

**ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH, LEIGH-ON-SEA**

**TRUSTEES REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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# St. Clement's Church Annual Report for 2022

## Background

St. Clement's P.C.C. has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the mission and work of the church in the ecclesiastical parish of Leigh-on-Sea. It has a duty to maintain the church building in good order and to put into effect decisions made by the Synods.

## Membership of the P.C.C.

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules.

The following have served as members of the P.C.C. since the Annual Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

Incumbent:	Fr. Clive Hillman**
Associate Priest:	Mtr. Cherry Sandover
Deacon:	Mtr. Lizzy Youngs – from Sept.
Evangelist:	Miss Sheila Bradley
Churchwardens:	Miss Sheila Bradley Mr. Steve Hackett

## Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Dr. Lyanne Beckerson - to Sept.2022  
Miss Sheila Bradley\*\*  
Canon Ronald McLernon\*\*  
Mr. Steven Hackett – from Sept 2022  
\*\*also members of the Diocesan Synod

## Elected Members:

Mr. Colin Burwell  
Mrs. Mary Folley *Secretary*  
Mr. Roger Folley  
Mr. Ross Norman-Clarke  
Mrs. Pat Sibbons  
Mrs. Lee Smith  
Mrs. Hilary Stowe  
Mr. Peter Wilkins  
Ms. Kate Willis  
Mrs Cate Willoughby

## Co-opted Members

Dr. Marcus Pittman *Vice Chair/Chair of Finance*  
Mrs. Meri Sams *Treasurer*

The number declared on the Electoral Roll is 134

## Committees

The P.C.C. operates through a number of committees which meet between the meetings of the full council.

*Standing Committee:* This committee has the power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings subject to the direction of the council.

*\*Evangelism:* Develops the vital ministry of Evangelism, enabling us to share our Faith with the outside community and those on the fringe of the church.

*Fabric:* Attends to matters relating to the Church Building and Fabric. It plans a programme of work and meets with the church architect when necessary.

*Finance:* Advises the P.C.C. on the use of funds, produces the accounts and monitors the investments and encourages giving through the Stewardship scheme.

*Fundraising:* Co-ordinates events which raise money for the church and other charities.

*Pastoral:* Meets to consider the Pastoral needs of the Parish Community and co-ordinates the distribution of home Communion.

*\*Young People's Committee:* Organises the Sunday School and arranges activities for young people in the congregation.

*Eight22: Romans Ch. 8 v. 22:* Looks into ways in which St. Clement's can reduce its carbon footprint, combat the effects of climate change and support people whose lives are endangered because of its negative impact.

*\*Although Evangelism and Children's work continues the committees were unable to meet during 2022. It is hoped that they will be re-formed in 2023.*

Particular thanks must go to Fr. Clive for steering St. Clement's through another challenging year. The gradual raising of restrictions meant that we could resume much of our church life but with the crises surrounding fuel and the cost of living and the need to keep the church Covid safe this was not an easy task. So, we thank him for his leadership and patience through what has been a very unsettling time.

### **The Year at St. Clement's**

2022 started with everyone and everything being in a partial lockdown due to the march of the Covid 19 Omicron strain. Mass and other acts of worship still took place in church but were also livestreamed for those who were unable to attend in person and there were no social activities. Morning and Evening Prayer and Rosary took place on Zoom as did the January Meeting of the PCC. There was no service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity but a prayer leaflet 'Follow the Star' was distributed.

Restrictions began to be lifted at the beginning of February and social activities gradually restarted beginning with a celebration in the Pastoral Centre following the Mass for Candlemas. A full Peal was rung on the church bells to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne and later in the month a day of Prayer and reflection was held entitled 'Loving Our Planet' when we were encouraged to consider ways in which we can help sustain God's creation. A collection was taken in support of the DEC's appeal for Afghanistan and a Friday Fast encouraged to raise further funds.

Two Lent Courses were held: 'Living the Gospel' run by Fr. Clive and 'People of the Passion' by Mtr. Cherry and the recommended Lent book was 'Live Lent - Embracing Justice' a 40 day challenge by Isabelle Hamley and 'Ash & Dash' was offered in the Triangle on Ash Wednesday.

Throughout Lent the Arts Chaplaincy displayed a series of paintings depicting the Stations of the Cross and on Good Friday a Children's Activity event was held in the church.

On the second anniversary of the first Covid Lockdown a dusk Vigil was held and a Requiem Mass said for all those who had died of Covid.

