

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WOOTTON BASSETT

England & Wales · Charity number 1130533

Details

Other names	ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PCC, WOOTTON BASSETT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-14
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: The administration of the Parish Church of Royal Wootton Bassett

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£172,826	£252,541	-	-
2023-12-31	£187,619	£207,967	-	-
2022-12-31	£119,952	£205,182	-	-
2021-12-31	£97,460	£151,110	-	-
2020-12-31	£96,238	£139,061	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev JANE DARWENT CURTIS	Chair	2017-04-24
ANDREW DAVID MEEK		2016-04-18
Caroline Mary Nutland		2026-04-27
DAVID LLOYD POPE		2026-04-27
David Robert Woollett		2024-04-29
Dr KAREN NICHOLA MURRELL		
Ivor Timothy Davis		2024-04-29
JANICE MARY SMITH		2024-04-17
Jacqueline Kay Ferry		2024-04-29
Jean Ann Wallington		2025-04-28
Joanna Bennett		2022-04-25
John Alexander Ten Broeck Oldfield		2022-04-25
Julie Astrid Laurence		2024-04-29
MARC COLPUS		2016-04-18
MARY SIMPKINS		2012-11-26
RUTH SEXTON		

Accounts



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Administrative Information

St Bartholomew and All Saints Parish Church is situated in the High Street of the market town of Royal Wootton Bassett, in the county of Wiltshire. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

Correspondence address

The Parish Office
1 Church Street
Royal Wootton Bassett
Wiltshire
SN4 7BQ

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity.

Vicar: The Revd Canon Jane Curtis

Assistant Curate: The Revd Katey Minshall

Licensed Lay Minister: Mr Michael Page (PTO)

PCC members who have served 2024-2025

Vicar

The Revd Canon Jane Curtis

Assistant Curate

The Revd Katey Minshall

Wardens

Mr Den Foxwell (Lay Vice Chair)

Mrs Ruth Sexton (Lay Vice Chair)

Licensed Lay Minister

Mr Michael Page (PTO)

Deanery Synod

Mrs Jackie Ferry (from April 2024)

Mrs Mary Simpkins

Elected Members

Mrs Joanna Bennett

Mr Marc Colpus (Treasurer)

Mr Tim Davis (from April 2024)

Mr Keith Lambert (from April 2024)

Mrs Astrid Laurence (from April 2024)

Mr Andrew Meek

Dr Karen Murrell

Mr John Oldfield

Miss Jan Smith (from April 2024)

Mrs Frances Watkins

Mr Zach Watkins

Co-opted Member

Mr David Woollett (from July 2024)

Electoral Roll Officer

Mr Paul Ferry

The number on the renewed Church Electoral Roll for 2025 is 202.

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.

Objectives and Activities

St Bartholomew's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar by promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the Church and its associated property.

Safeguarding

Throughout the year the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Review of the Year

This Annual Report acknowledges the work of both individuals and the various church groups and committees who have given so much to our church and the wider community during the year. St Bartholomew's is a busy church and community, and so there is much to report on and celebrate.

Turning to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), the executive body of the Church, and it met on nine occasions during the year and attendance was invariably high. Its business was as full and varied as usual. Of particular note were discussions and decisions around: the progression of our four mission strands – caring for God's earth, growing in our faith, helping those in need, and working with children and young people; continuing improvements to our church buildings and property; updating our audio-

visual provision; the setting up of a new Anglican worshipping community (The Light Church) here in RWB; the new diocesan Share system and vision *Making Jesus Known*; the possible introduction of *Prayers of Love and Faith*; and the introduction of a Parish Dashboard to assist in our safeguarding responsibilities.

The PCC Standing Committee had a much quieter year, meeting only once in the twelve-month period. Comprehensive agendas at each PCC meeting means that all necessary business is usually conducted by the full membership, although between meetings decisions have occasionally needed to have been canvassed and agreed via email.

So, heartfelt thanks go to all members of the PCC and its Standing Committee for another 12 months of hard work, and all of it carried out with wisdom, grace, passion and (usually!) good humour.

We have continued to be blessed with the ministry of our Assistant Curate, Katey Minshall, and Licensed Lay Minister Michael Page. Good news!

In the summer we welcomed our brand-new Director of Music and Organist Lisa Williams. We have continued too to enjoy wonderful music-making from our growing Senior and Junior choirs, under the leadership of Lisa and Haydn Williams, and Sally Westwood and Alison Meek respectively – as well as the monthly appearance of Harmony Singers and musicians (led by Rachel Smith) at our All-Age service on the first Sunday.

Finally, I would like to express sincere and grateful thanks for all the hard work, faithfulness and dedication given and demonstrated by individuals, committees and groups that have contributed during the past year in sustaining our church at the heart of Royal Wootton Bassett. And for the continuing support of our retired clergy, as well as the support and superb leadership demonstrated by our Churchwardens Ruth and Den – a huge thank you too.

Financial Review

Income and Expenditure

Our total income from all sources amounted to £172,826, compared with £206,521 in 2023, a decrease of £33,695 (16%), in the main due to the bequest from Mr Traylen in 2023.

- **Church Hall.** The Church Hall provided a net loss of £20,020 in 2024, in the main due to the refurbishment of the Church Hall.
- **Croft.** The Croft provided a net profit of £1,822 in 2024.
- **Flats.** The 2 flats provided a net profit of £8,470 in 2024.

Our expenditure increased to £252,541 from £228,604 in 2023 namely an increase of £23,937 (10%). Consequently, the finances of the church had a deficit of £79,715 from a deficit of £22,803 in 2023. We continued to invest in our properties meaning the maintenance figures in 2024 were very high but are important for the future. The contributions made to our total funds by Church Croft and Church Hall remain important and special thanks are due to the volunteers who make this possible.

Reserves

Following from last year's report, the details about our Reserves - why we hold them and restrictions on how we spend them:

- **Property Account.** The balance, on 31 Dec 24, in the Property Account was £8,089.
- **Designated Funds (Parsons/Wickes) Charities.** On 31 Dec 24, £608 was held in our Charities account and consists of 2 small historical charities. The spending of money from these charities has a variety of restrictions, namely "for maintenance of Churchyard", and "for provision of groceries or other provisions to the deserving poor".

- **Bibblecombe.** On 31 Dec 24, £3,306 was held in an endowment account (Bibblecombe Account) from which the income has no restrictions.
- **CBF Deposit Fund.** On 31 Dec 24, £163,731 was held in the CBF Deposit Fund and there are no restrictions on this deposit.

We continue to survive on our reserves, which now is purely the remnants of the Gillian Thompson bequest. This situation is likely to continue for 2025 and is likely to be exhausted in 2026.

2024 represents the first year of using the My Fund Accounting computer application. The application takes some getting used to but can quick generate the end of year and end of month reports once the data is available.

Finally, I would like to say a big Thank You for your support and all the work that is completed "behind the scenes" as part of the Finance Function. We rely on the help of volunteers for so much of the work - bookkeeping for the Church Hall and the Croft, counting the money on Sundays, banking every week, organising the Energy Basket scheme, collating the report of Standing Orders and the Property Account, administering the Gift Aid scheme and the Parochial Fees, and many jobs beside these.

Marc Colpus (PCC Treasurer)

Financials

REGISTERED CHARITY 1130533

BANKERS HSBC
SWINDON, WILTS

TRUSTEES CHURCHWARDENS AND
ALL MEMBERS OF THE PCC

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds	1,448.63	-	-	1,448.63	549.50
Church activities	34,160.69	684.00	-	34,844.69	27,345.14
Income from investments	47,528.48	286.09	306.17	48,120.74	37,969.55
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary Giving	83,015.30	5,396.87	-	88,412.17	140,657.30
Total income	166,153.10	6,366.96	306.17	172,826.23	206,521.49
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	4,882.77	-	-	4,882.77	4,478.69
Church Activities	129,824.23	5,025.37	-	134,849.60	121,660.38
Church Expenses	48,346.58	362.00	-	48,708.58	45,695.78
Costs of generating funds	7,978.99	-	-	7,978.99	9,727.73
Major Capital Expenditure	56,121.20	-	-	56,121.20	47,041.63
Total expenditure	247,153.77	5,387.37	-	252,541.14	228,604.21
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(81,000.67)	979.59	306.17	(79,714.91)	(22,082.72)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	39,095.67	-	-	39,095.67	27,696.25

Gross transfers between funds - out	(37,895.67)	(1,200.00)	-	(39,095.67)	(27,696.25)
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Other recognised gains / losses

Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
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Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds	(79,800.67)	(220.41)	306.17	(79,714.91)	(22,082.72)
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Total funds brought forward	517,419.36	2,004.43	13,510.48	532,934.27	555,016.99
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Total funds carried forward	437,618.69	1,784.02	13,816.65	453,219.36	532,934.27
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Represented by

Unrestricted

General Fund	408,896.36	-	-	408,896.36	477,675.16
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Designated

Church Croft	12,862.67	-	-	12,862.67	11,047.84
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Church Fees	-	-	-	-	84.00
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Church Hall	7,770.06	-	-	7,770.06	14,820.16
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Parsons	-	-	-	-	-
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Rental Property - 5 Buthay Court	6,579.00	-	-	6,579.00	7,254.60
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Rental Property - Croft Flat	1,510.60	-	-	1,510.60	6,537.60
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Restricted

Charity Collections	-	70.00	-	70.00	-
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Christingle	-	-	-	-	-
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Church Building - Lady Chapel	-	-	-	-	-
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Church Building General	-	421.50	-	421.50	-
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Church Fees	-	684.00	-	684.00	1,200.00
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Eucharist Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
John Fitter Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Open The Book	-	-	-	-	-
Parsons	-	607.06	-	607.06	566.72
Wickes	-	1.46	-	1.46	237.71

Endowment

Biddlecombe	-	-	3,306.55	3,306.55	3,232.56
Parsons	-	-	5,964.40	5,964.40	5,832.64
Wickes	-	-	4,545.70	4,545.70	4,445.28

Total funds	437,618.69	1,784.02	13,816.65	453,219.36	532,934.27
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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	232,395.00	236,296.00
Heritage assets	600.00	-
	232,995.00	236,296.00
Current assets		
Investments	177,547.87	240,962.06
Cash At Bank And In Hand	42,676.49	55,676.21
	220,224.36	296,638.27
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	220,224.36	296,638.27
Total assets less current liabilities	453,219.36	532,934.27
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	453,219.36	532,934.27
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	408,896.36	477,675.16
Designated		
Designated - Church Croft	12,862.67	11,047.84
Designated - Church Fees	-	84.00
Designated - Church Hall	7,770.06	14,820.16

Designated - Rental Property - 5 Buthay Court	6,579.00	7,254.60
Designated - Rental Property - Croft Flat	1,510.60	6,537.60
Restricted		
Restricted - Charity Collections	70.00	-
Restricted - Church Building General	421.50	-
Restricted - Church Fees	684.00	1,200.00
Restricted - Parsons	607.06	566.72
Restricted - Wickes	1.46	237.71
Endowment		
Endowment - Biddlecombe	3,306.55	3,232.56
Endowment - Parsons	5,964.40	5,832.64
Endowment - Wickes	4,545.70	4,445.28
Fund Totals	453,219.36	532,934.27

