

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST WILFRID, COWPLAIN

England & Wales · Charity number 1130601

Details

Other names ST WILFRID'S PCC, COWPLAIN

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-07-17

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons and courses. Taking religious assemblies in schools. Promoting Christianity through staging of events and meetings. Promoting the mission of the Church through activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£120,954	£110,468	-	-
2024-12-31	£189,173	£203,548	-	-
2023-12-31	£173,843	£120,438	-	-
2022-12-31	£123,255	£117,403	-	-
2021-12-31	£117,468	£111,853	-	-
2020-12-31	£112,460	£115,845	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Christopher Stuart Spencer	Chair	2023-09-03
ALLAN JAMES BRAWN		2025-05-11
Allison Gale BA MSc		2026-04-19
Catherine King		2022-11-24
Colin Mason ACMA MBA		2019-04-08
Denise Carole Williams		2026-04-19
Elaine Jeanne Hoey		2022-05-19
JANET SMITH		
Jane Elizabeth Hill		2026-04-19
Margaret Farmer		2023-06-22
Mark Stephen Coates		2025-05-11
Mary Rebecca Honeychurch		2025-05-11
Robert Charles Wheeler		2024-06-06
Ruth Hilda Gibbs		2026-04-19
Sonia Passingham		2025-05-11
Stephen Edward Day		2020-10-22

Accounts



**Annual Report and
Financial Statements**

of

**The Parochial Church
Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish
of St Wilfrid Cowplain**

**Registered Charity No.
1130601**

Year ending

31 December 2025

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**Annual Report of
The Parochial Church Council (PCC)
of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid, Cowplain
(Registered Charity No. 1130601)
From May APCM 2025 to April APCM 2026**

Administrative information

The parish of St Wilfrid is situated in Cowplain. It is in the Deanery of Havant, the Archdeaconry of Portsdown and the Diocese of Portsmouth.

PCC correspondence: c/o The Vicarage, Padnell Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO8 8DZ

Website: www.stwilfridscowplain.co.uk

PCC members who have served from the APCM in May 2025 until this report are:

Priest in Charge	Reverend Christopher Spencer (Chair)
Curates	Reverend Derek Johnson (resigned from June 2025) Reverend Polly Honeychurch
Churchwardens	Steve Day Jan Smith (Vice Chair)
Representatives to the Deanery Synod	Catherine King Elaine Hoey (PCC Secretary / Electoral Roll Officer)
Elected members	Bob Wheeler (Until 2027) Brenda Mizen (Until 2027) Sara Bolton (Until 2026) Margo Farmer (Until 2026) Yolanda Cawdeary (Until 2026) William McGannan (Until 2026) Mark Coates (Until 2028) Sonia Passingham (Until 2028) Allan Brawn (Until 2028)
Co-opted Members	Colin Mason (Treasurer) Val Strutt (Safeguarding Officer)

Day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Priest in Charge, the Parish Administrator, Mrs Sara Bolton, Treasurer Mr Colin Mason ACMA and the many other volunteers who willingly give of their time.

The PCC thanks them all for their time and dedication.

Banking: Barclays Bank PLC, PO Box 6, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO6 3DH
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Priest-in-Charge (Vicar's) Report for the APCM 2026

*Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.....
Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow. **Matthew 6:31-34***

It is a joy to write my third Priest in Charge's report at St. Wilfrid's. Scripture reminds us repeatedly not to worry. Anxiety robs us of present joy, yet God calls us to trust. As we look to the year ahead, I sense this invitation clearly: to move from worry to trust, to seek first His Kingdom, and to deepen our discipleship together.

Thank you for journeying with me since September 2023. I am grateful for the Ministry Team, our Churchwardens Jan and Steve, and our PCC, who faithfully discern God's will for our parish. Their wisdom, prayer, and service are a great blessing.

A year ago, we faced serious financial concerns. Projections were in the red, and uncertainly weighed heavily. Yet through your generosity and God's provision, our finances have begun to turn around. While we remain careful and prayerful, we give thanks that our needs have been met and that we are in a stronger position.

Our building continues to serve both mission and community. Toddlers, Warm Spaces, the Bereavement Group, Community Coffee Cup, Messy Church, Care home and the many more all help to proclaim the good news of Jesus. A highlight this year has been the installation of solar panels – a sign of hope and stewardship for the future.

I am deeply grateful to all who serve: staff, volunteers, those with roles and those whose work is often unseen – from administration and finance to cleaning, flowers, gardeners and hospitality. We also give thanks for Reverend Derek and Shirley Johnston our curate and Val Strutt our Parish Safeguarding Officer for their faithful service and pray for those stepping into new roles.

As we grow, the demands on key volunteers increase, and this can bring weariness. Jesus' call to "seek first His kingdom" reminds us that blessing flows first from prayer, not activity. If we trust Him fully, He will provide what we need.

St. Wilfrid's is called to be a community of all ages – a place of welcome, refreshment and encounter with the living God. We rejoice with those who join us and remember with love those we have lost. Together, we are learning to move from fear to faith – from anxious disciples to bold witnesses.

Looking ahead, my hope is that we continue to grow in prayer, confidence, and generosity. Let us lay aside fear, learn to share our faith, and rejoice in God's provision. I believe St. Wilfrid's is on an exciting journey, and I am thankful to be part of it with you. So, thank you all for being part of this amazing church, for your patience, your love, your generosity and your willingness to journey together.

Let us pray...

*Heavenly Father, we lay before You our worries about today and tomorrow. Teach us to trust Your provision and seek first Your kingdom. Help us all to live faithfully in the present, confident that Your grace is enough. Strengthen us to serve with courage and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.***

Reverend Chris Spencer

March 2026

We (Jan and Steve) were elected to the roles of Churchwarden in 2022. We were re-elected at the APCM in 2023 and then again at APCMs 2024 and 2025.

Clergy

This has been another blessed year. Priest-in-Charge (soon to be Vicar) Rev. Chris Spencer has been supported by PTO Rev Ruth Loveman and curate, Rev Polly Honeychurch, whose ordination as priest was celebrated on 28th June.

We enjoyed having the Johnstons in our midst while Rev Derek did part of his curacy here, bringing with him Shirley with all her pastoral gifts and on occasions several other members of the family, some local and some from South Africa, and we wish them every blessing in their roles in Cosham and Wymering.

Anna Chaplaincy

Elaine Davenport and Julie Brown continue in their respective roles in Anna Chaplaincy and are very much appreciated by residents and staff in local nursing homes, as well as at Age Concern.

Services

We continue with 2 Sunday Services – at 9am and 11am, each with its own loyal congregation. We are still without an organist and rely, at 9 o'clock on an iPad and the generous services of retired organist, David Wiseman; occasional Sundays a "said" service is enjoyed by those who like quiet.

The Thursday Morning Holy Communion Service, meeting in Church in warm weather months and sometimes in the Hall when it's cold, has its own congregation and lots of fellowship opportunities – usually with cake – after the service.

The music group at the 11 o'clock service ensures that we enjoy a service of worship in every sense of the word. Stephen Bolton, Lesley Baker, Mark and Sasha Coates are often joined by Chris and/or Polly.

On Sunday Club Sundays (usually twice each month), there are often more children in attendance and we are most grateful to those who lead this opportunity for children to enjoy Christian teaching at a level designed especially for them.

A number of teenagers has joined us at 11 o'clock. Perhaps we might consider their needs too, although we celebrate the fact that at 11 o'clock we enjoy ALL AGE services.