The results of a questionnaire to discover how our life as a worshipping community could be restored and to plan the way forward resulted in a return to the chalice being offered and the physical sharing of the Peace starting on Maundy Thursday. This was followed by a Parish Meeting entitled Restoring Our Life and focusing on moving forward and facing reality especially in the current, challenging financial situation.

The PCC held an emergency Meeting to consider our response to the DEC's humanitarian appeal for Ukraine and £1,000 was donated from general

funds. Other church organisations were encouraged to contribute with the result that a total of £2,709 was raised and further support was also given to a Ukrainian Family hosted locally. Funds were also raised for the Lent Charity – The Papua New Guinea Church Partnership

After Easter there was a concert by 'Broomdasher' and another organised by the Leigh Folk Festival, raising money for church funds.

In May pilgrims from St. Clement's joined the National Pilgrimage to Walsingham and later in the month St. Clement's own pilgrimage took place.

The Christian Aid Big Breakfast was a great success and several people took part in 'The Big Plastic Count' to obtain information and draw the attention of the government to the existential Plastic Problem.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop John to St. Clement's on 15<sup>th</sup> May when he confirmed Hazel and Carol and, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bishop Peter Ramsden from PNGPP - the Charity supported during Lent.

At the end of the month the Face2Face Arts chaplaincy mounted an exhibition in the Community Centre of paintings as diverse as the artists themselves.

The annual Dunkirk Memorial Service was held at the beginning of June when the people who gave their lives rescuing others were remembered.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with a bring and share lunch, a quarter peal, and the planting of a Jubilee Rose in the churchyard.

As Covid restrictions continued to be eased the Folk Festival was supported with events in the church and we returned to serving Friday Lunches raising money for the church and other charities.

On 29<sup>th</sup> June Fr. Clive celebrated Mass to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The Mass was followed, in true St. Clement's fashion, by a celebration including bubbly and cake.

The church remained open during the summer months when Stewards were available, allowing visitors to look around the church or just sit quietly.

Refreshments were served for the 'Shakespeare in the Park' event, school visits re-started, the Mothers' Union held a garden party, dogs were blessed on St. Roch's Day and a successful Children's Activity Day was held near the end of August.

The sad passing of Queen Elizabeth and the Accession of King Charles was marked with solemnity. A Requiem Mass was celebrated and the church opened for private prayer and reflection. A book of condolence was set up and our M.P. and other local representatives joined us for a Community Service.

Bible Study classes resumed in September and the book stall offered a selection of books on our interaction with climate and Climate Change. A Quarter Peal was rung in memory of Fr. Richard Rowe, a curate of St. Clement's in the 1980's and Fr. Clive led a pilgrimage to Barking Abbey.

Mtr. Lizzy was ordained as a Deacon by Bishop Guli in Chelmsford Cathedral and we welcomed her at her first Sunday Mass as an ordained minister on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Lyanne Beckerson left St. Clement's to begin her training for the priesthood at St. Stephen's House in Oxford. The parish presented her with a parting gift wished her every success as she pursues her Vocation.

A Craft Fair was held near the end of the month and on the following Sunday, Harvest Festival was celebrated with a Harvest Lunch following the Parish Mass.

In October a mid-week pilgrimage from St. Clement's to Walsingham took place when 10 pilgrims spent three days at the shrine. The Pet Blessing service took place at Francis tide.

A quiet day – 'A Day with St. Ignatius' was organised at St. Michal's Daws Heath and run by Fr. Ben Kerridge, and for the second time in 2022 we welcomed Bishop John to St. Clement's when Alex, Karen and Nadina were confirmed and.

A coffee morning for the Women's World Day of Prayer, which included a concert by 'The Two Elizabeths' was enjoyed by members of the congregation and other visitors.

The caretaker, Niall Windass resigned and his jobs were taken over by various members of the congregation. We wish him well as he starts his career.

The Memorial Service remembering those whose funerals have taken place during the year and our departed loved ones was held at the time of All Saints and All Souls. The British Legion Service and Parade took place on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday and an Act of Remembrance was held round the Calvary on Armistice Day. Later

in the month we welcomed Archdeacon Mike Power who preached at our Patronal Festival.

The Christmas Fair raised £2,600 for church funds. Thanks must be given to the Fundraising team for their hard working in organising the event.

In December a three-week Advent Course on prayer entitled 'Staying in Touch' was run by Fr. Clive and the recommended book for Advent was 'Ready, Steady, Slow' an anthology of readings, prayers and reflections.