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Heritage assets						
6411: Church - Thompson Arms Plate	600.00	-	-	-	600.00	-
Total	600.00	-	-	-	600.00	-
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6401: Leasehold Property	148,754.00	-	-	-	148,754.00	148,754.00
6402: Property Improvements	82,367.00	-	-	-	82,367.00	84,993.00
6403: Plant and Machinery (Historic)	1,274.00	-	-	-	1,274.00	2,549.00
Total	232,395.00	-	-	-	232,395.00	236,296.00
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: HSBC Church Expenses Account	12,170.14	-	70.00	-	12,240.14	13,927.58
6502: HSBC Parsons/Wickes Account	-	-	1,030.02	-	1,030.02	804.43
6504: Barclays Property Account	-	8,089.60	-	-	8,089.60	13,792.20
6505: Barclays Fees Account	-	-	684.00	-	684.00	1,284.00
6510: HSBC Croft Current	-	5,559.49	-	-	5,559.49	3,884.76
6511: HSBC Croft Savings	-	2,072.22	-	-	2,072.22	2,032.46
6512: HSBC Croft Fundraising	-	5,230.96	-	-	5,230.96	5,130.62
6515: Lloyds Church Hall	-	7,770.06	-	-	7,770.06	14,820.16
Total	12,170.14	28,722.33	1,784.02	-	42,676.49	55,676.21
Current Asset - Investments						
6521: Church General Deposit	163,731.22	-	-	-	163,731.22	227,451.58
6522: Endowment - Bibblecombe	-	-	-	3,306.55	3,306.55	3,232.56
6523: Endowment - Parsons	-	-	-	5,964.40	5,964.40	5,832.64
6524: Endowment - Wickes	-	-	-	4,545.70	4,545.70	4,445.28
Total	163,731.22	-	-	13,816.65	177,547.87	240,962.06

Net total assets	408,896.36	28,722.33	1,784.02	13,816.65	453,219.36	532,934.27
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	408,896.36	-	-	-	408,896.36	477,675.16
Designated - Croft	-	12,862.67	-	-	12,862.67	11,047.84
Designated - Fees	-	-	-	-	-	84.00
Designated - Hall	-	7,770.06	-	-	7,770.06	14,820.16
Designated - Property - Buthay	-	6,579.00	-	-	6,579.00	7,254.60
Designated - Property - Croft	-	1,510.60	-	-	1,510.60	6,537.60
Restricted - Charity	-	-	70.00	-	70.00	-
Restricted - Church Building	-	-	421.50	-	421.50	-
Restricted - Fees	-	-	684.00	-	684.00	1,200.00
Restricted - Parsons	-	-	607.06	-	607.06	566.72
Restricted - Wickes	-	-	1.46	-	1.46	237.71
Endowment - Biddlecombe	-	-	-	3,306.55	3,306.55	3,232.56
Endowment - Parsons	-	-	-	5,964.40	5,964.40	5,832.64
Endowment - Wickes	-	-	-	4,545.70	4,545.70	4,445.28
Total	408,896.36	28,722.33	1,784.02	13,816.65	453,219.36	532,934.27

Fund movement summary

	Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Biddlecombe								
Endowment		3,232.56	73.99	-	-	-	-	3,306.55
Sub-totals		3,232.56	73.99	-	-	-	-	3,306.55
Charity								
Restricted		-	2,715.37	2,645.37	-	-	-	70.00
Sub-totals		-	2,715.37	2,645.37	-	-	-	70.00
Christingle								
Restricted		-	120.00	120.00	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals		-	120.00	120.00	-	-	-	-
Church Building								
Restricted		-	421.50	-	-	-	-	421.50
Sub-totals		-	421.50	-	-	-	-	421.50
Croft								
Designated		11,047.84	13,096.79	11,281.96	-	-	-	12,862.67
Sub-totals		11,047.84	13,096.79	11,281.96	-	-	-	12,862.67
Eucharist								
Restricted		-	120.00	120.00	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals		-	120.00	120.00	-	-	-	-
Fees								
Designated		84.00	22,986.00	15,536.33	(7,533.67)	-	-	-

Restricted	1,200.00	684.00	-	(1,200.00)	-	-	684.00
Sub-totals	1,284.00	23,670.00	15,536.33	(8,733.67)	-	-	684.00

General

Unrestricted	477,675.16	95,808.31	176,158.78	11,571.67	-	-	408,896.36
Sub-totals	477,675.16	95,808.31	176,158.78	11,571.67	-	-	408,896.36

Hall

Designated	14,820.16	17,637.00	37,687.10	13,000.00	-	-	7,770.06
Sub-totals	14,820.16	17,637.00	37,687.10	13,000.00	-	-	7,770.06

Memorial John Fitter

Restricted	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-	-	-

Open the Book

Restricted	-	20.00	20.00	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	20.00	20.00	-	-	-	-

Parsons

Designated	-	-	60.00	60.00	-	-	-
Restricted	566.72	162.34	122.00	-	-	-	607.06
Endowment	5,832.64	131.76	-	-	-	-	5,964.40
Sub-totals	6,399.36	294.10	182.00	60.00	-	-	6,571.46

Property - Buthay

Designated	7,254.60	9,425.00	5,202.60	(4,898.00)	-	-	6,579.00
Sub-totals	7,254.60	9,425.00	5,202.60	(4,898.00)	-	-	6,579.00

Property - Croft

Designated	6,537.60	7,200.00	1,227.00	(11,000.00)	-	-	1,510.60
Sub-totals	6,537.60	7,200.00	1,227.00	(11,000.00)	-	-	1,510.60

Wickes

Restricted	237.71	123.75	360.00	-	-	-	1.46
Endowment	4,445.28	100.42	-	-	-	-	4,545.70
Sub-totals	4,682.99	224.17	360.00	-	-	-	4,547.16

Totals	532,934.27	172,826.23	252,541.14	-	-	-	453,219.36
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Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Activities for generating funds						
200 - Fundraising	943.63	-	-	-	943.63	84.50
412 - Floodlighting	505.00	-	-	-	505.00	465.00
Activities for generating funds Totals	1,448.63	-	-	-	1,448.63	549.50
Church activities						
401 - Weddings	-	8,769.00	450.00	-	9,219.00	4,565.00
402 - Funerals	-	14,217.00	234.00	-	14,451.00	13,100.00
410 - Trading activities	-	11,174.69	-	-	11,174.69	9,680.14
Church activities Totals	-	34,160.69	684.00	-	34,844.69	27,345.14
Income from investments						
300 - Investment income	11,394.38	-	-	306.17	11,700.55	3,279.43
301 - Bank interest	-	140.10	-	-	140.10	100.40
302 - Dividends	-	-	286.09	-	286.09	370.52
304 - Rent/hire income	-	35,994.00	-	-	35,994.00	34,219.20
Income from investments Totals	11,394.38	36,134.10	286.09	306.17	48,120.74	37,969.55
Voluntary Giving						
101 - Bank - Standing Orders	29,315.00	-	-	-	29,315.00	31,960.00
102 - Parish Giving Scheme	12,884.01	-	-	-	12,884.01	11,072.20
103 - Envelopes - Weekly Giving	6,211.07	-	-	-	6,211.07	7,200.22
123 - Envelopes - Yellows	3,574.00	-	-	-	3,574.00	4,105.51
131 - Card	3,962.00	-	90.00	-	4,052.00	1,999.64
132 - Cash	7,983.69	-	-	-	7,983.69	6,491.75
141 - Donations	2,389.17	50.00	3,306.87	-	5,746.04	13,474.83

143 - Offertory Box	1,051.84	-	-	-	1,051.84	679.38
144 - Other	2,468.97	-	-	-	2,468.97	30.94
150 - Gift Aid recovered	-	-	-	-	-	10,722.03
151 - Gift Aid	10,864.67	-	-	-	10,864.67	2,738.06
160 - Legacies	323.68	-	2,000.00	-	2,323.68	50,182.74
172 - VAT recovered	1,937.20	-	-	-	1,937.20	-
Voluntary Giving Totals	82,965.30	50.00	5,396.87	-	88,412.17	140,657.30
Income and endowments Grand totals	95,808.31	70,344.79	6,366.96	306.17	172,826.23	206,521.49

EXPENDITURE ON:

Other expenditure

2201 - Bank charges	263.98	279.19	-	-	543.17	577.69
2301 - Depreciation	4,339.60	-	-	-	4,339.60	3,901.00
Other expenditure Totals	4,603.58	279.19	-	-	4,882.77	4,478.69

Church Activities

1101 - Donations - Registered Charities	330.15	121.70	2,308.37	-	2,760.22	7,703.62
1102 - Donations - other	1,603.75	360.00	457.00	-	2,420.75	2,381.75
1103 - Local assistance	3,272.32	-	2,260.00	-	5,532.32	-
1200 - Parish Share	98,871.04	-	-	-	98,871.04	91,547.28
1201 - Parish Parochial Fees	-	10,766.33	-	-	10,766.33	7,332.00
1302 - Assistant/visiting Clergy costs	-	550.00	-	-	550.00	-
1303 - Organist	4,136.68	1,880.00	-	-	6,016.68	4,417.64
1304 - Cleaner	584.50	5,432.00	-	-	6,016.50	6,027.00
1400 - Clergy and staff expenses	667.08	-	-	-	667.08	719.04
1401 - Travel costs	1,236.70	-	-	-	1,236.70	1,532.05
1402 - Other costs	11.98	-	-	-	11.98	-
Church Activities Totals	110,714.20	19,110.03	5,025.37	-	134,849.60	121,660.38

Church Expenses

1501 - Local outreach costs	225.00	-	-	-	225.00	-
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1502 - Childrens gifts	40.00	-	-	-	40.00	-
1601 - Maintenance - Church	8,207.29	-	-	-	8,207.29	1,302.00
1602 - Maintenance - Churchyard/cemetery	100.00	-	122.00	-	222.00	956.00
1603 - Maintenance - Other Church buildings	936.77	5,762.03	-	-	6,698.80	7,075.52
1604 - Service expenses	2,386.19	-	240.00	-	2,626.19	3,476.72
1605 - Office costs	2,958.02	-	-	-	2,958.02	2,905.13
1606 - Insurance	7,785.36	-	-	-	7,785.36	7,491.41
1607 - Music costs	133.00	2,340.00	-	-	2,473.00	756.85
1609 - Council tax	-	2.20	-	-	2.20	-
1611 - Rental Property - Management Fee	-	1,431.00	-	-	1,431.00	1,431.00
1612 - Rental Property - Service Management Fee	-	880.00	-	-	880.00	840.00
1700 - Church Utility Bills	431.42	341.04	-	-	772.46	517.28
1701 - Electricity	2,128.33	2,377.66	-	-	4,505.99	5,778.69
1702 - Water	-	313.00	-	-	313.00	233.00
1703 - Gas	5,235.29	3,317.93	-	-	8,553.22	12,193.02
1802 - Licences	1,015.05	-	-	-	1,015.05	739.16

Church Expenses Totals	31,581.72	16,764.86	362.00	-	48,708.58	45,695.78
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Costs of generating funds

1000 - Fundraising costs	45.00	-	-	-	45.00	-
1001 - Resources	-	2,210.69	-	-	2,210.69	-
1002 - Refreshments	51.40	1,592.22	-	-	1,643.62	4,544.70
1003 - Hire of equipment	4,079.68	-	-	-	4,079.68	5,183.03

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Major Capital Expenditure

1900 - Major repairs to Church Building	800.00	-	-	-	800.00	822.00
2000 - Major repairs to other Church Property	22,857.60	552.00	-	-	23,409.60	25,195.75
2001 - Hall	1,425.60	30,486.00	-	-	31,911.60	17,811.91

2003 - Grounds	-	-	-	-	-	3,114.00
2103 - Other	-	-	-	-	-	97.97
Major Capital Expenditure Totals	25,083.20	31,038.00	-	-	56,121.20	47,041.63
Expenditure Grand totals	176,158.78	70,994.99	5,387.37	-	252,541.14	228,604.21

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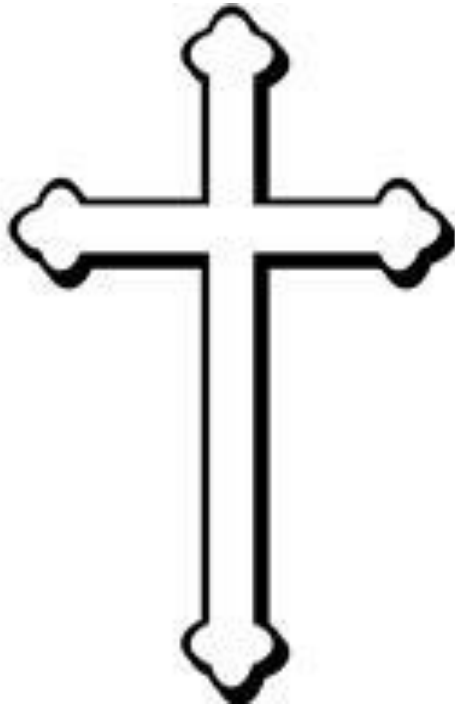
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Turning to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), the executive body of the Church, and it met on nine occasions during the year and attendance was invariably high, whether in person or on Zoom. Its business was as full and varied as usual. Of particular note were discussions and decisions around how we resumed our worshipping life and

activity; the progression of our four mission strands – caring for God’s earth, growing in our faith, helping those in need and working with children and young people; continuing improvements to our church buildings and property; reviewing our safeguarding policies and practices; addressing the challenge of stewardship and giving; and looking at our response to the cost-of-living crisis and warm spaces initiative.