Seasons

Special seasonal events continue – of course the church year is celebrated by some wonderful and deeply moving services - but we have come to expect social and fundraising events to mark the seasons too, and we are never disappointed. We are always blessed by the Art Exhibition and a wide variety of other activities.

Special Services, Events and Courses

Our CMS Missionary Link, Alison Giblett joined us for our two services on 1st March (having been sent home from Kyiv after her documents were stolen) and we still have the opportunity to join her on Zoom on Saturday evenings.

We have enjoyed a new experience (twice) at St Wilfrid's when Café Church has been the means of celebrating the 11 o'clock service in the lower hall. With delicious refreshments and families or friendship groups gathered around small tables, to encourage communication and interactive responses to all parts of the service, there was a very positive reaction to Café Church on both occasions. We are likely to remember Zacchaeus and the Parable of the Seed through the activities on the respective days.

It is intended to increase the number of Home Groups again during 2026 – they are an excellent opportunity for fellowship, prayer and discussion – with the focus on scripture. Please let Polly know if you would like to join a group – face-to-face or by Zoom.

Our service and lunch to celebrate the installation of the Solar Panels, gave an opportunity for giving thanks to the whole church family for all that each person contributes to the life and health of our church.

Thirst Services have continued during this year – usually on Friday evenings once a month and people from other churches have joined us. An inspiring experience, month by month. For those that could not attend there is now a copy of the talk on the website

Lent Courses have been led by Hart Plain Church each year recently – we enjoy their hospitality and excellent teaching.

Polly's invitation to join her for Coffee with the Curate has recently moved from Costa to the newly opened Mad Hatterz Tea Shop in Cowplain. It's always good to stop and chat.

The Events team has had continuing success since our last report, creating events that are not only enjoyable to the community but provide a much needed boost to our church funds. During 2025 we put on some old favorites, 2 Fish & Chip quiz evenings, Concerts from Achoired Taste, our local community choir that have made St Wilfrid's their home on a Monday evening. and Dragonfly for which we also provided a buffet meal, We also tried a number of new events, a Beetle Drive, a Car Treasure Hunt during the summer and in December we held a Christmas Wreath making workshop. This was well attended and participants left with a beautiful Christmas decoration, which lasted well past 12th night.

January 2026 started with an Auction of Promises which we haven't held since 2005 and 30 promise lots were up for auction. Bidding was brisk and most lots went for above their reserve price. Due to the generosity of all involved church funds benefited by £1200.

2026 continued with Sea Shanty sing a long evening with a Fish & Chip supper. Raise the Roof Theatre Company took us back to Oxton Hall for the evening, to help them solve yet another murder mystery in that ill fated building.

Please watch the notice sheets for the other events in the coming months

People and Groups

During the course of the year a number of dearly loved members of our church have died and others have become too frail to attend; some have moved away (to Cornwall and to Somerset – too far to commute to us) and to Hayling Island.

During this year, Colin Mason continued in his role of Treasurer, and Terry Gibbs took over as our Planned Giving Officer.

Val Strutt has continued during the year as our careful and caring Safeguarding Officer and has recently tendered her resignation after more than 20 years in the role. We are indebted to her. Allan Brawn continued his hard work as Maintenance Manager, Acting Verger and Health and Safety Officer until illness prevented him from undertaking all the tasks he usually does. Derek Baker and Bob Wheeler have helped considerably, as they did when churchwarden Steve underwent a hip replacement operation. Elaine Hoey and Denise Williams are always supportive in ensuring Sunday tasks are undertaken when churchwardens are absent through accident, illness or simply taking holidays. Sara Bolton continues as our Administrator and has recently (in Allan's absence) become a Server at the Thursday Service of Holy Communion. Elaine Hoey's dual roles as Electoral Roll Officer and Secretary to the PCC ensures that she too is kept very busy and we thank her for all that she continues to do.

Our eco group has led us all in the various ways that we can work towards a healthier planet – God's wonderful creation – and we give thanks that in August 2025 our solar panels were installed. Thanks go to the amazingly generous congregation at St Wilfrid's.

Our Toddler Groups continue to be enjoyed and appreciated by adults and children, with lots of helpers and leaders (more always welcomed) led by Hazel Watson and with Chris and Polly supporting too.

Messy Church continues to be well supported by families who may or may not come to our Sunday services or services at other churches. Lesley Baker values the involvement of the whole team, especially including those who create our scrummy meals!

Community Coffee Cup at Westbrook and TLC at St Wilfrid's continue to give much pleasure to people at the weekends; Coffee Cup joined up with the Havant council Play Rangers for a number of joint play and craft activities which provided further outreach into the Westbrook community. Warm Spaces has offered hospitality after the Thursday Service during the winter months. Homemade soups and rolls have been much appreciated. Thanks especially to Val and Dave Strutt and Brenda Mizen and Margo and Martyn Farmer and their teams for looking after us all so well – and for providing welcoming outreach opportunities.

Our ever growing (slowly growing – still room for more) Church Cleaning Teams and Flower Arrangers have looked after the church wonderfully and Helen Couper and Stan Hoey, along with Allan Brawn and others have ensured that our gardens give constant pleasure.

Pastoral Care, including Home Communion has continued and so has PRAYER – a focus for the first Wednesday of each month (and every other day of the year too).

The Audio Visual team have installed the new sound system which has been operating successfully for a year and hopefully this has improved the sound quality for both the Sunday services. There is still a little more to do to complete this phase of the project. Because of the use of more multimedia types including videos during the 11am service, the team have been trialing a different display program, and the 11am congregation may have noticed a different look to the words of the songs in the last few months. The next phase of the upgrade looking at and replacing the projection output is well under way. This will give a permanent static location for the AV control desk. We are also moving forward, with help from the diocese IT team with a new look church website. There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes during the last few months. The team have completed the old to new page mapping exercise and produced a number of page templates which we will populate and then after testing will go live in the next few months

Overview

God continues to strengthen and guide us throughout each year and we are most grateful.

More statistics to consider

As mentioned last year, in **February 2025**, 124 different adults and 13 children attended services at St Wilfrid's.

The most at any one service was 49 adults and 11 children (that was at the 11 o'clock service when Alison Giblett joined us)

In **February 2026**, 115 different adults and 22 children attended services at St Wilfrid's.

The most at any one service was when 42 adults and 16 children came on 8th February,

HOWEVER on 8th **March**, at 11 o'clock we were joined by 53 adults and 20 children.

If you only come to one service (as most people do) you might not have met all of your brothers and sisters in our church family.

It's good that we have our Meet the Family events. Do come, if you can.

The next one is to be lunch together after the APCM on 19th April.

Jan Smith and Steve Day, Churchwardens. March 2026

This report covers the time from APCM May 2025 to April 2026. During this time the Parochial Church Council has held six full meetings during 2025/2026 in May, July, September, November, January and March. Reverend Chris Spencer has chaired those meetings and Elaine Hoey has kindly recorded the minutes and dealt with the different correspondence.

Each PCC meeting is structured in the following way: welcome, open devotions, prayer, Apologies, conflicts of interest, minutes to approve and matters arising from those previous minutes. Next would follow confidential minutes, safeguarding report, separate items such as Christmas collections and all the sub-committee meetings. Reports from Deanery, Diocesan and General Synod are part of the meetings as well as correspondence. Finally, the PCC cover Training opportunities, future events, announcements, AOB, dates of next meeting and each meeting closes with prayer. This format now means that meetings last for about 1 hour and ½ to 2 hours.

The various sub-Committee meetings operate in between PCC meetings that help in matters arising within the church and we reflect on doing life together in St. Wilfrid's Church. At the last APCM the PCC delegate the detail work to the various sub-committees so we currently have six in operation.