The Christingle Service was held to raise money for the Children's Society led by the Choir of North Street School. This was followed by the Folk Carol Service, our Parish Carol Service and the Crib Service with 2-month-old Elouise playing the part of the baby Jesus. It was wonderful to welcome people back into the church for Christmas celebrations after the restrictions due to Covid.

The weekly Newsletter with the calendar of services and intentions and other events widely circulated by e-mail and the monthly Magazine containing the clergy's letters to the parish, a wide range of articles, information on forthcoming events and photographs of church activities was published by our dedicated Magazine Team.

Thanks to a generous donation a St. George's Pennant continued to be flown throughout the year, St. Clement's supported the 'Serving the Homeless' project with collections of food and clothes being co-ordinated by Steve Hackett and fundraising events were attended by several people. We continued our support for Maella in Haiti, 60 shoeboxes were sent to 'Link to Hope' and coffee mornings were held to raise money for the Walsingham cell, Marie Curie nurses and general church funds.

The Eight22 Group continues to look into and suggest ways that the church can be more eco-friendly. Traidcraft goods are sold each month, we were awarded a bronze eco award by A Rocha and regular articles which include lifestyle tips are published in the Magazine.

Many thanks goes to Sylvia for organising the cleaning teams and the talents of the flower arrangers continued to enhance the church and its worship.

'Open the Book' was filmed in church for later use in North Street School but after Easter the team were once again able to go into the school and lead the assemblies in person.

The Sunday School restarted in the autumn under the leadership of Kim Wilkins. The young people meet in the Pastoral Centre during Parish Worship learning about the Gospel for the day through stories and craft and then sharing their work with the congregation at the end of the Mass

St. Clement's continued its commitment to support Mtr. Cherry and her work at St. Mark's Southend and it is good to read her regular articles in the Parish Magazine. Help and support is also given to Fr. Neil at St. Alban's both practically and financially.

Our Parish Share was paid in full and as well as HARP we supported The Children's Society, St. Andrew's Wellingborough, North Street School, The College of St Barnabas, St. Alban's and St. Mark's, St Andrew's Basildon, The Bulbulir Basa Orphanage and Little Haven with grants and donations.

The parish was saddened this year by the deaths of Dan Knight, Barbara Simpson and Fr. Richard Rowe faithful members or friends of St. Clement's

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

#### **The Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

The P.C.C. met 6 times during the year, and had one extraordinary meeting to discuss our contribution to the Parish Share.

At the scheduled meetings the Council addressed current matters concerning the church, received minutes from its committees and reports from our Synod representatives and Safeguarding Officer. It also authorised and managed necessary and on-going work.

The sudden rise in the cost of living and in particular the price of energy meant that the PCC had to look carefully as to where money could be saved

#### ***Safeguarding***

The PCC is very aware of its duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in their church community. At the July Meeting, Gillian Alden our Safeguarding Officer and the Churchwardens, delivered a presentation explaining the up-dated regulations produced by the C of E. Following this, the PCC formally adopted the House of Bishop's 'Promoting a Safer Church' Safeguarding Policy. All members of the PCC have now to complete the Recruitment, Support and Training programme in order to promote a strong safeguarding culture within the church.

#### ***Fabric***

The Fabric Committee oversees the church building and the projects that keep it in good order.

- The Quinquennial report was commissioned and carried out in the summer. The church is reported to be in good order and well looked after. The work recommended is already scheduled or will be carried out as a matter of course.
- The churchyard is being kept as a wildlife area with mown paths and new planting. A rose bush was ceremoniously planted in the churchyard to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Poles were erected in the churchyard overlooking the Broadway so that banners advertising church events can be displayed to advantage.
- The pulpit was removed.
- Specialised carpet was laid in the choir area which will protect the underlying memorials whilst allowing access for inspection.
- A donation box was installed with both cash and contactless facilities.
- Investigative work was carried out on the North Aisle floor. The work on conserving the floor can now go ahead.
- Routine works of repair and maintenance have been attended to and surveys and tests required by law have been carried out.
- Health and Safety and Risk Assessments have been carried out for activities and events.
- Caretaking jobs were taken over by various people following the caretaker's resignation.

#### ***Music***

The small but faithful members of the choir have led the singing at the Parish Mass and other sung services during the year. With the decrease in numbers in the choir we have had to adapt the items we are able to sing. We were able to re-establish the carol service this year but with the emphasis on congregational singing. We welcome any who would wish to join the choir. We practice on Thursday evenings from 7.p.m. and finish, at the latest, by 9.p.m.