The PCC Standing Committee was also busy, meeting 7 times during the year, again by Zoom and in person, in-between the full PCC meetings. This enabled decisions that needed a speedy turn-around, most especially in response to the changes in COVID restrictions, to be taken quickly and efficiently.

Heartfelt thanks therefore go to the members of the full PCC and its Standing Committee (and Melvyn Blackman who once again joined the latter to assist with his Health and Safety expertise) for 12 months of hard work, and all of it carried out with wisdom, grace and good humour.

In July we welcomed our new Assistant Curate, Katey Minshall, Lee and family following her ordination to the diaconate in Salisbury Cathedral. And what a blessing she has been!

For now however I would like to express sincere and grateful thanks for all the hard work, faithfulness and dedication given and demonstrated by individuals, committees and groups that have contributed during the past year in sustaining our church at the heart of Royal Wootton Bassett. And for the continuing support of our retired clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers, as well as the

support and superb leadership demonstrated by our Churchwardens Ruth and Den – a huge thank you too.

Financial Review

Income and Expenditure

Our total income from all sources amounted to £118,521, compared with £97,640 in 2021, an increase of £20,881 (21%), in the main due to the re-opening of the Croft.

- Church Hall. The Church Hall provided a net loss of £9,874 in 2022.
- Croft. The Croft provided a net profit of £2,175 in 2022.
- Flats. The 2 flats provided a net profit of £7,434 in 2022.

Our expenditure also increased to £203,751 from £151,110 in 2021 namely an increase of £52,641 (35%). Consequently, the finances of the church (before the Gillian Thompson Bequest) had a deficit of £85,231 from a deficit of £53,470 in 2021. We continued to invest in our properties meaning the maintenance figures in 2021 were very high but are important for the future. Additionally, we have not been immune to the significant increases in the prices of gas and electricity. The contributions made to our total funds by Church Croft and Church Hall remain important and special thanks are due to the volunteers who make this possible.

Reserves

Following from last year's report, the details about our Reserves - why we hold them and restrictions on how we spend them:

- Property Account. The balance, on 31 Dec 22, in the Property Account was £25,265.

- Gillian Thompson Memorial Fund. The balance, on 31 Dec 22, in the Gillian Thompson Memorial fund was £210,211.
- Designated Funds (Parsons/Wickes) Charities. On 31 Dec 22, £1,622 was held in our Charities account and consists of 2 small historical charities. The spending of money from these charities has a variety of restrictions, namely "for maintenance of Churchyard", and "for provision of groceries or other provisions to the deserving poor".
- Bibblecombe. On 31 Dec 22, £12,354 was held in an endowment account (Bibblecombe Account) from which the income has no restrictions. This account had been impacted by the stock market falls in 2022.

General giving has not increased in line with inflation but other sources of income are returning to levels seen before the COVID restrictions. The expenditure has returned to pre-COVID levels, in real terms, with exceptional high increases in utility costs. We continued to invest in the properties. We were protected to a great extent by our reserves and the Gillian Thompson bequest. This situation is likely to continue for 2023. Finally, I would like to say a big Thank You for your support and all the work that is completed "behind the scenes" as part of the Finance Function. We rely on the help of volunteers for so much of the work - bookkeeping for the Church Hall and the Croft, counting the money on Sundays, banking every week, organising the Energy Basket scheme, collating the report of Standing Orders and the Property Account, administering the Gift Aid scheme and the Parochial Fees, and many jobs beside these.

Marc Colpus (PCC Treasurer)

Financials

REGISTERED CHARITY 1130533

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**TRUSTEES CHURCHWARDENS AND
 ALL MEMBERS OF THE PCC**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Income and Expenditure Account

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	1	2	3	
	<u>Wickes Groceries</u>	<u>Parsons Churchyard</u>	<u>Biddlecombe General</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
CBF Dividends	121	160		281
Transfer to General Funds				0
Transfer to Restricted Funds	-121	-160		-281
(Decrease)/Increase in Funds (unrealised)	-535	-702	-390	-1,627
Market value at 31 December 2021	4,600	6,036	3,345	13,981
Market value at 31 December 2022	4,065	5,334	2,955	12,354
1 & 2	COIF Charities Investment Fund - Income Shares			
3	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Income Shares			

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>Wickes Groceries</u>	<u>Parsons Churchyard</u>	<u>Ride & Stride</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Transfer from Endowment Funds	121	160		281
Expenditure from Restricted Funds	-282	-60		-342
Transfer from/(to) General Funds			610	610
Increase/(Decrease) in Fund	-161	100	610	549
Balance at 31 December 2021	700	373	0	1,073
Balance at 31 December 2022	539	473	610	1,622

GENERAL FUND		Notes	2022		2021	
			£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>						
Offerings:	General	1	65,153		64,806	
	Special		0		3,367	
	Weddings, funerals, baptisms etc		2,398		1,232	
	Floodlighting		425		565	
Fees			9,238		8,035	
Fundraising			610		0	
Donations & Bequests			8,665		2,407	
Flat Rents (net)			7,434		3,302	
Church Hall		2	12,679		10,488	
Church Croft & shop		3	12,207		2,907	
Sundry			727		432	
Interest Received			329		14	
Charity Commissioners - endowment funds			88		85	
				119,952		97,640
<u>Expenditure</u>						
Quota			88,881		85,074	
Heat, light, insurance, rates etc			12,515		9,382	
Administration			7,388		7,623	
Clergy Expenses			7,011		1,193	
Hospitality			315		0	
Music			3,580		5,176	
Services and sanctuary			2,752		808	
Churchyard			0		830	
Repairs and renewals			45,618		12,946	
Church Hall		2	22,552		11,553	
Church Croft & shop		3	10,032		11,738	
Bank Charges			637		362	
Depreciation			3,901		4,425	
				205,182		151,110
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before Exceptional Items				-85,231		-53,470
Giving				-7,404		-2,685
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after giving				-92,634		-56,155
Movement in Restricted Funds				-610		1,044
				-93,244		-55,111
Balance brought forward				637,376		692,487
Funds carried forward				544,132		637,376

Movement of Unrestricted Funds

	<u>31.12.21</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year</u>	<u>Transfer between funds</u>	<u>31.12.22</u>
	£	£	£	£
General	283,951	-101,672	78,468	260,747
Thompson	262,679	0	-52,468	210,211
Property	43,831	16,126	-26,000	33,957
Croft	12,776	2,175		14,951
Hall	34,139	-9,874		24,265
	<u>637,376</u>	<u>-93,244</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>544,132</u>

Balance Sheet

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>4</u>	240,197	244,098
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Bank accounts		277,138	362,595
Charities Deposits		25,328	25,000
Charities Investment Fund		12,354	13,981
Cash in Hand		40	40
		<u>314,861</u>	<u>401,616</u>
Stock		3,500	3,500
Debtors & prepayments		0	6,111
		<u>318,361</u>	<u>411,227</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors and accruals		<u>450</u>	<u>2,895</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		<u>317,911</u>	<u>408,332</u>
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>		<u>558,108</u>	<u>652,430</u>
<u>FUNDS</u>			
<u>Unrestricted</u>			
General		260,747	283,951
Thompson Bequest		210,211	262,679
Property		33,957	43,831
Croft		14,951	12,776
Hall		<u>24,265</u>	<u>34,139</u>
		544,132	637,376
<u>Restricted</u>		1,622	1,073
<u>Endowment</u>		12,354	13,981
		<u>558,108</u>	<u>652,430</u>

Notes to the Accounts

	2022 £	2021 £		
1 Offerings General				
General weekly and lump sum offerings	56,617	53,038		
Gift Aid Tax refund	8,536	11,768		
	<u>65,153</u>	<u>64,806</u>		
2 Hall - Net Income				
Lettings etc	12,679	10,488		
Caretaking	2,403	2,325		
Heat, light, insurance and rates	1,452	931		
Repairs and Maintenance	18,698	8,297		
	<u>22,552</u>	<u>11,553</u>		
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>-9,874</u>	<u>-1,065</u>		
Church Croft - Net Income				
3 Income				
Shop sales	2,738	1,478		
Coffee sales	5,017	923		
Croft hire and miscellaneous donations	4,452	506		
	<u>12,207</u>	<u>2,907</u>		
Shop purchases	1,536	696		
Coffee purchases	979	25		
Cleaning including wages	2,185	2,160		
Heat, light, insurance and rates	1,719	2,193		
Repairs and Maintenance	3,613	6,664		
	<u>10,032</u>	<u>11,738</u>		
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>2,175</u>	<u>-8,831</u>		
4 Fixed Assets				
	<u>Leasehold Property</u>	<u>Property Improvements</u>	<u>Plant and Machinery</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cost</u>				
At 31 December 2021	148,754	101,137	20,674	270,565
Additions at cost	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2022	<u>148,754</u>	<u>101,137</u>	<u>20,674</u>	<u>270,565</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 31 December 2021	0	10,892	15,575	26,467
Charge for the year		2,626	1,275	3,901
At 31 December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>13,518</u>	<u>16,850</u>	<u>30,368</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31 December 2021	148,754	90,245	5,099	244,098
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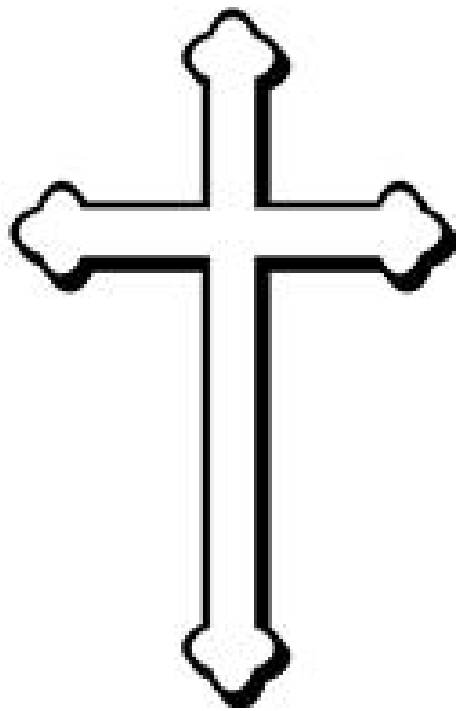
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This Annual Report acknowledges the work of both individuals and the various church groups and committees who have given so much to our church and the wider community during the year. It was a year which saw our gradual emergence from the worst of the pandemic and the associated restrictions. Hence the level of activity stepped up somewhat. And as the following reports indicate, life just got busier and busier.