The **Standing sub-Committee** operates in between PCC meetings and sets out the PCC agenda, implements the detail of PCC decisions, takes urgent actions on certain matters and the members of the sub-committee are the Priest in Charge, Church Wardens, PCC secretary and a member of PCC.

Personnel sub-Committee operates when the church needs advice on recruitment such as our new Planned Giving Officer, grievance procedures, employment terms and conditions, law and polices, issues that emerge in staffing and training developments. This sub-Committee has also helped in shaping the role descriptions for those who carry out different roles in church.

The sub-Committees below are not exclusive rather it is designed to provide all church members an opportunity to work collaboratively so all are invited and you would be most welcome to join and if to do so then please let Reverend Chris know.

Finance and Fabric sub-Committee operates by providing advice, support and practical guidance in relation to budgets, stewardship and the financial position of St. Wilfrid's church. This committee also looks at the day-to-day operations, the fabric of the building, health and safety, planned giving report and so on.

Mission and Discipleship sub-Committee operates by ensuring that God is known and made known by all by promoting the mission of the church through the various activities and groups such as children, families, alpha, Art groups as well as through Messy Church, Coffee Community Cup, community events, schools work, toddlers and so on.

Events sub-Committee operates by providing at least ten events during the calendar year to bring people together such as meeting the family, offering hospitality, welcoming others and hosting bigger events like our Spring and Christmas fayres or murder mystery evenings.

Resources sub-Committee and **Ministry sub-Committee** have not met during the year.

Special Project sub-Committee operated by focusing the solar panels which was completed

during the year. The small team gathered every six weeks to move the project forward. The special project sub-committee is now looking at another project for the future.

The next level of the church is the many teams or groups or individuals they make up the life of the church and they fit or overlap within these different sub-committees such as Hall meeting team, Ministry team, Pastoral care, Messy Church and so on. The biggest challenge throughout the year was in the discernment in various role descriptions and how these individuals work together in St. Wilfrid's church, building God's kingdom and grow in unity, love and growth we move forward together in the future.

Administrative Information

St. Wilfrid's Church is situated on Padnell Road, Cowplain. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The registered charity number is 1130601

Governance

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules dated in 2020. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives

The PCC of St. Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building and grounds.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England, a registered charity and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC. PCC members are required to undertake safer recruitment procedures such as DBS and confidential self-declaration forms and relevant training. Representatives of the PCC are asked to attend other relevant training events, report back to the PCC as a body and disseminate printed information where appropriate.

Sub-committees

The PCC operates six sub-Committee (Finance and Fabric sub-Committee (FFsC), Mission and Discipleship (M&D), Events, Special Projects, Standing and Personnel) which meet between full meetings of the PCC and all sub-Committees make recommendations to the PCC for approval.

Attendance at Services:

St. Wilfrid's Church attendance has stayed the same or decreased. A review of attendance during January supports this observation.

Comparing attendance at St Wilfrid's in January 2024, January 2025 and January 2026.

The total number of people who attended at least once during the month

	2024	2025	2026
Adults	*130	*147	*147
Children	*30	*25	*25

*Including the Christingle Service and Thirst

Average attendance at individual services during the month

	2024	2025	2026
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9.00 Sunday	29	27	26.5
11.00 Sunday: excluding those who had already attended at 9.00 (usually 3-5 people)	36	44	43
Children	10	11	10
10.30 Thursday: including those who had already attended on Sunday	27	28	28.4
10.30 Thursday: excluding those who had already attended on Sunday	16	19	18.6

Some people, as we see here, attend more than once a week – Sundays and Thursdays.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals held in 2025

Baptisms:	11 compared with	2 in 2024
Confirmation:	0 compared with	0 in 2024
Marriages:	2 compared with	0 in 2024
Funerals in Church:	9* compared with	7* in 2024
Funerals at Crematorium:	10 compared with	15 in 2024
Funeral at Cemetery only:	1 compared with	0 in 2024
Internment of Ashes:	0 compared with	2 in 2024
Total number of Funerals	20	

** Of these funerals, 2 was held at St. Wilfrid's Cowplain (memorial service), 4 was held at St. Wilfrid's Cowplain followed by a burial, 3 was held at St. Wilfrid's Cowplain followed by crematorium*

*** Our ministers also conducted funerals on behalf of other churches in our diocese.*

Electoral Roll

At the APCM in 2025 there were 127 names on the Church Electoral Roll, compared with 155 in 2024.

Policies and Risks

The PCC has reviewed the following policies and procedures during the year 2025.

- Church Credit Card
- Parish Safeguarding policy statement
- Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Grievance
- Disciplinary
- Data protection
- Responding well to domestic abuse
- Hall Hiring
- Health and Safety
- Lift operating
- Use of social media

Alongside this at each PCC meeting the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Val Strutt) gives a written and verbal update throughout the year and references the safeguarding dashboard. There have also been ongoing changes to national and diocesan safeguarding guidelines such as Standards and will continue to be so in the future which will impact parish policies, practice and training.

Our Parish Treasurer (Colin Mason) provides a detailed budget which is prepared and agreed by the PCC each year and provides regular updates comparing the current situation to the budget at each PCC meeting.

Finally, our Health and Safety Officer (Allan Brawn) reviews and updates all health and safety issues that arise on the church premises and all groups using our premises are expected to be familiar with the health and safety policy and comply with it. Allan Brawn also reports to the

PCC about accidents that occur within his report.

Insurance: The PCC is fully insured through our Ecclesiastical Insurance Parish Plus policy.

Conclusion

We praise God that He continues to bless St Wilfrid's, so that we can bless others - locally in our community, in Havant Deanery, Portsmouth Diocese and in many places further afield. We give thanks for all that has been given and shared, for worship and witness, for prayer, fellowship and faithful service to the glory of God. We look forward to the exciting future that God has in store for us!

We are greatly indebted to every single member of our church who voluntarily gives of his or her time, practical skills, spiritual gifts and money to build up our fellowship in the Spirit, grow our discipleship in Christ, and enable us all to continue to play our part in God's mission of love to the world in Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for all you do!

**Approved by the PCC 19th March 2026
and signed on their behalf by**

C. Spencer

Rev Christopher Spencer (PCC Chairman)



2025 Financial Review

2025 provided stable pattern of services and other church activities, however this was not wholly reflected in the month-on-month stability of our finances.

Summary details of Unrestricted General Fund Income and Expenditure for 2025 (with comparative figures for 2024) and relevant notes of explanation are in the tables below [Note: Full details are contained in the table towards the end of this Financial Review]:

Income 2025					
Serial	Description	Amount 2025	Amount 2024	Change	Comment
1	Planned Giving	44,454	45,734	-1,280	
2	PGS	19,799	15,779	4,020	See Note 1
3	Gift Aid & GASDS	17,433	16,625	808	2025 - Reflects increased giving via PGS
4	Collection	7,140	8,412	-1,272	

5	Donations	1,623	4,123	-2,500	See Note 2 below.
6	Hall Letting	16,068	11,888	4,180	2025 – Reflects increase in Hall Users
7	Wedding/Funeral	2,213	1,212	1,001	2025 – 2 Weddings and 21 Funerals
8	Fayres	4,345	4,199	146	
9	Events	6,124	3,294	2,830	2025 – More Events
10	Other	3,755	572	3,183	Incl £2,000 Transfer between Bank Accts
11	Nett Income	122,954	111,838	11,116	
12	Transfers In	2,500	6,419	-3,919	From Other Church Funds
13	Gross Income	125,454	118,257	7,197	