### ***Bellringing***

The bells are rung to call people to worship, for weddings and other local and national occasions.

A full Peal, in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queen's accession was rung on 6<sup>th</sup> February and 10 celebratory quarter peals were rung during the year. We also hosted an Association of Ringing Teachers' training session and two District events when we were joined by ringers from other local towers. We are fortunate that we have some keen learners now and hope they will eventually be able join the bands ringing for services.

The first steps have been taken on a project to renovate and repair the bells. A generous donation has already been made by Leigh Town Council to help with the repair of the town clock bell.

### ***Fundraising Committee***

Kim continued to sell bric-a-brac and other items on-line but in addition the team organised successful Craft and Christmas Fairs. Coffee Mornings were also held and the church calendar compiled by Janet Lynch raised a further £363 for church funds.

### ***Mothers' Union***

The St. Clement's branch of the Mothers' Union meets on the last Tuesday of the month for a short service followed by lunch and an activity. We were unable to meet in January, due to the lockdown but resumed in February when the AGM was held and the future programme discussed.

After that, meetings went ahead on a monthly basis for the rest of the year with a variety of speakers and activities.

'Tax, Care and Toy Boys' was a talk delivered by the Co-op as part of their initiative to give back to the community, flowers for distribution on Mothering Sunday were donated, the annual lunch was held at the end of May and in July the strawberry tea raised £280 for the M.U. 'Summer of Hope' Appeal. Maxine Paul, Diocesan President spoke about her work and a hands-on flower arranging session produced delightful results. At the end of July the strawberry tea raised £280 for the M.U. 'Summer of Hope' Appeal.

We were delighted to welcome Hilary, Pat and Margaret who were enrolled into the M.U. in September and thank Jane for her work in leading us and for her inspiring and interesting published in the magazine.

2022 was another strange and unsettling year. Just as we opened up and began to get back to normal we were hit with sky high fuel bills and increasing pressures on the cost of living. These, of course, impacted on the church as much as anywhere else but we face the future knowing that, whatever it holds, God is with us and we trust Him to guide us forwards in Faith and Hope and Love.

**St Clements, Leigh on Sea**  
**January - December 2022**  
**Statement of Financial Accounts**

**Incoming Resources**

From donors	Stewardship	37,934			37,934	35,156
	Income Tax Received	9,862			9,862	11,085
	Collections	6,963			6,963	6,045
	Sundry Donations	5,534			5,534	5,722
		<b>60,294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60,294</b>	<b>58,008</b>
Other Voluntary Income	Donations, Appeals, Weddings	18,295			18,295	6,094
	Legacies, Bequests, Wills				0	10,000
	Fundraising Fairs	4,812			4,812	2,052
		<b>23,108</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,108</b>	<b>18,146</b>
Charitable & Ancillary	Magazine	761			761	1,064
	Church Shop	466			466	272
	Friday Lunches	2,808			2,808	0
		<b>4,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,035</b>	<b>1,336</b>
Other Ordinary Income	Insurance Claims				0	350
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>350</b>
	Fund Transfers from Metro Bank		4		4	86,302
	Interest & Dividends	154	47,538		47,692	39,442
		<b>154</b>	<b>47,542</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,696</b>	<b>125,744</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>87,591</b>	<b>47,542</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>135,133</b>	<b>203,584</b>

<b>2022</b>				<b>2021 Total</b>
<b>Non Restricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Total Fund</b>	<b>Funds</b>
37,934			37,934	35,156
9,862			9,862	11,085
6,963			6,963	6,045
5,534			5,534	5,722
<b>60,294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60,294</b>	<b>58,008</b>
18,295			18,295	6,094
			0	10,000
4,812			4,812	2,052
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2,808			2,808	0
<b>4,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,035</b>	<b>1,336</b>
			0	350
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## Resources Used