Turning to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), the executive body of the Church, and it met on nine occasions during the year and attendance was invariably high, whether in person or on Zoom. Its business was as full and varied as usual. Of particular note were discussions and decisions around how we resumed our worshipping life and

activity; the progression of our four mission strands – caring for God’s earth, growing in our faith, helping those in need and working with children and young people; continuing improvements to our church buildings and property; reviewing our safeguarding policies and practices; addressing the challenge of stewardship and giving; and looking at our response to the cost-of-living crisis and warm spaces initiative.

The PCC Standing Committee was also busy, meeting 7 times during the year, again by Zoom and in person, in-between the full PCC meetings. This enabled decisions that needed a speedy turn-around, most especially in response to the changes in COVID restrictions, to be taken quickly and efficiently.

Heartfelt thanks therefore go to the members of the full PCC and its Standing Committee (and Melvyn Blackman who once again joined the latter to assist with his Health and Safety expertise) for 12 months of hard work, and all of it carried out with wisdom, grace and good humour.

In July we welcomed our new Assistant Curate, Katey Minshall, Lee and family following her ordination to the diaconate in Salisbury Cathedral. And what a blessing she has been!

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support and superb leadership demonstrated by our Churchwardens Ruth and Den – a huge thank you too.

Financial Review

Income and Expenditure

Our total income from all sources amounted to £118,521, compared with £97,640 in 2021, an increase of £20,881 (21%), in the main due to the re-opening of the Croft.

- Church Hall. The Church Hall provided a net loss of £9,874 in 2022.
- Croft. The Croft provided a net profit of £2,175 in 2022.
- Flats. The 2 flats provided a net profit of £7,434 in 2022.

Our expenditure also increased to £203,751 from £151,110 in 2021 namely an increase of £52,641 (35%). Consequently, the finances of the church (before the Gillian Thompson Bequest) had a deficit of £85,231 from a deficit of £53,470 in 2021. We continued to invest in our properties meaning the maintenance figures in 2021 were very high but are important for the future. Additionally, we have not been immune to the significant increases in the prices of gas and electricity. The contributions made to our total funds by Church Croft and Church Hall remain important and special thanks are due to the volunteers who make this possible.

Reserves

Following from last year's report, the details about our Reserves - why we hold them and restrictions on how we spend them:

- Property Account. The balance, on 31 Dec 22, in the Property Account was £25,265.

- Gillian Thompson Memorial Fund. The balance, on 31 Dec 22, in the Gillian Thompson Memorial fund was £210,211.
- Designated Funds (Parsons/Wickes) Charities. On 31 Dec 22, £1,622 was held in our Charities account and consists of 2 small historical charities. The spending of money from these charities has a variety of restrictions, namely "for maintenance of Churchyard", and "for provision of groceries or other provisions to the deserving poor".
- Bibblecombe. On 31 Dec 22, £12,354 was held in an endowment account (Bibblecombe Account) from which the income has no restrictions. This account had been impacted by the stock market falls in 2022.

General giving has not increased in line with inflation but other sources of income are returning to levels seen before the COVID restrictions. The expenditure has returned to pre-COVID levels, in real terms, with exceptional high increases in utility costs. We continued to invest in the properties. We were protected to a great extent by our reserves and the Gillian Thompson bequest. This situation is likely to continue for 2023. Finally, I would like to say a big Thank You for your support and all the work that is completed "behind the scenes" as part of the Finance Function. We rely on the help of volunteers for so much of the work - bookkeeping for the Church Hall and the Croft, counting the money on Sundays, banking every week, organising the Energy Basket scheme, collating the report of Standing Orders and the Property Account, administering the Gift Aid scheme and the Parochial Fees, and many jobs beside these.

Marc Colpus (PCC Treasurer)

Financials

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 ALL MEMBERS OF THE PCC**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Income and Expenditure Account

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	1	2	3	
	<u>Wickes Groceries</u>	<u>Parsons Churchyard</u>	<u>Biddlecombe General</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
CBF Dividends	121	160		281
Transfer to General Funds				0
Transfer to Restricted Funds	-121	-160		-281
(Decrease)/Increase in Funds (unrealised)	-535	-702	-390	-1,627
Market value at 31 December 2021	4,600	6,036	3,345	13,981
Market value at 31 December 2022	4,065	5,334	2,955	12,354
1 & 2	COIF Charities Investment Fund - Income Shares			
3	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Income Shares			

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>Wickes Groceries</u>	<u>Parsons Churchyard</u>	<u>Ride & Stride</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Transfer from Endowment Funds	121	160		281
Expenditure from Restricted Funds	-282	-60		-342
Transfer from/(to) General Funds			610	610
Increase/(Decrease) in Fund	-161	100	610	549
Balance at 31 December 2021	700	373	0	1,073
Balance at 31 December 2022	539	473	610	1,622

GENERAL FUND		Notes	2022		2021	
			£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>						
Offerings:	General	1	65,153		64,806	
	Special		0		3,367	
	Weddings, funerals, baptisms etc		2,398		1,232	
	Floodlighting		425		565	
Fees			9,238		8,035	
Fundraising			610		0	
Donations & Bequests			8,665		2,407	
Flat Rents (net)			7,434		3,302	
Church Hall		2	12,679		10,488	
Church Croft & shop		3	12,207		2,907	
Sundry			727		432	
Interest Received			329		14	
Charity Commissioners - endowment funds			88		85	
				119,952		97,640
<u>Expenditure</u>						
Quota			88,881		85,074	
Heat, light, insurance, rates etc			12,515		9,382	
Administration			7,388		7,623	
Clergy Expenses			7,011		1,193	
Hospitality			315		0	
Music			3,580		5,176	
Services and sanctuary			2,752		808	
Churchyard			0		830	
Repairs and renewals			45,618		12,946	
Church Hall		2	22,552		11,553	
Church Croft & shop		3	10,032		11,738	
Bank Charges			637		362	
Depreciation			3,901		4,425	
				205,182		151,110
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before Exceptional Items				-85,231		-53,470
Giving				-7,404		-2,685
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after giving				-92,634		-56,155
Movement in Restricted Funds				-610		1,044
				-93,244		-55,111
Balance brought forward				637,376		692,487
Funds carried forward				544,132		637,376

Movement of Unrestricted Funds

	<u>31.12.21</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year</u>	<u>Transfer between funds</u>	<u>31.12.22</u>
	£	£	£	£
General	283,951	-101,672	78,468	260,747
Thompson	262,679	0	-52,468	210,211
Property	43,831	16,126	-26,000	33,957
Croft	12,776	2,175		14,951
Hall	34,139	-9,874		24,265
	<u>637,376</u>	<u>-93,244</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>544,132</u>

Balance Sheet

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>4</u>	240,197	244,098
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Bank accounts		277,138	362,595
Charities Deposits		25,328	25,000
Charities Investment Fund		12,354	13,981
Cash in Hand		40	40
		<u>314,861</u>	<u>401,616</u>
Stock		3,500	3,500
Debtors & prepayments		0	6,111
		<u>318,361</u>	<u>411,227</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors and accruals		<u>450</u>	<u>2,895</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		<u>317,911</u>	<u>408,332</u>
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>		<u>558,108</u>	<u>652,430</u>
<u>FUNDS</u>			
<u>Unrestricted</u>			
General		260,747	283,951
Thompson Bequest		210,211	262,679
Property		33,957	43,831
Croft		14,951	12,776
Hall		<u>24,265</u>	<u>34,139</u>
		544,132	637,376
<u>Restricted</u>		1,622	1,073
<u>Endowment</u>		12,354	13,981
		<u>558,108</u>	<u>652,430</u>

Notes to the Accounts

	2022 £	2021 £		
1 Offerings General				
General weekly and lump sum offerings	56,617	53,038		
Gift Aid Tax refund	8,536	11,768		
	<u>65,153</u>	<u>64,806</u>		
2 Hall - Net Income				
Lettings etc	12,679	10,488		
Caretaking	2,403	2,325		
Heat, light, insurance and rates	1,452	931		
Repairs and Maintenance	18,698	8,297		
	<u>22,552</u>	<u>11,553</u>		
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>-9,874</u>	<u>-1,065</u>		
Church Croft - Net Income				
3 Income				
Shop sales	2,738	1,478		
Coffee sales	5,017	923		
Croft hire and miscellaneous donations	4,452	506		
	<u>12,207</u>	<u>2,907</u>		
Shop purchases	1,536	696		
Coffee purchases	979	25		
Cleaning including wages	2,185	2,160		
Heat, light, insurance and rates	1,719	2,193		
Repairs and Maintenance	3,613	6,664		
	<u>10,032</u>	<u>11,738</u>		
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>2,175</u>	<u>-8,831</u>		
4 Fixed Assets				
	<u>Leasehold Property</u>	<u>Property Improvements</u>	<u>Plant and Machinery</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cost</u>				
At 31 December 2021	148,754	101,137	20,674	270,565
Additions at cost	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2022	<u>148,754</u>	<u>101,137</u>	<u>20,674</u>	<u>270,565</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 31 December 2021	0	10,892	15,575	26,467
Charge for the year		2,626	1,275	3,901
At 31 December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>13,518</u>	<u>16,850</u>	<u>30,368</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31 December 2021	148,754	90,245	5,099	244,098
At 31 December 2022	<u>148,754</u>	<u>87,619</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>240,197</u>

Independent Examiners Report

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 5, is in

respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 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. 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 accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 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.

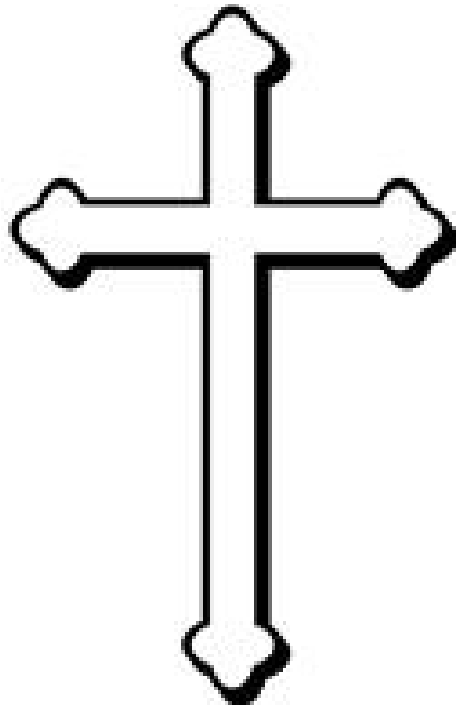
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Administrative Information

St Bartholomew and All Saints Parish Church is situated in the High Street of the market town of Royal Wootton Bassett, in the county of Wiltshire. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

Correspondence address

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity.

Vicar: The Revd Canon Jane Curtis

Assistant Curate: The Revd Oliver Blease (until June 2021)

Licensed Lay Minister: Mr Michael Page

PCC members who have served 2021-2022

Vicar

The Revd Canon Jane Curtis

Assistant Curate

The Revd Oliver Blease (until June 2021)

Wardens

Mrs Ruth Sexton (Lay Vice Chair)

Mr Den Foxwell

Licensed Lay Minister

Mr Michael Page

Deanery Synod

Mrs Mary Simpkins

Mrs Sarah Beach (also PCC Secretary)

Mr Daniel Harland (until September 2021)

Mr David Taylor

Elected Members

Mr Marc Colpus (Treasurer)

Mr John Oldfield

Dr Karen Murrell

Mr Andrew Meek

Ms Elizabeth Wood (until May 2021)

Mrs Honor Page (until May 2021)

Mrs Frances Watkins (until May 2021)

Mr David Aughey

Mrs Joanna Bennett

Electoral Roll Officer

Mr Ferry

The number on the Church Electoral Roll for 2022 is 213. Since last year's revision 14 people have been removed and 5 added.

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.

Objectives and Activities

St Bartholomew's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar by promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the Church and its associated property.