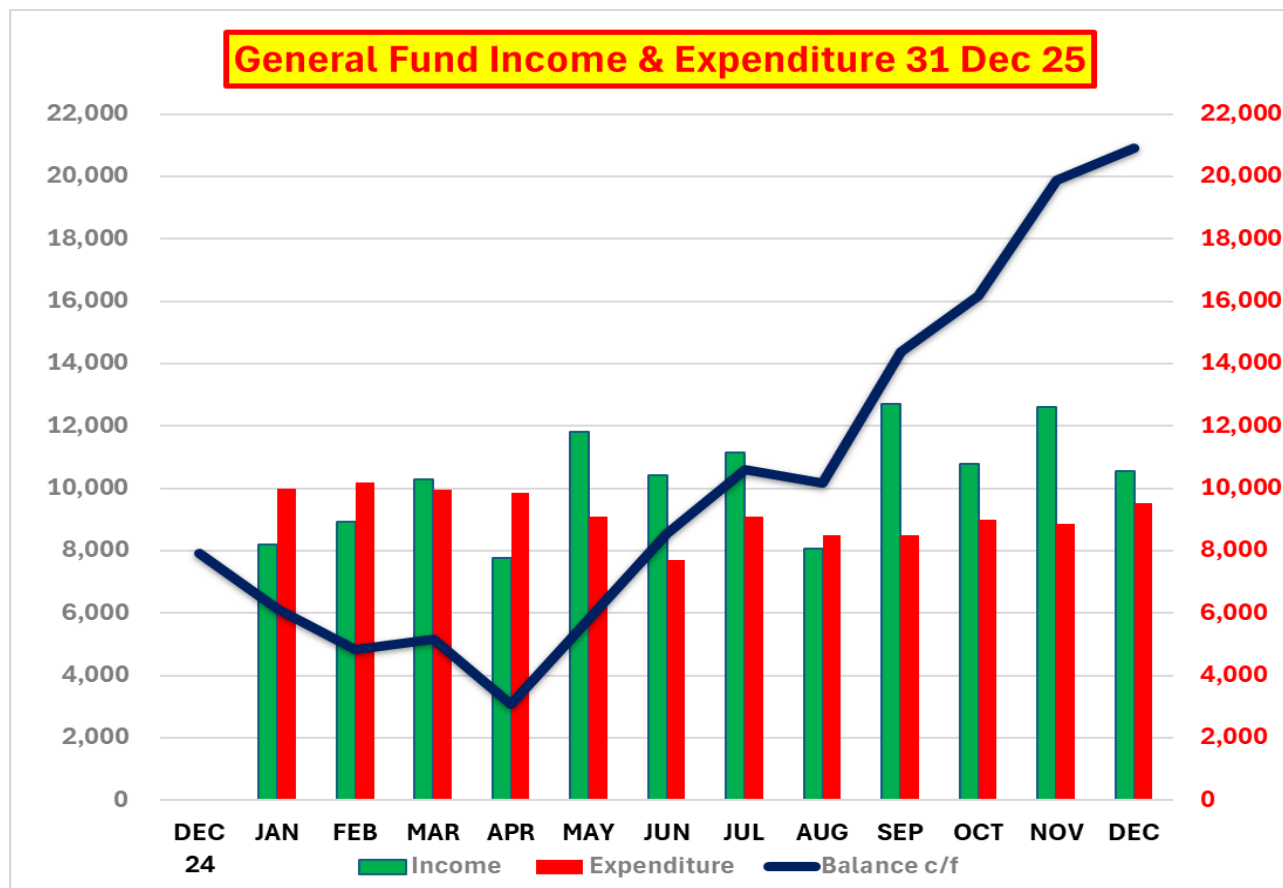
Expenditure 2025					
Serial	Description	Amount 2025	Amount 2024	Change	Comment
1	Charitable Giving	1,220	1,140	80	To CMS & Waterlooville Foodbank
2	Parish Share	76,010	86,000	-9,990	See Note 3 below
3	Clergy & Staff	7,550	6,724	826	
4	Cost of Events	2,075	929	1,146	2025 – Costs of more Events
5	Training	391	627	-236	
6	Cleaning	4,962	4,776	186	2025 – Increase in Real Living Wage
7	Gas & Electricity	6,559	7,681	-1,122	See Note 4 below
8	Water	1,442	1,025	417	2025 – Inflationary increase
9	Insurance	1,615	1,419	196	2025 – Premium increased for Solar Panels
10	CCLI	424	408	16	2025 – Increase due to inflation
11	Admin Costs	1,918	2,197	-279	
12	Maintenance	4,994	3,887	1,107	See Note 5 below
13	Running Costs	1,058	1,238	-180	
14	Other	2,250	452	1,798	Incl £2,000 Transfer between Bank Accts
15	Gross Expended	112,469	118,503	-6,034	

Notes:

1. While giving via PGS increased in 2025 this was balanced by decreases in other Planned Giving, Loose Plate Collections and Donations.
2. The overall effect was General Fund Donations reduced in 2025, but significant donations were made towards the installation of Solar Panels – See details in Eco Fund.
3. The Parish Share figure for 2025 was initially £81,904 (based on a new/revised algorithm). In May 25 it was estimated that this level was not sustainable and a representation was made to the Diocese – this resulted in a reduction to £76,000.
4. New Gas and Electricity contracts commenced 1 Oct 25 with Corona Energy. Due to an administrative error in the Corona accounting system, as of 31 Dec 25 we had not been invoiced for the cost of electricity from Oct to Dec 25.
5. The total of all Maintenance costs in 2025 was slightly lower than the agreed budget figure – careful management ensured all necessary routine maintenance and necessary repairs were completed in a timely manner at optimum cost.

The overall result for the year was a gain to the General Fund (as gross income exceeded expenditure) of £12,985 versus a loss of £246 in 2024. This improvement was due to a combination of a significantly reduced Parish Share, unanticipated/unbudgeted increased Hall Letting income, increased nett Event income and a loan/transfer from the Community Support Fund. The General Fund balance carried forward to 2026 was £20,916.

The month-on-month carrying balance fluctuated marked throughout the year as shown in the following graph – causing serious concerns to the Finance & Fabric sub-Committee and the PCC in the early months of 2025:



It is hoped that a more stable profile will be seen in 2026.

Summary details of Designated Funds Gross Income and Expenditure for 2025 was as follows [Note: Full details are contained in the table towards the end of this Financial Review]:

Serial	Fund	Income	Expenditure	Balance 31 Dec 25	Comment
1	Community Coffee Cup	2,238	2,171	1,676	See Note 1
2	Community Support	-	2,048	965	See Note 2
3	Cow Trail	-	191	0	See Note 3
4	Eco Fund	13,665	21,019	627	See Note 4
5	Evangelism Fund	549	1,545	2,184	See Note 5
6	Ground Maintenance Fund	-	35	308	

7	Growth Fund	200	200	7,690	See Note 6
8	Legacy (Designated)	2,724	23,573	43,278	See Note 7
9	Messy Church	628	85	543	See Note 8
10	Carer & Toddler Groups	1,430	982	2,143	See Note 9
11	Total	21,434	51,849	59,415	

Notes:

1. Income includes £600 ASDA grant and £191 transferred-In from Cow Trail.
2. Standing Committee decision to transfer £2000 to General Fund. [Note: This transfer will be treated as short-term loan that will need be repaid.]
3. Balance transferred to the Community Coffee Cup and the Fund closed.
4. In 2025 the Eco Fund received £13,665 in donations (incl Gift Aid) towards the cost of installing Solar Panels and expended £20,729 towards the total project cost; the balance coming from the Legacy Designated Fund (See Note 7 below).
5. Income included donations totalling £507. Expenditure included £910 cost of Harrogate Conference.
6. The £200 cost of joining the Diocesan Website Development Project was matched by an anonymous donation.
7. Legacy Designated Fund is primarily used to fund specific projects. In 2025 £16,548 was spent on the installation of Solar Panels, £7,025 on Maintenance and Repairs (Lift Repairs, LED Lower Hall Lighting, Vestry Damp Repairs and a new Fire Alarm System). For accounting purposes the balance on this Fund is held (along with other funds) in a Virgin Money Deposit Account where it earns a competitive rate of interest each month.
8. Messy Church Fund came within St Wilfrid's administration 7 Jul 25.
9. Carer & Toddler Group Expenditure includes £500 transferred to the General Fund.

