 74,000	£ 77,000	£ 68,000	£ 84,000
Shortfall in payment of parish share	£ 35,178	£ 32,177	£ 41,177	£ 23,715

Trustees regularly review the financial position of the PCC, including its forecasted cash flow. Reports comparing annual budget to actual income and expenditure are updated through the year, providing Trustees with confidence that the PCC is able to meet its outgoings and estimating the level of parish share it is expected to be possible to pay.

A summary of the PCC reserves is provided below. The increase in restricted funds was due to a bequest received by St John the Baptist church.

	2022	2021	2020	2019
PCC general funds (unrestricted)	£ 2,098	£ 6,917	£ 4,681	£ 4,156
PCC reserve (unrestricted)	£ 21,372	£ 18,138	£ 18,045	£ 18,566
Total unrestricted funds	£ 23,470	£ 25,055	£ 22,726	£ 22,722
Restricted reserve (St John the Baptist Church)	£228,469	£161,220	£164,425	£185,470
Total funds	£251,939	£186,275	£187,151	£208,192

The PCC reserves are within its revised policy approved in 2017, summarised as an amount equivalent to:

- Three months of general running costs for the team (excluding parish share)

With restricted reserves held to include:

- Sufficient funds to cover commitments in relation to identified expenditure required on building repairs and maintenance across the team
- As appropriate in the cycle of quinquennial inspections of the team's churches, sufficient funds to meet likely costs arising from the next quinquennial inspection by its due date
- Sufficient funds for any specific projects within the team which may be identified by the PCC

A summary of the accounts for each fund within the PCC is available on request.



Peter Borley-Cox BA (Hons) FCMA CGMA
PCC Treasurer.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO KINGSTHORPE PCC, NORTHAMPTON**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and assessing the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless required otherwise.

You consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. In 2022 the Charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

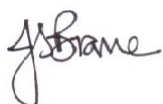
Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's report

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 Act, and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave 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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26th April 2023