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The unprecedented times that were 2021 had a significant detrimental impact on the income and expenditure of the Church. We were protected to a great extent by our reserves and the Gillian Thompson bequest. This situation is likely to continue for 2022. Finally, I would like to say a big Thank You for your support and all the work that is completed "behind the scenes" as part of the Finance Function. We rely on the help of volunteers for so much of the work - bookkeeping for the Church Hall and the Croft,

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Marc Colpus (PCC Treasurer)

Vicar's Report

*We seek to grow through prayer
and share Christ's love through engagement with all.*

Last year my report featured a whole litany of thanks. After a very tough 2020 it felt only right to say thank you to all those who had helped keep St Bartholomew's serving God and serving this community. And I had thought that my message this year would be different! But not so. 2021 turned out to be similarly challenging, albeit the vaccinations brought some hope and relief. So I am keeping it simple, and saying thank you once more. Thank you to those...

- who have kept our worship going, be it in church, on-line or via Zoom
- who have kept us safe and COVID-compliant in our buildings – and cleaned them too
- who have inspired us with their music-making
- who have kept us thinking about our faith and opening our Bibles
- who have connected with our children, young people and young families with creativity and panache
- who have helped us stay connected with the wider

community via newsletter, email, website, social media, YouTube and Zoom

- who have worked and donated tirelessly to ensure that no-one goes hungry
- who have made sure we don't forget the long-term well-being and health of our planet
- who have served on PCC and Synods
- who have kept the Parish office going
- who have worked behind the scenes looking after our buildings and opening them up to the wider community once more
- who have served coffee in the Croft, or welcomed people into church
- who have served our schools via Open the Book, governing bodies and collective worship
- who have decorated our church building with beautiful flowers
- who have kept a wary eye on our finances in challenging times
- who have ensured we safeguard our children and vulnerable adults
- who have kept saying their prayers and caring for loved ones and giving solace to the poorly and bereaved
- ... and everyone else who has enabled the community at St Bart's to play its part in the Body of Christ here in Royal Wootton Bassett.

Once again, our APCM is held in the season of Easter, that

time of the year when we remember the desperation of the Saturday following Jesus' death on the cross; Jesus' friends finding his tomb empty that first Easter Sunday; and those who loved Jesus meeting with him subsequently in strange and unaccountable ways in the garden, on the road and behind closed doors. Hearts were wintry and grieving, and yet somehow Love came and called them back to life again.

As I write COVID infections remain widespread, there is awful war and devastation in Ukraine, and we have lost several much-loved members of the church family. But Easter beckons, and with it Love's call back to life again.

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

Canon Jane Curtis

Bible Study Group report

It has been good to have been meeting in reality for the last few weeks since the easing of some Covid restrictions.

We have now completed the four volumes of Kevin Mayhew's *Grappling with God* (studies in the Old Testament)

Recently we have started 'Knowing and Growing' a Lent course by David Adam.

As ever, new members are always welcome, and transport can be provided to the venues in Wootton Bassett where we meet on Fridays at 2-4pm

Deanery Synod

Meetings held

Three meetings of the synod were held in 2021, all were well attended. Due to the continuing pandemic February and May meetings were held via zoom.

During the year new Synod representatives from the benefices were elected for a new 3-year term. Two representatives resigned at the end of 2021 and their replacements are currently being sought.

At the February 2021 meeting members, both returning and new, were welcomed to the new Synod term, and membership of the new Standing Committee (with a couple of vacancies still to be filled) was confirmed. The business also included updates from the benefices, and a look at future agenda items.

Bishop Nicholas was welcomed to the May 2021 meeting and gave a presentation about the global issue of climate change. The business also included updates from the Diocesan and General Synods and the Deanery Plan Working Group and information about the Diocesan Synod/DBF elections.

The October 2021 meeting was held at St Mary's Church, Calne. The Synod welcomed Andy Malcolm, Children and Young People Advisor for the Diocese of Salisbury, who gave a presentation about Community Hubs. The Rural Dean updated the Synod about the progress made on the Deanery Plan and of clergy movements and retirements.

Clergy and Lay movements

During the year the Venerable Hedley Ringrose and the Reverend Bill Franklin, both of whom had associations with Calne Deanery sadly died. The Rector of Calne, the Reverend Bob Kenway announced his retirement (last Sunday 17/7/2021); the Reverend Oliver Blease took up the post of Team Vicar at Radlett, in the Diocese of St. Albans, on completion of his curacy; Daniel Harland, lay representative for Royal Wootton Bassett moved to Cranmer Hall to begin ordination training and Reverend Karen Rizzello resigned from her House for Duties post at Lyneham and Woodhill.

Mary Pilcher-Clayton

Secretary, Calne Deanery Synod

Children's Society Annual Report 2022

We raised a total of £747.40 for The Children's Society in 2021.

The single largest amount was the £424.40 raised by the 4 Christingle services, which we were delighted could be held in person again. We also raised £323 from supporters' collection boxes.

On behalf of the local committee and The Children's Society nationally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank members of the church community for their support for our activities. The Children's Society carries out vital work for the most disadvantaged children, fighting childhood poverty and neglect and trying to help all children have a

better chance in life. Our network of programmes includes drop-in services for runaways, children's centres and support for young carers. We support children who are refugees from violence, and we give those in care a voice. We transform children's lives by pressurising central and local government to protect them, and we challenge attitudes that perpetuate harm and injustice.

Alistair Smith

Choir

2021 was a quiet year for the choir. We eventually got to sing outside the Church on Easter Sunday and then gradually we started singing at Sunday services, in reduced numbers due to Covid restrictions, and alternating with the trebles.

As the year went on, we were able to build up numbers and by Christmas we had able to have the full choir. As well as the usual Sunday services we sing at additional services such as All Souls, Ash Wednesday, holy week services, various carol services and sometimes weddings and funerals. I am always pleased to be able to sing with the adult choir and trebles combined and as you will have noticed, when this happens, I tend to leave the conducting to Sally, who does such a good job with the trebles.

Despite the problems arising from Covid, we have been able to maintain our numbers and during the last few months we have welcomed Kate, Trisha and Claire into the choir. We would love to have more men!

We are currently working on a new Eucharistic setting, Trinity Mass, by David Thorne. We intend to sing this for the

first time on Easter Sunday. There will be music copies available for the congregation if anyone would like.

Finally, many thanks to David our organist, Alison and John who sometimes help out, and Jane and the Churchwardens for their support throughout the year.

Haydn

Choir Director

Church Children

January through to August 2021, Church Children continued to deliver their themed monthly packs, with all supplies needed for four theme related craft activities, to our younger families. Church Children were back in person from September, alternate Sundays (2nd and 4th of the month) in The Croft from 10am, and all others in the Children's Corner in Church, which has been partly restocked, again from 10am. In The Croft, we base the session on a Bible reading or story, and then separate into two groups, Primary and Secondary age groups, to push the older group further discussing the theme. We have also welcomed Rachel to our leaders team.

Frances Watkins

Church Croft Annual Report 2021

What a year! And sadly, in line with Government and Church of England Guidelines the Croft Coffee Shop continued to be closed for much of the time. The Croft however was put to good use throughout this period by the

Food Collective who were able to expand their operation to meet a rise in demand for their services as well as accept the increased donations and generosity of our local community.

During this time of partial closure, the committee took the opportunity to undertake some much-needed refurbishment and redecoration of the building. The main coffee and shop areas received a complete repaint and the toilet area was refurbished with new sanitary ware and additional storage.

Some smart new cupboards have been added for foodbank donation storage and the office was given a complete make over; a new solid floor has been laid, the walls have been repainted and new carpet tiles put down. The office was also treated to some new furniture and ergonomically re-organised. And as a finishing touch new blinds were fitted across the whole of the front of the building.

The whole building now feels much fresher and fit for purpose. It was this fresh new look that greeted our visitors once we were able to reopen!

Restrictions began to lift with new guidance around safe working. Being mindful of the health, wellbeing and personal circumstances of all our lovely volunteers we were very pleased to be back open for business in the autumn.

Teas and Coffees are now being served, the shop has a new focus, and the wide variety of greetings cards continue to sell well. Customers are gradually returning and groups that use the Croft to meet are starting to return now we are able to meet face to face once more.

We are very grateful for all our hard working volunteers and want to say a big thank you to all those who have stepped back at this time and to new volunteers who have come forward to help. Without all of these dedicated people giving of their time we would not be able to keep the Croft open and available to all who wish to meet and visit.

Our Committee too has seen two members step down after long and dedicated service and a special thanks goes to each of them as they move on to new ventures.

The Committee meet bi-monthly to chat about all things Croft related and ensure things tick over smoothly. We would welcome new members and so if you have a few hours to spare and you would like to get more involved then please do get in touch to find out more about who we are and what we get up to!

There is always a friendly welcome and a smile for all who visit so be sure to mention where we are and the delicious cakes that are often available!

We look forward to a safe and sociable 2022 ☐

Den Foxwell (Croft Committee Chair)

Church Hall

As with many organisations, 2021 has been a difficult year. Covid has caused many cancellations but bookings are slowly increasing and many regulars are coming back.

During 2020 a Building Fabric Condition Survey was undertaken which highlighted several items needing improvement.

Hazardous substances were discovered which were not a danger to users but have been removed or made safe.

With the Fabric Team, we are working on updating the Fire Detection and Alarm Systems, generally improving fire safety by changing some doors and improving the general lighting.

We look forward to a more usual year in 2022.

Andrew Meek (Secretary)

Churchwardens' Report 2021

We began the year cautiously here in the parish, as Covid-19 cases continued to rise locally. In mid-January the PCC took the difficult decision to suspend public worship but to continue to facilitate funeral services. However, streaming of services, phone church and virtual coffee mornings were continued, which enhanced parish life during a difficult time. Throughout the year PCC meetings continued most months via Zoom. Due to the high workload, the PCC Standing Committee comprising the Vicar, PCC Treasurer, Churchwardens, a nominated PCC member the Health & Safety lead, also met, to discuss urgent issues as required.

In March, HM Government issued the 4-step road map, a step -by-step plan to ease Covid restrictions, which formed the basis of the guidance issued by the Bishops Recovery Group to churches. Fortunately, this guidance did allow church buildings to continue to be used by food banks. As expected, the demand on the food collective remained high, with 178 referrals and 486 people fed. The townspeople's generosity in donating food and financial

assistance to this valuable outreach project continued to be above expectation.

During the early part of the year, Health & Safety measures were constantly reviewed and updated to ensure the safety of all within our church building. This due diligence allowed the PCC to reach a decision to recommence Public Worship, in March, Initially, with 10am Sunday Service and Wednesday 10.30. The number of worshippers increased slowly, as confidence grew in the community.

As Easter, approached it was decided that some Holy Week services would be offered online, with Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday being held in Church. We were blessed, on Easter Sunday morning with beautiful weather and the choir sang in the churchyard; their offering was joyous to hear.

In May, the cap on numbers attending funerals was lifted, which brought comfort to many grieving families; the churchwardens and assistant wardens were privileged to act as vergers Also, at this time relaxation governing church choirs performing indoors was eased, to permit 6 choristers to sing in the Lady Chapel. Relaxation of Government and consequently Church of England Covid-19 restrictions continued apace. This allowed restrictions on numbers attending weddings to be lifted, much to the relief of our wedding couples!

Also in May, the APCM was held virtually via Zoom, where the required business and documentation were ratified. As part of the evening's event Jane shared the Parish Vision to the well-attended meeting.

The Churchwardens visitation happened in June, again via Zoom. Sadly, throughout 2021 we did not receive a visit from the Bishops of Ramsbury or Salisbury, so we hope to see one of them in 2022.

On 6th June, Oliver officiated at his last service in St Bartholomew's before moving to take up his first incumbency in Christchurch and St John's, Radlett. He and Mariama were presented with several gifts and best wishes. In July, a small number of parishioners, plus the Vicar and churchwardens were invited to represent this parish at his Installation, which was a memorable occasion. Oliver and Mariama will be sorely missed by us all.