The nett change to the aggregate balance on all Designated Funds (after income, expenditure and inter-fund transfers are taken into account) was a decrease of £30,416 – due primarily to expenditure on the installation of the Solar Panels and maintenance from the Eco and Legacy Designated Fund plus a number of inter -Fund transfers (typically to support the General Fund in the first half of the year).

There were no material changes to Restricted Fund balances in 2025. £50 was expended from the Larteh Fund to support a church in Ghana following an appeal from the Deanery.

The aggregate balance carried forward at 31 Dec 25 on Unrestricted (the General Fund) and all Designated Funds was £80,331 of which £43,278 was retained in the Legacy Designated Fund (the figures for 31 Dec 24 were £97,762 and £64,127 respectively). Any new/further projects may need additional targeted fundraising, application for any applicable grants or be funded from the Legacy Designated Fund (subject to PCC approval).

Reserves Policy

It is a longstanding PCC policy to attempt to maintain a Reserve balance available to the Unrestricted General Fund which equates to at least three months payments on unavoidable (non-discretionary) running costs. Based on both average monthly expenditure in 2025 and the 2026 Budget this would amount to some £28,465. This balance would serve two distinct purposes:

- a. It would act as a buffer to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow (expenditure versus income) and meet any unbudgeted/emergency action where funds are not available in other Funds, eg the

Legacy Designated Fund.

- b. It would provide the essential liquidity (ie, readily available funds held in one of our bank accounts) needed to support our short-term financial viability.

In the short-term there is little potential for this target figure to be achieved – so we continue to monitor and manage our finances in line with best practices to ensure our financial stability.

The Unrestricted General Fund balance on 31 Dec 25 was £20,916, 76% of target (a marked improvement on the 28.9% at 31 Dec 24).

The overall balance of all Fund Categories at 31 Dec 25 was as follows:

Fund Category	Balance 31 Dec 25	% of Total	Comment
Unrestricted	20,916	20.3	
Designated	59,415	57.6	
Restricted	22,743	22.1	Includes £22,000 retained value of Orchard Garden
Total:	103,074		

If the £22,000 value of the Orchard Garden is excluded (because it is not a liquid asset) the %age holdings in each Fund Category would be 25.8%, 73.3% and 0.9% respectively. [Note: Restricted Funds can only be used for their legally defined purpose, Designated Funds can be used at the PCC's discretion, and there are no restrictions on the use of Unrestricted Funds so long as they meet the church's agreed strategic aims and purposes.] Therefore, the monthly management of receipts and expenditure in the General Fund are closely monitored to ensure sufficient liquidity is retained to meet all known short-term expenditure demands.

Forecast for 2026

A potential loss to the General Fund amounting to some £1,400 is projected for the end of 2026 – based on forecast further changes in utility prices and general corporate and domestic inflation factors affecting everything we purchase. This means that the overall monthly situation of receipts and payments against the General Fund needs to be closely monitored to ensure the improvement in the General Fund and the overall financial position achieved in 2025 are at least sustained. As always, we remain unendingly grateful to all who contribute to St Wilfrid's finances, both through regular giving and in supporting our various fundraising efforts.

Charitable Giving

Charitable Giving (See Table towards the end of the document for details) the end of the through the church totalled £3,441, equivalent to 2.8% of gross receipts to the General Fund : This is a decrease on previous years and remains below our target of 10%. [Note: This calculation only considers gross income to the General Fund and the monetary contributions we make. Therefore, no account has been taken of either waived or discounted Hall Rental Charges for users with charitable status or the Parish Share which directly accounts for some 60.6% of income in 2025.] Additionally, the congregation's and parishes' wider generosity should be recognised through the provision of some three hundred and sixty Christmas Gift boxes to Samaritans Purse (including those collected from other local churches and organisations – and there undoubtedly were several donated on-line) and the donation of items essential to the operation of the church.

Note: If non-discretionary expenditure, ie the Parish Share, is subtracted from gross General Fund income (reducing it to £49,454) then the percentage would be 7.0%.



St Wilfrid's
Cowplain

St Wilfrid's Church Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

2025 Accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Explanatory Notes to the Accounts

1. The accounts are being reported on a receipts and payments basis as agreed by the trustees at a full PCC meeting on 26th November 2015. The accounts are presented in accordance with guidance in the 5th edition of "PCC accountability" which conforms to The Charities Act 2011 incorporating SORP 2015 (and as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and the Charities Amendment Act 2024).
2. Electricity expenditure for 2025 is understated by an unknown amount as the Supplier since 1 Oct 25 (Corona Energy) has yet to raise invoices for the period Oct to Dec inclusive due to an administrative issue with the account.
3. A budget for 2026 is included in the accounts. This was accepted at the PCC meeting in Jan 26. All finance projections are based on the final figures for 2025 modified by reasonable assumptions and/or known costs for 2026.
4. Financial Assets are forecast to decline in 2026: Essential repairs to the Vestry Upstand and Coving, replacement of the North Door, replacement of conventional lamps with LEDs in the Upper Hall and Stairways all from the Legacy Designated Fund. Additionally, a material spend from the Growth Fund on Phase 3 of the audio-visual system upgrade will further reduce the aggregate sum in the bank accounts and therefore our overall liquidity.
5. The liabilities (£2,137) shown in the statement are due to transactions in the "Agency Accounts" (money that passes through the church bank accounts but must not be counted as church funds as it relates to third parties) that could not be completed in the budget year. The significant items are £1,120 owed to the Diocese for 2025 Q4 Fees, £260 to both the Hants & IoW Air Ambulance and Rowans Hospice from the Christmas 25 Giving, £300 Wedding Deposit and £157 to Waterlooville Foodbank (Donations collected at the weekly "Warm Spaces").