		2022			2021 Total
		Non Restricted	Restricted	Designated	Funds
Donations	Church Overseas	567			728
	Relief & Development	6,517			6,429
	Home Missions			5,875	6,000
		7,084	0	5,875	13,157
Church Related Activities	Parish Share	90,137			82,743
	Clergy Expenses	1,729			4,578
	Church Running Expenses	14,773			11,085
	Church Insurance	3,869			3,691
	Church Maintenance	10,191			8,073
	Upkeep of Services	3,389			1,810
	Church Shop, Magazine, Bulletin Sheet	1,341			764
	Church Catering	523			1,963
	Alternative Accommodation	900			900
	Major Investment & Associated Costs			0	6,221
	Organist and Music Costs, Parish Admin	9,464	14,191		40,503
		136,316	14,191	0	162,331
Fundraising & Publicity	Church Fairs, Fundraising Costs	1,009			936
		1,009	0	0	936
Administration	2020 Adj for petty cash			0	20
	Printing, Photocopying	2,451			3,743
	Independent Examiners' Fee, CDBF Fee	5,530			720
	Bank Charges	264			146
	Donation Box Fees	316			0
	Subscriptions	700			100
	Internet Line	706			6,064
	Sundry Expenditure	502			150
		10,469	0	0	10,943
Total		154,879	14,191	5,875	174,945
Net Incoming Resources		-67,288	33,351	-5,875	16,217


## Funds at Commencement of the Year

		2022			2,022	2,021
		Non Restricted	Restricted	Designated		
		173,168	2,414,361	34,200	2,621,729	2,561,205
Net Incoming Resources		-67,288	33,351	-5,875	-39,812	16,217
Funds Transfer		44,551	-33,351	-11,200	0	-600,000
Historic Fund Transfers		369,467	-969,467	600,000	0	0
Metro Bank Savings Account					0	-85,000
HARP Investment Loan					0	600,000
Westminster Wealth Management Funds		-42,494			-42,494	38,291
Funds Revaluation St James Place			-168,893		-168,893	91,016
Funds at end of year		477,404	1,276,001	617,125	2,370,530	2,621,729

# **Balance Sheet**

		Balance at 31.12.22	Balance at 31.12.21
Fixed Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Current Assets	Debtors and Prepayments	5,381	0
	Westminster Investment Fund	462,137	504,631
	HARP Investment Loan	600,000	600,000
	St James Place Investment Fund	1,276,001	1,444,894
	Cash at Bank and In Hand	38,418	79,145
		<u>2,381,937</u>	<u>2,628,670</u>
Total Assets		<u>2,381,937</u>	<u>2,628,670</u>
Liabilities	Accrued Expenditure and Advance Income	11,406	6,941
		<u>11,406</u>	<u>6,941</u>
Net Assets		<u>2,370,530</u>	<u>2,621,729</u>
Represent Designated Funds	Church Fabric Fund		25,319
	St Clements Youth Project		2,331
	Vestment Fund		6,550
	HARP Investment Loan	600,000	600,000
	Stephen Jenkins Fund	17,125	
		<u>617,125</u>	<u>634,200</u>
Restricted Funds	Development Fund (Church Hall Sale)	1,276,001	1,444,894
		<u>1,276,001</u>	<u>1,444,894</u>
Non-Restricted Funds	Westminster Investment Fund	462,137	504,631
	General Reserves	15,267	38,004
		<u>477,404</u>	<u>542,635</u>
Total		<u>2,370,530</u>	<u>2,621,729</u>

  
MERI SAMMS  
TREASURER

  
Fr Clive R Hillman  
PARISH PRIEST

# **ST CLEMENTS CHURCH, LEIGH-ON-SEA**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **1 Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic costs convention except for the valuation of Properties.

#### **2 Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

#### **3 Incoming Resources**

All income whether of voluntary or planned giving, investment income, legacies or capital is recognised only when received. Receipts are shown gross with any related costs shown as resources used. Income tax recoverable on covenanted and gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

#### **4 Resources Used**

The diocesan quota for the year was £90,137 all of which has been fully paid during the year.

#### **5 Fixed Assets**

Equipment purchased for use in the church hall is written off as replacements arise.

#### **6 Current Assets**

St James Investment fund and Westminster Wealth Management Funds are shown at their market value at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## **7 Related Party Transactions**

The charity has made the following related party transactions to its trustees during the year.

Fr. Clive Hillman was paid for reimbursable expenses of £1,537

Roger Folley was paid remuneration of £3,924 for duties as the church organist.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE PCC OF ST CLEMENTS CHURCH, LEIGH-ON-SEA**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 4 to 7 is in respect of an examination carried out under regulation 3 (C) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and s.43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993.

**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees 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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act and in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulation 2006;  
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiners 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 trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all 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 Examiners Statement**

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

- 1 Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and to comply with requirements of the 1993 Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.Have not been met: or
- 2 to which in our opinion, attention should be draw on order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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22nd March 2023