August saw the removal of the booking procedure, to attend church services, which relieved the office of a considerable burden. However, it did increase the workload of the stewards who were required to re-enforce health and safety measures and give support to those attending services.

In September, the Sunday 8am Holy Communion service was re-introduced on the first Sunday of the month and was well supported. This month, we also said a fond farewell to Daniel and Abbie Harland, as they moved to Durham, where Daniel had been accepted to train for ordination.

Occasional offices of weddings, baptisms were plentiful in the summer and autumn months and resulted in many townspeople entering our lovely church. In October we held an All Souls Service to commemorate the departed and this was well attended and appreciated by families. Earlier in the year we were able to participate in and offer to the

community an opportunity to pay their respects to HRH, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on his sad death.

As Christmas approached, sadly some government restrictions had to be re-introduced due to the emergence of a worrying new Covid -19 variant. The PCC made the decision to re-instate the booking process for the popular Christingle Services, as well as to offer 4 rather than the normal 2 services. Unfortunately, the Christmas Eve Midnight Communion had to be cancelled, to comply with the health and safety guidance surrounding cleaning of church buildings between services. However, Christmas Day services did go ahead. At all services offered the number attending was severely impacted due to the new variant being prevalent in the community, which additionally created uncertainty.

Throughout 2021, routine maintenance of church equipment was undertaken by external contractors in a covid compliant manner. Additionally, an Inspection of the gargoyles and the Quinquennial inspection were both undertaken in November. During this year, both our rental properties underwent significant redecoration programmes, to enhance their appearance.

As government restrictions eased the Church Hall re-opened in April, followed by the Croft in October. Relief was palpable as these facilities had been closed for a long period of time. The Parish Office was manned throughout the year, providing communication to the town and wider community as required.

In June, we found ourselves relying on our retired clergy and LLM to officiate at services, due to Jane being

hospitalised for a time. We would like to extend our thanks to all who assisted in ensuring the continued ministry within our parish. Fortunately, Jane returned to her role in late July, and we are grateful for her return to good health.

There are many people we would like to thank for their support throughout the year, without whom the smooth running and successes of 2021 would not have been possible.

Throughout 2021 the Vision of this parish and its 4 strands of mission: Children and Young people, Social justice, ECO Church and Ministry and Mission have been uppermost in the minds of Jane and the PCC. These 4 strands will inform plans for the future and we look forward to your support.

God Bless

Dennis and Ruth

Discussion Group

The St Bartholomew's Discussion Group have been meeting fortnightly from late September 2021 onwards. There are often around ten of us and everyone is welcome. The format of the meeting is that one person takes responsibility for leading a discussion around a subject of interest to Christians. Our discussions are usually centred around Bible readings. We have discussed subjects as diverse as welcoming strangers, meeting Christ, the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, and the Church and State. It's a place where everyone is encouraged to speak openly and honestly and it's a great opportunity to share experiences and thoughts. We are grateful to Francis, Jane, John, Paul, and Peter for leading discussions. We have taken a short

break to join the Lent Study Group and will be starting again after Easter with a discussion about the Resurrection. We hope to meet in person again after a Winter of discussions by Zoom.

Paul Archer

Fabric Team

During 2021, The Fabric Team met on about 5 occasions when meeting face-to-face was allowed. At other times items were dealt with by email.

The major work was concerned with dealing with the items highlighted in the Building Fabric Condition Surveys undertaken for the Hall and the Croft.

These were –

- Identifying and dealing with any hazardous substances found. These were not a hazard to the public but were removed or made safe.
- General safety issues including the quality of various doors. It was found that some of these were not up to current standards and are being replaced.
- The Fire Detection and Alarm Systems. These were also found to be below current standards and a specification is being drawn up to remedy these issues.

Along with this, we are planning improvements to the lighting systems in both buildings to make them more efficient.

It was agreed that the trees and bushes in the churchyard were in need of some attention. A survey was undertaken by Nigel Freshwater who produced a detailed report on

what is needed to be done. We are now in the process of obtaining permission from the Diocese and Wiltshire Council for the work to be done.

A report on the gargoyles and the Quinquennial report have been received. The team will be dealing with outstanding items during 2022.

Andrew Meek (Chairman, Fabric Team)

Flower Guild Annual Report

We welcome new members to the Flower Guild. We have lost several members and are struggling to keep the church flowers looking special.

We have recently purchased two new vases for the High Altar with the hope that we will tempt members to arrange in them, and not have to do the stand.

Our funds are good, thanks to a very generous bequest from one of our past members.

If you would consider joining the Flower Guild, we would love to have you with us.

Janet Gilder, Chair

Friends of St Bartholomew's

The Friends of St Bartholomew's was formed to help with expenses arising from the maintenance of the church building. We have assisted with many projects over a number of years. We are always looking for ideas for

money-raising or just social events. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

In spite of Covid restrictions, we were able to hold our Coffee Morning and Annual General Meeting as usual in November. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our usual RWB Brass Band Concert. Hopefully, we will be able to hold this in November 2022.

During the year our Membership Secretary, Helen Perry, decided to hang up her receipt book and stand down. We thank her for the many years' service in this role. Therefore, we are looking for someone to take on this role. Please let me know if you if you would be interested in helping in this role. I am sure Helen will be willing to advise and make the handover as easy as possible.

Please come and speak to me or a member of the Committee if you can help in any way.

Andrew Meek (Chair, The Friends of St Bartholomew's)

Health & Safety Committee

Unfortunately, the team were unable to meet during 2021 due to the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus crisis.

However, health & safety remained a high priority for the PCC with the principle focus being, of necessity, the pandemic and its implications. The constantly evolving situation, and the Church of England guidance resulting from it, was regularly discussed at the PCC's Standing Committee meetings. These discussions informed the decisions needed and were the basis for regular reviews of the various risk assessments to ensure the procedures in

place remained robust and effective and that the premises for which the PCC is responsible remained covid-secure at all times.

In addition, other significant health & safety issues during 2021 included the preparation of an Asbestos Register for Church Croft, the Church Croft Apartment and Church Hall following a survey undertaken in February 2021. This survey had identified the possibility of the presence of asbestos-containing materials in all three premises and as a result various measures were necessary in order to satisfy the requirements of The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. The required remedial action was carried out in September and October 2021 by a specialist contractor.

With the gradual return to normal it is anticipated the Committee will resume meeting on a regular basis in the near future

Melvyn Blackman

Chair

PCC Health & Safety Committee

Ladies Guild Annual Report

We have not had a meeting since 2020 but I am pleased to say we are starting Ladies Guild on March 16th 2022. We have decided that we will meet at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. We are unable to have speakers but we will have a good chat with tea and maybe cakes or biscuits !

And we will be pleased to welcome new members, if you would like to join us.

We have given Local Young Carers the money we had raised on 2020 until we shut down, it was approx £400, and well received by them.

Janet Gilder, Chair

Lay Pastoral Assistants Report

Lockdown has hit our Pastoral team quite hard at times. A big part of our role is to visit people. From the point of view of the church there are Baptisms - Weddings - even Funerals. Fortunately, all of these are now back on track but Baptisms and Weddings were often postponed because of the small numbers allowed to attend. I think wedding couples were the most affected but it has all returned and there are at least 11 weddings taking place this year, which is 'joyful'.

Our group stayed in touch via Zoom from March 2021 onwards thus enabling one of our members to join us from Dubai. Fortunately we now have our meetings in The Croft, led by Rev Jane. It feels 'normal' again.

Our new Lay Pastoral Assistant is Astrid Laurence who was recently commissioned by Bishop Andrew, along with eight others from the Diocese.

As Geoffrey Woodhouse has given up his post as Safeguarding Officer, we are pleased to welcome John Palmer as his successor.

Access to Care Homes is still difficult and the visits to The Ridgeway have only recently been re-established allowing hymns and communion to some of their residents. We are optimistic that this will soon restart at Bassett House and

Miranda House. Christmas cards were delivered to some of our church family. These were so gratefully received. We are doing the same again with Easter cards to let those, who sometimes are unable to attend church, know that they are still part of our church family and in our prayers.

We give prayers and thanks to our hardworking Clergy and Church Wardens, and look forward to a brighter 2022.

Chris Fitter LPA Secretary

Little Stars Baby and Toddler Group

The group had to shut down after Monday 16th March 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions.

We reopened on 4th October 2021 until 13th December 2021 (Christmas Party).

After the Christmas break, we delayed the restart until 7th February 2022 and continued to present date.

During these periods the average attendance was 27 Children per session with two peaks of 37.

The Craft Table has proved to be very popular, and Joanna selects the appropriate themes according to important occasions i.e., Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Pancake Day.

The Christmas Party was well received, including a visit from Santa, and all the children received a gift. The whole event lasted 3 weeks, which included making decorations to put on our own Christmas tree.

For Mother's Day, each child presented a lovely posie of spring flowers to their Mums at the end of the session. Kind thanks to Kate and Janet Gilder for making them.

Pancake Day was a Sticky success with all the children involved using icing to decorate, and eat, their pancakes!

On Monday 7th March, we asked the Mums if they would agree to the usual donations to be put towards the Emergency Fund for Ukraine. They very generously added to the usual amount and the total came to E96.00. Which was handed. over to the Church administration.

In memory of Cheryl Deller, who was a very popular and active member of Little

Stars prior to her untimely Death, we had a glass artwork made which now

resides in the Croft Coffee Shop. We thought it appropriate that it was a floral design.

We have been fortunate to have Kate Storey, Sherrie Watson and Nicki Harris join the team. They have already made a valuable contribution to the running of the group. We have lost Pat Hughes temporarily since having eye surgery, but hope to have her return in the near future.

Recently we have had a steady influx of young babies which augers well for the future.

Our big thanks to the Church Admin staff for their continued support and to Andrew Meek for his Technical back up.

From the Team.

Joanna, Kate, Sherrie, Nicki and John

Mother's Union

Our first Mother's Union meeting for, what seemed like, a very long time was in January of this year - 2022. Our numbers were few but nevertheless we were entertained by John Fitter playing music for us on his keyboard with songs 'old' and 'new'. It gave us all a lift hearing the music and singing along.

In February after our short service with prayers, we had a bit of a craft session. We all made beautiful flower bookmarks which were laminated to give us many happy hours of reading. There was one for ourselves and we made an extra one to give to a friend or loved one.

Although we didn't have a **March** meeting, some of us attended, or took part, in the World Day of Prayer at the Sacred Heart Catholic church. We remembered our last World Day of Prayer which took place in March 2020 in our own St Barts church just before the first lockdown. Little did we know then what was to follow.

We hope to improve our membership. Any new members or visitors are always very welcome on the **third Tuesday** of every month. Our **April** meeting will be held at the new time of 1.30pm and will be hosted by our own Rachel Smith of BeadsbyVerchiel. Rachel will be demonstrating on how to make a wire wrapped pendant with possible jewellery goodies for sale. Refreshments are always served too.

We continue to back Mother's Union which is a very special world-wide Christian Charity supporting families and those less fortunate than ourselves. We remember the Mary Sumner prayer:-

*All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through
the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.
Amen.*

Chris Fitter
Committee Member

Parish Office

Sorry to have missed last year's deadline, so to start with, thanks again to Lesley Jones and Elaine Leighton for their much appreciated several years of service, working in the Parish Office.

As an update this means that the office is now only formally staffed on Wednesday and Friday mornings, so apologies if admin items may seem to move slowly at times. Of course, informally, the office is usually buzzing 5 or 6 days a week, as (usually Ruth) attends to all the bits and pieces involved with running the parish.

In 2021, the parish carried out 18 Baptisms, 10 Weddings, 1 Banns reading and 48 Funerals – the hard work there is from the clergy and those involved with the actual rites and ceremonies, while the office tries to help coordinate and assist with paperwork.