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts:					
Voluntary receipts	90,448.87	15,971.90	—	106,420.77	104,006.00
Income from church activities	10,507.52	1,100.05	—	11,607.57	7,611.13
Other trading activities	18,450.50	—	—	18,450.50	13,099.50
Investments	—	1,354.36	—	1,354.36	247.13
Other income	3,547.10	2,526.44	—	6,073.54	64,209.12
Total income	122,953.99	20,952.75	—	143,906.74	189,172.88
Payments:					
Raising funds	2,123.19	633.10	—	2,756.29	970.82
Costs of church activities	108,095.54	46,317.51	—	154,413.05	140,883.80
Other expenditure	2,250.00	1,918.23	50.00	4,218.23	61,693.98
Total expenditure	112,468.73	48,868.84	50.00	161,387.57	203,548.60
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,485.26	(27,916.09)	(50.00)	(17,480.83)	(14,375.72)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,500.00	481.33	—	2,981.33	10,762.59
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(2,981.33)	—	(2,981.33)	(10,762.59)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	12,985.26	(30,416.09)	(50.00)	(17,480.83)	(14,375.72)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	7,930.84	89,830.98	22,792.90	120,554.72	134,930.44
Total funds carried forward	20,916.10	59,414.89	22,742.90	103,073.89	120,554.72

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St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2025

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets						
6430 : Land	—	—	22,000.00	—	22,000.00	22,000.00
6431 : Organ	(976.19)	1,356.19	—	—	380.00	380.00
Total	(976.19)	1,356.19	22,000.00	—	22,380.00	22,380.00
Current assets						
6501 : Barclay's Bank current account	(71,399.64)	69,326.11	7,108.18	—	5,034.65	5,856.24
6502 : Lloyd's Bank current account	90,368.24	(65,145.94)	(15,712.13)	—	9,510.17	16,168.17
6503 : CAF cash account	(5.00)	5.00	—	—	—	—
6505 : Virgin Charity deposit account	1,384.69	53,143.19	13,757.92	—	68,285.80	78,452.07
Total	20,348.29	57,328.36	5,153.97	—	82,830.62	100,476.48
Liabilities						
6601 : Loans received	(1,200.00)	(730.34)	1,930.34	—	—	—
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	2,136.73	—	2,136.73	2,301.76
Total	(1,200.00)	(730.34)	4,067.07	—	2,136.73	2,301.76
Net total assets	20,572.10	59,414.89	23,086.90	—	103,073.89	120,554.72

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St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	<i>01 January 2025 31 December 2025</i>	<i>01 January 2024 31 December 2024</i>
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts:			
Voluntary receipts			
Planned Giving - Bank	✓	44,269.00	45,454.00
Planned Giving - Envelopes	✓	185.00	280.00
Other planned giving (PGS)	✓	19,798.56	15,778.55
Loose plate collections	✓	7,139.85	8,412.15
Donations appeals etc	✓	1,623.46	4,122.67
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	✓	17,433.00	16,625.13
	<i>Total Voluntary receipts</i>	90,448.87	90,672.50
Income from church activities			
May Fayre	✓	1,528.50	1,488.44
Christmas Fayre	✓	2,816.51	2,711.31
Easy fundraising	✓	38.15	51.01
Income from Events	✓	6,124.36	3,294.37
	<i>Total Income from church activities</i>	10,507.52	7,545.13
Other trading activities			
Rummage sales etc	✓	170.00	—
Fees for weddings and funerals	✓	2,213.00	1,212.00
Church hall lettings - objectives	✓	16,067.50	11,887.50
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	18,450.50	13,099.50
Investments			
Bank and building society interest		—	247.13
	<i>Total Investments</i>	—	247.13
Other income			
other income	✓	3,547.10	274.22
	<i>Total Other income</i>	3,547.10	274.22
Total receipts:	✓	122,953.99	111,838.48

Payments:

Raising funds				
Costs of fetes & other events	✓	2,075.39	✓	928.82
Lilies	✓	47.80		—
<i>Total Raising funds</i>	✓	<i>2,123.19</i>	✓	<i>928.82</i>
Costs of church activities				
CMS Alison Gilbet	✓	920.00	✓	900.00
Advertising	✓	77.46	✓	138.06
Children & Youth Resources		—	✓	21.62
IT Subscriptions	✓	888.10	✓	697.80
Portsmouth Foodbank	✓	300.00	✓	240.00
Parish Share	✓	76,010.03	✓	86,000.04
Assistant clergy expenses		—	✓	954.52
Readers expenses		—	✓	12.99
Office manager	✓	5,179.20	✓	4,557.87
Working expenses of incumbent	✓	135.00	✓	182.27
Travelling expenses		1,595.84		286.01
Parsonage house expenses		85.00		83.00
Water rates - vicarage		555.12		462.98
Parish training and mission		391.22		627.15
Insurance		1,615.36		1,418.94
Performing rights license		423.86		408.30
Organ / piano tuning		945.00		540.00
Church maintenance		2,907.22		1,890.76
Church Cleaning		4,961.80		4,776.00
Lift maintenance		607.96		821.37
Administration		66.98		225.85
Sacristy supplies		472.11		533.90
Printing		434.49		142.18
Paper		108.94		—
Hospitality costs		6.75		162.53
Stationery		146.69		822.31
Postage		23.49		20.40
Data Developments		—		150.00
Electricity		3,159.66		4,163.09
Gas		3,399.07		3,517.90
Magazine expenses		67.00		—
Hall supplies		550.89		352.12
Phs supplies		35.23		351.64
Water-church/Hall		1,441.95		1,025.46
Governance costs examination/audit fee		50.00		—
Fire check		450.12		435.96
Electrical testing		84.00		199.20
<i>Total Costs of church activities</i>		<i>108,095.54</i>		<i>117,122.22</i>
Other expenditure				
Miscellaneous expenses		2,250.00		452.26
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>2,250.00</i>		<i>452.26</i>
Total payments:		112,468.73		118,503.30
Excess of Receipts: over Payments:		10,485.26		(6,664.82)
Brought forward balance		7,930.84		8,177.05
Transfers to/(from)		2,500.00		6,418.61
Total carried forward balance		20,916.10		7,930.84

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund and type		Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers		Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General - General fund	✔	7,930.84 ✔	122,953.99 ✔	112,468.73 ✔	2,500.00	— ✔	20,916.10
Sub-totals	✔	7,930.84 ✔	122,953.99 ✔	112,468.73 ✔	2,500.00	— ✔	20,916.10
Designated							
CCC - Community Coffee Cup	✔	1,609.68 ✔	2,046.75 ✔	2,171.71 ✔	191.33	— ✔	1,676.05
CommSupp - Community Support	✔	3,013.29	— ✔	47.96 ✔	(2,000.00)	— ✔	965.33
Cowtrail - Cowtrail fund	✔	191.33	—	— ✔	(191.33)	—	—
Eco - Eco Fund	✔	7,980.82 ✔	13,665.00 ✔	20,728.63 ✔	(290.00)	— ✔	627.19
Evangelism - Evangelism fund	✔	3,180.05 ✔	548.80 ✔	1,545.07	—	— ✔	2,183.78
GM - Ground Maintenance (Formerly WMGF)	✔	343.20	— ✔	35.00	—	— ✔	308.20
Growth - Growth Fund	✔	7,690.35 ✔	200.00 ✔	200.00	—	— ✔	7,690.35
LegDes - Legacy (Designated)	✔	64,127.28 ✔	2,434.36 ✔	23,573.32 ✔	290.00	— ✔	43,278.32
Messy - Messy Church		— ✔	627.84 ✔	84.95	—	— ✔	542.89
Toddler-2 - Carers & Toddlers - 2	✔	1,694.98 ✔	1,430.00 ✔	482.20 ✔	(500.00)	— ✔	2,142.78
Sub-totals	✔	89,830.98 ✔	20,952.75 ✔	48,868.84 ✔	(2,500.00)	— ✔	59,414.89
Restricted							
Larteh - Larteh fund	✔	138.23	— ✔	50.00	—	— ✔	88.23
VDF - Vicar's Discretionary fund	✔	300.00	—	—	—	— ✔	300.00
Whitbread - Whitbread fund	✔	22,354.67	—	—	—	— ✔	22,354.67
Sub-totals	✔	22,792.90	— ✔	50.00	—	— ✔	22,742.90
Totals	✔	120,554.72 ✔	143,906.74 ✔	161,387.57	—	— ✔	103,073.89

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Note: The Whitbread Fund Balance includes £22,000 for the purchase value of the Orchard Garden.

Charitable Giving 2025

<u>Source</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Christmas 2024 Appeal	Rowan's Hospice	296.74
Christmas 2024 Appeal	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance	296.73
Ongoing Donations	Leprosy Mission	106.98
Christingle Service	Children's Society	29.17
Event	Traidcraft Breakfast	96.50
Warm Spaces	Waterlooville Foodbank	500.00
Event	Sophie's Legacy	150.00
Larteh Fund	Koforinda Donation	50.00
Harvest Service	Waterlooville Foodbank	168.00
Remembrance Service	RBL Poppy Appeal	227.32
Donations + General Fund	Farewell Gift to Rev Johnston	250.00
Church Funds (Gen Fund)	CMS - Monthly Contribution	920.00
Church Funds (Gen Fund)	UCB	50.00
Church Funds (Gen Fund)	Waterlooville Foodbank - Monthly Contribution	300.00
Total:		3,441.44

Notes:

1. The Total figure does not take into account the following examples of the congregation's additional generosity:
 - a. 360 filled Christmas boxes to support the Samaritan's Purse appeal.
 - b. Provision of food to support Warm Spaces with all cash donations then passed through the church to Waterlooville Foodbank.
 - c. Provision of tea/coffee, milk and biscuits for Thursday and Sunday Services.
 - d. Provision of Church and Hall Cleaning Materials.
2. Additionally, Hall Rental Charges are either waived or discounted for other Registered Charities, eg the Brownies and Girl Guides.

Income and Expenditure to the General Fund (Final Budget 2026 including calculations and assumptions as approved by the PCC 22 Jan 26)

General Fund - Budget for 2026 - Final Version

	2025			2026			2025			2026	
RECEIPTS (GROSS)	25 Budget	Act to M12	+/- Budget	Basis	Budget	PAYMENTS	25 Budget	Act to M12	+/- Budget	Basis	Budget
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>											
Planned Giving/envelope scheme	43734	44454	720	= 2025 -£4000	40300	Missionary and charitable giving	1260	1,220	-40	=2025	1260
PGS	15779	19799	4020	= 2025 +2%	20000						
Gift Aid Income tax refund	16125	17433	1308	= 2025 +2%	18000						
Sub-Total	75638	81686	6048	Calc	78300	Parish share	81700	76,010	-5690	Actual	76000
Church collections	8412	7140	-1272	= 2025 Actual	7000	Clergy, organist and office manager	9000	7,550	-1450	=2025 Budget	9000
Donations and appeals	4123	1623	-2500	= 2025 Actual	2000	Cost of Raising Funds / Events	1000	2,075	1075	Estimate	2000
Other voluntary receipts				= 2025 Actual	0	Parish Training	1000	391	-609	=2025 Budget	1000
Diaries				Zero	0						
Legacy				Zero	0	Church running expenses					
HCC grant				Zero	0	Cleaners & Window Cleaner	5000	4,962	-38	= 2025 +6%	5300
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						Gas and Electricity	8640	6,559	-2081	= 2025+6%	7000
Other income	274	3547	3273	Estimate	250	Water rates	1110	1,442	332	= 2025 + 10%	1600
Easyfundraising	50	38	-12	Estimate	50	Insurance	1447	1,615	168	Actual	1691
Easter Fayre	1750	1529	-222	= 2025 Actual	1500	CCLI + RSCM	429	424	-5	= 2025 +6%	450
Christmas Fayre	3000	2817	-183	= 2025 Actual	2750	other running/admin expenses	2470	1,918	-552	= 2025+10%	2100
Income from events	2000	6124	4124	Estimate	4000						
tea/coffee, other fundraising				Zero	0						
<i>Other trading activities</i>						Church maintenance (incl Lift & Tests)	5600	4,994	-606	Agreed Budget	6100
Hall lettings	12500	16068	3568	= 2025 Actual	16000						
Fees weddings and funerals	1250	2213	963	= 2025 Actual	2000	Church/Hall running costs	1390	1,058	-332	= 2025+10%	1250
Recycling	0	170	170	Zero	0						
Investments	300		-300	Estimate	0	Miscellaneous	500	2,250	1750	Estimate	500
car park				Zero	0						
Total	109297	122954	13657	12.50%	113850	Total	120546	112469	-8077	-6.70%	115251

2026 Projected Excess of Income over Expenditure: -1401

Notes:

- All figures are based on a prudent approach that disregards extraordinary and exceptional income and expenditure. 2025 has been used as the base-year where appropriate. Following standard budgeting process estimates of income are based on a pessimistic view (tend towards understatement) whilst expenditure is similarly based on a pessimistic view (tend towards overstatement).
- 2025 Actuals EOY are as stated in the M12 25 Financial Report for the General Fund. Where NOT an appropriate assumption, prudent estimation has been employed (at no additional cost!).
- The 2026 Parish Share been confirmed - £76000.
- The Real Living Wage £12.60 ph 2025 will increase to £13.45 (per the Nov 25 Budget Statement) and has been used for salary costs (including cleaners) from 1 Apr 26.
- Utility costs are based on current information re rates and assumed consumption.
- The Maintenance Budget figure excludes items that it has been assumed will be funded from the Legacy Designated Fund.
- The Events figures for 2026 are based on based on an assumed average income from similar events in 2024-25 or monthly income of £400 for 10 months, whichever is the lower. Similarly for assumed average expenditure with a minimum monthly expenditure of £200 over the same period.

Independent Examiner's Report –

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17 March 2026 The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council
St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Independent Examiner's Report – Year Ending 31st December 2025

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - To prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records 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.

Andy Forbes

Andrew Forbes
Honorary Independent Examiner

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales prior to retirement



Electoral Roll

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL CERTIFICATE

PARISH of St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

DEANERY Havant

Electoral Roll 2026

This year's total is 128, with 60 being resident in the Parish. Five were removed, as follows;

- 4 due to bereavement
- 1 left due to husband getting a new Curacy

We gained 16 new members.

Last year	=	127
Leavers	-	5
New members	+	6

Signed **Elaine J Hoey**

Electoral Roll Officer

Date 22nd March 2026



Title	Christian Name	Middle Name	Surname	Res/Non Res	Date Added
Mrs	Deborah		Adam	Non	23/03/2025
Ms	Betsy		Anaman	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Janet	Elizabeth	Andrews	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	David	John	Attridge	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Gillian	Mary	Attridge	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Derek	Colin	Baker	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Lesley	Patricia	Baker	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Lorraine		Barberini	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	William	John	Barberini	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Katie		Beck	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Nathan	Bruce, Kelvin	Beck	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Sara		Bolton	Non	30/03/2025
Mr	Stephen		Bolton	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Allan	James	Brawn	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Susan	Patricia	Brawn	Non	23/03/2025
Miss	Clare	Louise	Bridger	Non	22/02/2026
Mrs	Hilary	Clare	Brown	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Julie		Brown	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Yolanda	Louise	Cawdeary	Res	23/03/2025
Miss	Sarah	Elizabeth	Chambers	Non	23/03/2025
Miss	Holly		Clements	Non	22/02/2026
Mrs	Jane	Marie	Coates	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Mark	Stephen	Coates	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Carol		Cork	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Helen	Ann	Couper	Non	30/03/2025
Mrs	Elaine		Davenport	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Joy		Day	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Stephen	Edward	Day	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Bernie		Dickson	Res	03/04/2025
Mrs	Diane		Dickson	Res	03/04/2025
Mrs	Pamela	Ann	Dilloway	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Margaret		Farmer	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Martyn	Roger	Farmer	Non	23/03/2025
Miss	Winifred	Sylvia	Flint	Non	23/03/2025