We are still in the process of implementing the “iknow church” management system which should help us be

more efficient in communication and data management and is already used in helping with the “Life Events” tasks.

We produce the Pew Sheet every week – printed copies for the Sunday congregations, as well as emailing to the Parish Family and delivering or posting some 21 copies a week.

In the “every cloud has a silver lining” department, we were able to take advantage of the Croft’s forced closure to move out of the office - the floor was thoroughly repaired, and the office redecorated. We changed the office layout, and as well as the refreshed décor, now enjoy a view out of the window while we work.

Safeguarding

When you hear the word safeguarding what do you think of?

My thoughts turn to any concerns if there is belief that a child, young person or vulnerable adult may have suffered or may be suffering or is at risk of harm through bad influence, exploitation, neglect or abuse in whatever form it manifests itself.

Promoting a safer church, the safeguarding policy statement of the Church of England, remains the basis on which we, at St Bartholomew, implement safeguarding within the Parish. It is this that drives the incumbent and her officers to successfully promote awareness and protection from harm within the community and the various groups and activities within this.

The move to electronic communication and recording through the steady introduction of the DBS Microsite has

been taxing at times for our DBS verifier. Nevertheless, the elimination of manual recording will be a thankful blessing for a short-term irritant. Indeed, a further module roll-out will, I understand, enhance further the ability to include personal training data.

Finally, most would agree that the impact of abuse within a church community will tarnish, indeed destroy, the assumption that the church is a safe place with a loving and trusting community, which cares for each other. Certainly, much is done and much continues to be done in our church to uphold these long held views. It stems from the incumbent, through the PCC to leaders and supervisors who head up the array of church groups and those affiliated to us.

So, the message to us all is please vigilant, be aware to the signs of harm, mitigate risks and report your concerns in confidence to your Parish Safeguarding Officer.

JOHN PALMER

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Swindon Food Collective

Although demand was still high, our activities during 2021 were less demanding than the first year of lockdown. Referrals totalled 178 which meant we provided food for 486 people (as opposed to over 800 in 2020). This was probably due to an increase in Universal Credit during this time. Christmas was very busy as usual. We are most grateful for the donations we received from parishioners and people from the surrounding area: Harvest donations amounted to 190.3 kgs and the total amount sent during

the year, excluding the Harvest donation, was 4532.3 kgs – absolutely amazing. Thank you so much for your support.

Carol Kemp and Ruth Sexton

Trebles

It's been a challenging year for the trebles. This time last year we were in lockdown and although we continued to meet via zoom every week, I think everyone was starting to suffer from "zoom-fatigue" and it was difficult to keep the momentum going. We have also lost some members over the year, which is somewhat inevitable as the children grow older, and haven't been able to recruit until very recently because of COVID-related restrictions.

Having said that, there have been some very positive aspects for the group. We all enjoyed singing outside the church at Easter and it was lovely to be back singing with the adult choir for Carols By Candlelight. The trebles choir also led the singing at some services when there were restrictions in the numbers that could attend, and had very good feedback from the congregation, although it is great to be back to something like normal where we can be involved in services alongside the adult choir.

Furthermore, those singers that are still with us have progressed by leaps and bounds. Praise and Emmanuel have achieved their dark blue ribbons and continue to delight with their solos and general attitude, whilst Adele has blossomed in her new role of head choir girl, even singing psalms as a soloist with the adult choir at Evensong!

We now have two new members as a result of advertising in social media and emails to the local primary schools, and are hoping that this will be the start of bigger things for the trebles choir.

Thanks to John, Alison, Ruth and Jane who have helped with the choir and all of the necessary support work such as risk assessments, and have been so supportive over the past 12 months.

Tower Captain's Review

The primary objective of the bellringers at St Bartholomew and All Saints remains to ring the bells to call people to worship for Sunday morning and evensong services. The sound of bells also lets folk who may not be able to attend church know of imminent activity. We also ring for other occasions, including weddings, memorial services and civic events.

During 2021/2 we rang to mark the death and funeral of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the change of the town's name to Royal Wootton Bassett; tolled the tenor bell 33 times on Good Friday, once for each year of Jesus' life; rang to celebrate NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day, rang preceding the RWB Town Council ceremony to award the Freedom of the Town to former Town Clerk, Johnathan Bourne and also rang to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

Tower Roles and Membership

As with nearly all aspects of life COVID severely affected ringing during most of 2020 and 2021. Following the start of lockdown in March 2020 with the exception of Christmas Day morning no ringing took place until we resumed with a minimal band in May 2021, with full practices and service ringing resuming in August.

Sadly a number of tower members have not returned to ring at St Barts, having either moved away or taken on other commitments. We are down to about 10 regular ringers now, which means we sometimes struggle to ring all 8 bells, however after a successful social media advert we now have 3 learners who are starting to make progress and aim to be joining us on Sundays in time for the Queen's Jubilee in June. We are still keen to welcome new members and are committed to supporting anyone who wishes to join us either from the church or wider town community.

Under Ringing Master, Steve Bucknell's guidance we have been dusting off the cobwebs of having a year off. Initially focussing on getting our striking (or quality) of ringing up to scratch we are now starting to progress to more advanced ringing during our Monday night practices.

Quarter Peals

We have rung very few quarter peals over the year, with just 3 to date but are trying to resume our monthly performances for evensong, held on the first Sunday of the month:

Date	No. of	Method	Dedication
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	Changes		
5/7/2021	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Thank you to the NHS and congratulations on being awarded the George Cross on your 73rd anniversary. Also rung as a get well message to Rev. Canon Jane Curtis.
16/10/2021	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Rung to mark the 10th anniversary of the presentation by HRH The Princess Royal of the Letters Patent from her majesty the Queen changing the name of our town to Royal Wootton Bassett in recognition of the role the town played in the repatriation of fallen service personnel.
6/3/2022	1260	Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles	Rung for Evensong and to show solidarity with the people and country of Ukraine.

Weddings & Funerals

We rang for 10 weddings and 4 funerals (and tolled a single bell for a fifth) over the last year.

Tower maintenance

Regular housekeeping and light maintenance is carried out and funded by the team from the money raised by ringing for weddings, blessings and remembrance services.

During a very windy spell before Christmas some of the sound proofing fell from the louvres and unfortunately landed in the pit of the 2nd bell, cracking its wheel in the process. Three of us spent a morning up the tower to repair the damage and reinstall the wooden boarding. We also took the opportunity to tighten a couple of the clappers (the parts of the installation which strike the side of the bells to produce the sound) which had worked a little loose.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers

St Bartholomew's Tower is a member of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers (SDGR). We hosted the AGM for the Calne Branch on Saturday 8th January. In addition to ringing before and after a service, the bellringers shared a tea and business meeting in the Church Hall.

Visiting ringers

With ringing nationwide largely restricted until recently we haven't been able to welcome as many guests this year, however we did have a band of ringers visit in October from Bathwick and we welcomed a very enthusiastic young ringer from South Wales to one of our Monday practice nights who lived in RWB when he was younger and had always wanted to return to ring the bells when he was old enough.

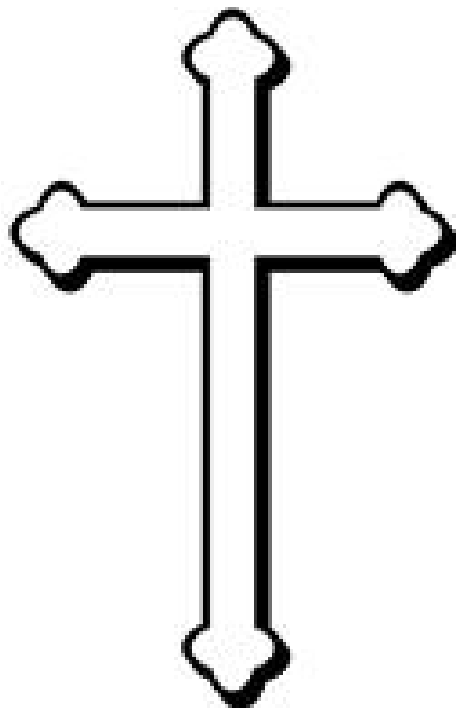
Looking forward...

We continue to value our contribution to worship at St Bartholomew's and are extremely appreciative of the regular compliments we receive from the church community, especially following our resumption to ringing

on Sunday mornings. We are always looking for opportunities to get involved with community and church events wherever possible.

Daniel Knight

Tower Captain



ST BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2021

REGISTERED CHARITY

1130533

BANKERS

HSBC

SWINDON, WILTS

TRUSTEES

CHURCHWARDENS AND ALL

MEMBERS OF THE PCC

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL FUND	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>					
Offerings: General	1	64,806		68,240	
Special		3,367		1,318	
Weddings, funerals, baptisms etc		1,232		366	
Floodlighting		565		492	
Fees		8,035		4,526	
Fundraising		0		0	
Donations & Bequests		2,407		1,438	
Flat Rents (net)		3,302		11,977	
Church Hall	2	10,488		4,162	
Church Croft & shop	3	2,907		2,685	
Sundry		432		838	
Interest Received		14		114	
Charity Commissioners - endowment funds		85		82	
			97,640		96,238
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Quota		85,074		83,373	
Heat, light, insurance, rates etc		9,382		9,775	
Administration		7,623		7,166	
Clergy Expenses		1,193		2,430	
Hospitality		0		155	
Music		5,176		3,589	
Services and sanctuary		808		1,911	
Churchyard		830		400	
Repairs and renewals		12,946		14,930	
Church Hall	2	11,553		5,608	
Church Croft & shop	3	11,738		6,265	
Bank Charges		362		421	
Depreciation		4,425		3,148	
			151,110		139,171
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before Exceptional Items			-53,470		-42,933
Exceptional Item - Gillian Thompson Bequest			0		273,343
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after Exceptional Items			-53,470		230,410
Giving			-2,685		-3,424
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after giving			-56,155		226,986
Transfer (to)/from restricted funds			1,044		634
			-55,111		227,620
Balance brought forward			692,487		464,867
Funds carried forward			637,376		692,487

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

MOVEMENT OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>31.12.20</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year</u>	<u>Transfer between funds</u>	<u>31.12.21</u>
	£	£	£	£
General	309,583	-48,517	22,885	283,951
Thompson	271,366	0	-8,687	262,679
Property	54,740	3,302	-14,211	43,831
Croft	21,595	-8,831	12	12,776
Hall	35,203	-1,065	1	34,139
	<u>692,487</u>	<u>-55,111</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>637,376</u>

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>4</u>	244,098	242,993
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Bank accounts		362,595	420,874
Charities Deposits		25,000	24,987
Charities Investment Fund		13,981	12,240
Cash in Hand		40	80
		<u>401,616</u>	<u>458,181</u>
Stock		3,500	3,500
Debtors & prepayments		6,111	4,711
		<u>411,227</u>	<u>466,392</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors and accruals		2,895	2,814
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		408,332	463,578
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>		<u>652,430</u>	<u>706,571</u>
<u>FUNDS</u>			
<u>Unrestricted</u>			
General		283,951	309,583
Thompson Bequest		262,679	271,366
Share		0	0
Property		43,831	54,740
Croft		12,776	21,595
Hall		34,139	35,203
		<u>637,376</u>	<u>692,487</u>
<u>Restricted</u>		1,073	1,844
<u>Endowment</u>		13,981	12,240
		<u>652,430</u>	<u>706,571</u>

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	1	2	3	
	<u>Wickes</u>	<u>Parsons</u>	<u>Biddlecombe</u>	
	<u>Groceries</u>	<u>Churchyard</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
CBF Dividends	118	155	85	358
Transfer to General Funds			-85	-85
Transfer to Restricted Funds	-118	-155		-273
Increase in Funds - unrealised	573	753	415	1,741
Market value at 31 Dec ember 20 20	4,027	5,283	2,930	12,240
Market value at 31 Dec ember 20 21	4,600	6,036	3,345	13,981

1 & 2	COIF Charities Investment Fund - Income Shares
3	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Income Shares

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>Wickes</u>	<u>Parsons</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Groceries</u>	<u>Churchyard</u>	<u>Thompson</u>	<u>£</u>
	£	£	£	
Transfer from Endowment Funds	118	155	0	273
Transfer from/(to) General Funds	-567	-477		
Increase/(Decrease) in Fund	-449	-322	0	273
Balance at 31 Decemb er 2020	1,149	695	0	1,844
Balance at 31 Decemb er 2021	700	373	0	1,073

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
1 Offerings General		
General weekly and lump sum offerings	53,038	53,452
Gift Aid Tax refund	11,768	14,788
	<u>64,806</u>	<u>68,240</u>
2 Hall - Net Income		
Lettings etc	<u>10,488</u>	<u>4,162</u>
Caretaking	2,325	2,184
Heat, light, insurance and rates	931	1,069
Repairs and Maintenance	8,297	2,355
	<u>11,553</u>	<u>5,608</u>
Net expenditure	<u>-1,065</u>	<u>-1,446</u>
3 Church Croft - Net Income		
Shop sales	1,478	867
Coffee sales	923	1,441
Croft hire and miscellaneous donations	506	377
	<u>2,907</u>	<u>2,685</u>
Shop purchases	696	759
Coffee purchases	25	359
Cleaning including wages	2,160	2,120
Heat, light, insurance and rates	2,193	1,384
Repairs and Maintenance	6,664	1,643
	<u>11,738</u>	<u>6,265</u>
Net expenditure	<u>-8,831</u>	<u>-3,580</u>

4 Fixed Assets

	<u>Leasehold Property</u>	<u>Property Improvements</u>	<u>Plant and Machinery</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cost</u>				
At 31 December 2020	148,754	101,137	15,144	265,035
Additions at cost	0	0	5,530	5,530
At 31 December 2021	<u>148,754</u>	<u>101,137</u>	<u>20,674</u>	<u>270,565</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 31 December 2020	0	8,167	13,875	22,042
Charge for the year		2,725	1,700	4,425
At 31 December 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>10,892</u>	<u>15,575</u>	<u>26,467</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31 December 2020	<u>148,754</u>	<u>92,970</u>	<u>1,269</u>	<u>242,993</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>148,754</u>	<u>90,245</u>	<u>5,099</u>	<u>244,098</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE PCC OF
ST BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act,
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 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. 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 accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause that in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations

have not been met; or

(1) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Derek R Kemp

9th April 2022

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ST BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2021

REGISTERED CHARITY

1130533

BANKERS

HSBC

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ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL FUND	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>					
Offerings: General	1	64,806		68,240	
Special		3,367		1,318	
Weddings, funerals, baptisms etc		1,232		366	
Floodlighting		565		492	
Fees		8,035		4,526	
Fundraising		0		0	
Donations & Bequests		2,407		1,438	
Flat Rents (net)		3,302		11,977	
Church Hall	2	10,488		4,162	
Church Croft & shop	3	2,907		2,685	
Sundry		432		838	
Interest Received		14		114	
Charity Commissioners - endowment funds		85		82	
			97,640		96,238
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Quota		85,074		83,373	
Heat, light, insurance, rates etc		9,382		9,775	
Administration		7,623		7,166	
Clergy Expenses		1,193		2,430	
Hospitality		0		155	
Music		5,176		3,589	
Services and sanctuary		808		1,911	
Churchyard		830		400	
Repairs and renewals		12,946		14,930	
Church Hall	2	11,553		5,608	
Church Croft & shop	3	11,738		6,265	
Bank Charges		362		421	
Depreciation		4,425		3,148	
			151,110		139,171
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before Exceptional Items			-53,470		-42,933
Exceptional Item - Gillian Thompson Bequest			0		273,343
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after Exceptional Items			-53,470		230,410
Giving			-2,685		-3,424
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after giving			-56,155		226,986
Transfer (to)/from restricted funds			1,044		634
			-55,111		227,620
Balance brought forward			692,487		464,867
Funds carried forward			637,376		692,487

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

MOVEMENT OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>31.12.20</u> £	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year</u> £	<u>Transfer between funds</u> £	<u>31.12.21</u> £
General	309,583	-48,517	22,885	283,951
Thompson	271,366	0	-8,687	262,679
Property	54,740	3,302	-14,211	43,831
Croft	21,595	-8,831	12	12,776
Hall	35,203	-1,065	1	34,139
	<u>692,487</u>	<u>-55,111</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>637,376</u>

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
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Cash in Hand		40	80
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Stock		3,500	3,500
Debtors & prepayments		<u>6,111</u>	<u>4,711</u>
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Creditors and accruals		<u>2,895</u>	<u>2,814</u>
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<u>FUNDS</u>			
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Share		0	0
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ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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	<u>Wickes</u>	<u>Parsons</u>	<u>Biddlecombe</u>	
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RESTRICTED FUNDS

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Net expenditure	<u>-8,831</u>	<u>-3,580</u>

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	<u>Leasehold Property</u>	<u>Property Improvements</u>	<u>Plant and Machinery</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cost</u>				
At 31 December 2020	148,754	101,137	15,144	265,035
Additions at cost	0	0	5,530	5,530
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At 31 December 2020	<u>148,754</u>	<u>92,970</u>	<u>1,269</u>	<u>242,993</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>148,754</u>	<u>90,245</u>	<u>5,099</u>	<u>244,098</u>

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Accounts

ST BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2020

REGISTERED CHARITY	1130533
BANKERS	HSBC
	SWINDON, WILTS
TRUSTEES	CHURCHWARDENS AND ALL
	MEMBERS OF THE PCC

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER
2020**

GENERAL FUND	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>					
Offerings: General	1	68,240		77,237	
Special		1,318		2,422	
Weddings, funerals, baptisms etc		366		2,602	
Floodlighting		492		505	
Fees		4,526		7,912	
Fundraising		0		1,597	
Donations & Bequests		1,438		7,812	
Flat Rents (net)		11,977		12,568	
Church Hall	2	4,162		11,513	
Church Croft & shop	3	2,685		14,672	
Sundry		838		1,615	
Interest Received		114		205	
Charity Commissioners - endowment funds		82		80	
			96,238		140,740
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Quota		83,373		82,773	
Heat, light, insurance, rates etc		9,775		9,819	
Administration		7,056		6,671	
Clergy Expenses		2,430		2,839	
Hospitality		155		566	
Music		3,589		4,810	
Services and sanctuary		1,911		2,440	
Churchyard		400		39	
Repairs and renewals		14,930		6,161	
Church Hall	2	5,608		10,856	
Church Croft & shop	3	6,265		12,171	
Bank Charges		421		463	
Depreciation		3,148		3,289	
			139,061		142,897
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before Exceptional Items			-42,823		-2,157
Exceptional Item - Gillian Thompson Bequest			273,343		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after Exceptional Items			230,520		-2,157
Giving			-3,424		-4,671
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after giving			227,096		-6,828
Transfer (to)/from restricted funds			634		441
			227,620		-6,387
Balance brought forward			464,867		471,254
Funds carried forward			692,487		464,867

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

MOVEMENT OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>31.12.19</u> £	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year</u> £	<u>Transfer between funds</u> £	<u>31.12.20</u> £
General	344,138	-40,697	6,142	309,583
Share	6,727	0	-6,727	0
Thompson	0	273343	-1,977	271,366
Property	52,195	0	2,545	54,740
Croft	25,158	-3,580	17	21,595
Hall	36,649	-1,446	0	35,203
	<u>464,867</u>	<u>227,620</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>692,487</u>

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>4</u>	242,993	246,141
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Bank accounts		420,874	189,503
Charities Deposits		24,987	24,880
Charities Investment Fund		12,240	11,483
Cash in Hand		80	80
		<u>458,181</u>	<u>225,946</u>
Stock		3,500	3,500
Debtors & prepayments		<u>4,711</u>	<u>5,994</u>
		466,392	235,440
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors and accruals		<u>2,814</u>	<u>3,021</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		463,578	232,419
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>		<u><u>706,571</u></u>	<u><u>478,560</u></u>
<u>FUNDS</u>			
<u>Unrestricted</u>			
General		309,583	344,138
Thompson Bequest		271,366	0
Share		0	6,727
Flats		54,740	52,195
Croft		21,595	25,158
Hall		<u>35,203</u>	<u>36,649</u>
		692,487	464,867
<u>Restricted</u>		1,844	2,210
<u>Endowment</u>		12,240	11,483
		<u><u>706,571</u></u>	<u><u>478,560</u></u>

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	1	2	3	
	<u>Wickes</u>	<u>Parsons</u>	<u>Biddlecombe</u>	
	<u>Groceries</u>	<u>Churchyard</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
CBF Dividends	116	152	82	350
Transfer to General Funds			-82	-82
Transfer to Restricted Funds	-116	-152		-268
Increase in Funds - unrealised	243	319	195	757
Market value at 31 Dec cember 20 19	3,784	4,964	2,735	11483
Market value at 31 Dec cember 20 20	4,027	5,283	2,930	12,240

1 & 2	COIF Charities Investment Fund - Income Shares
3	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Income Shares

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>Wickes</u>	<u>Parsons</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Groceries</u>	<u>Churchyard</u>	<u>Thompson</u>	<u>£</u>
	£	£	£	
Transfer from Endowment Funds	116	152	0	268
Transfer from/(to) General Funds	-144	-490		-634
Increase/(Decrease) in Fund	-28	-338	0	-366
Balance at 31 Decemb er 2019	1,177	1,033	0	2210
Balance at 31 Decemb er 2020	1,149	695	0	1,844

ST BARTHOLOMEWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £		
1 Offerings General				
General weekly and lump sum offerings	53,452	64,989		
Gift Aid Tax refund	14,788	12,248		
	<u>68,240</u>	<u>77,237</u>		
2 Hall - Net Income				
Lettings etc	<u>4,162</u>	<u>11,513</u>		
Caretaking	2,184	1,872		
Heat, light, insurance and rates	1,069	2,393		
Repairs and Maintenance	<u>2,355</u>	<u>6,591</u>		
	<u>5,608</u>	<u>10,856</u>		
Net expenditure 2019-net income	<u>-1,446</u>	<u>657</u>		
3 Church Croft - Net Income				
Shop sales	867	5,059		
Coffee sales	1,441	7,299		
Croft hire and miscellaneous donations	<u>377</u>	<u>1,411</u>		
	<u>2,685</u>	<u>13,769</u>		
Shop purchases	759	3,370		
Coffee purchases	359	1,372		
Cleaing including wages	2,120	1,940		
Heat, light, insurance and rates	1,384	1,519		
Repairs and Maintenance	<u>1,643</u>	<u>3,067</u>		
	<u>6,265</u>	<u>11,268</u>		
Net Income 2019 - Net income	<u>-3,580</u>	<u>2,501</u>		
4 Fixed Assets				
	<u>Leasehold Property</u>	<u>Property Improvements</u>	<u>Plant and Machinery</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cost</u>				
At 31 December 2019	148,754	101,137	15,144	265,035
At 31 Dece mber 2020	<u>148,754</u>	<u>101,137</u>	<u>15,144</u>	<u>265,035</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 31 Dece mber 2019	0	5,442	13,452	18,894
Charge for the year		2,725	423	3,148
At 31 Dece mber 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>8,167</u>	<u>13,875</u>	<u>22,042</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31 December 2019	<u>148,754</u>	<u>95,695</u>	<u>1,692</u>	<u>246,141</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>148,754</u>	<u>92,970</u>	<u>1,269</u>	<u>242,993</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE PCC OF

ST BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act,
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 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. 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 accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause that in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations

have not been met; or

(1) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Derek R Kemp

15/5/21 date

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