		Alice			
Mrs	Allison		Gale	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Mary		Gaunt	Res	23/03/2025
Miss	Valerie		German	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Ruth		Gibbs	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Terry		Gibbs	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Sheila	May	Ginger	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Caroline		Haill	Non	23/03/2005
Mr	Simon	John Jackson	Haill	Non	23/03/2005
Mrs	Marion		Hammon	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Sheila	Winifred	Hamston	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Roy	Leonard	Handley	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Sabina		Harding	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Shirley	Ann	Henley	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	John		Hill	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Michael-Reece	Terence Brendan	Hill	Non	22/02/2026
Mrs	Jane	Elizabeth	Hill	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Marjorie	Irene	Hill	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Sylvia	Margaret	Hoare	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Elaine	Jeanne	Hoey	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Robert	Stanley	Hoey	Non	30/03/2025
Mr	Gary	William	Huckle	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Dorothy	Mildred	Jones	Non	03/04/2025
Mrs	Ruby	Evelyn	Jordan	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Colin		Kaidby	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Angela	Sheila	Kemp	Non	30/03/2025
Mrs	Lisa		Kernot	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Catherine		King	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Graham	Paul	King	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Daniel	Philip	Knight	Non	30/03/2025
Mrs	Evelyn	Claire	Knight	Non	30/03/2025
Mrs	Mary		Lambert	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Brian	Elgar	Lettin	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	June	Mary	Leveratt	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Patricia	Maude	Long	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Kathleen (Babs)	Phyllis	Lunn	Non	30/03/2025
Mr	Colin	Edward	Mason	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Elizabeth (Trudy)		Mason	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Maria,	Josephine	McGannan	Res	23/03/2025

Mr	William	Michael	McGannan	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Joanne		Mead	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Niall	Antony	Mead	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Brenda		Mizen	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Charles	Douglas	Mobsby	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Mark		Moncreaff	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Teresa		Moncreaff	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Melanie		Morgan	Non	30/03/2025
Mr	Michael	Fielden	Morgan	Non	30/03/2025
Mrs	Gwenda J		Morris	Res	23/03/2025
	Carole		Morton-Mason	Res	23/03/2025
	Obrageli	Jennifer	Okafor	Res	22/03/2026
Mrs	Helen	Rebecca	Owen	Non	30/03/2025
Mr	Michael	James	Owen	Non	30/03/2025
Mrs	Sonia		Passingham	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Alan		Patrick	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Jackie		Patrick	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Douglas		Pettit	Res	30/03/2025
Mrs	Natalie		Pettit	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Alan	James	Phillips	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Anne	Lesley	Phillips	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	David		Price	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Dorothy	Margaret	Reed	Res	30/03/2025
Mrs	James	Edward	Reed	res	23/03/2023
Mrs	Anne		Reynolds	Non	30/03/2025
Mrs	Linda		Rivers	Non	03/04/2025
Mrs	Barbara		Roberts	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Sally		Rolison	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Daniel		Sandford	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Adam		Sandham	Non	22/03/2026
Mrs	lauren		Sandham	Non	22/03/2026
Mr	Anthony		Sears	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Robert	Edward	Shrimpton	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Janet		Smith	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Emily	Rose	Spencer	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	David		Strutt	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Valerie	Heather	Strutt	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Kenneth	George	Tallyn	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	David	Raymond, George	Thompson	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Jacqui		Thompson	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	Anthony		Thompson	Res	23/03/2025

Mrs	Janet	Winifred Ann	Warnecke	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Barbara		Waters	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Hazel		Watson	Res	23/03.2025
Mrs	Eileen	Susan	Weston	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Judith		Wheeler	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Barbara	Eleanor	Wheeler	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Robert	Charles	Wheeler	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Sharon	Christine	Wheeler	Res	23/03/2005
Mrs	Pamela	Margaret	White	Non	03/04/2025
Mrs	Norma		White	Res	23/03/2025
Mr	Paul		Wilkinson	Res	23/03/2025
Mrs	Susan	Mary	Wilkinson	Res	06/01/1900
Mrs	Denise	Carole	Williams	Non	23/03/2025
Mr	David	Graham	Wiseman	Non	23/03/2025
Mrs	Jeanette	Mary	Wiseman	Non	23/03/2025



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Planned Giving Report 1st January to 31st December 2025

Parish Giving Scheme

Donations Received	£19,798.60
Gift Aid Received	£4,908.05
Total	£24,706.61

REGULAR PLANNED GIVING SCHEME –Including one off donations – Tax Payers

Donations Received	£56,620.64
Gift Aid Received (includes £15.53 interest)	£14,170.69

Total **£70,791.33**

REGULAR PLANNED GIVING SCHEME –Including one off donations – Non-Tax Payers

Donations Received	£4,310.00
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All Planned Giving Donations received including Gift Aid are allocated to the General fund.

= Total £99,807.94

The number of planned giving members as recorded in the database as giving during the year is 83.

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)- Donations from the weekly collection plate

Total GASDS Claimed for year ending 31st December 2025 £8,456.13¹
Total Gift Aid received £2,114.04
= Total £10,570.17

This Donation is added to the General Fund giving a Total Including Gift Aid £110,378.11 (Last Year £92,335.68) increasing by £18,042.43

Total of All Donations received	£89,185.33
Gift Aid	£21,192.78
Total	£110,378.11
Total Received for Year End 31 st December 2024	£92,335.68
Total Increase for Year End 31 st December 2025	£18,042.43



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Safeguarding Report

SAFEGUARDING REPORT APCM 2026

This report covers the time from May 2025 – April 2026.

The first thing to mention is how grateful Chris is to Val, Sara, Maria and Reverend Polly for all that they do as our parish safeguarding team and for all the hard work they do within their various roles.

We can report most people are up to date with their training and our thanks to all of you who keep up-to-date with all the safeguarding requirements. We have also updated our policies which can be found in the foyer and website. Training is vital as one of the tools we have in keeping our church safe. We hope you read the safeguarding noticeboard from time to time as it can help refresh your memory and we do also add different updates and useful information. Although we have our safeguarding team, safeguarding is everyone's business. So please continue to be vigilant.

We are very grateful to everyone who has co-operated with safer recruitment. We have also worked hard on the safeguarding dashboard which is subject to change and we continue to monitor, updating the PCC regularly.. Once again our thanks go to you all.

Val attended the safeguarding conference in September which concentrated on Trauma and has put a few of the leaflets on the safeguarding board for everyone to

¹ The total that can be reclaimed for GASDS is £8000 over the tax year. This figure is for the calendar year.

be able to access.

The PCC has been discussing the 5 National Safeguarding Standards, a copy of which is on the safeguarding noticeboard in the foyer.

At our last APCM report Val spoke about the National auditors, INEQE who are independent from the church. INEQE have now published the results of their audit for Portsmouth diocese and we were all very heartened to see that our Diocese has been praised for its work. The team were also very pleased with the response they had from people in the parish to its questionnaire. So many thanks to those of you who took the trouble to respond. We are blessed at Portsmouth Diocese in having a Bishop who takes safeguarding very seriously.

Val continues to go to safeguarding meetings either online or in person or on a webinar which discusses a range of safeguarding issues. In November the PCC updated our safeguarding policy, which is in place and follows the Diocese of Portsmouth guidelines. In November we updated our Safeguarding policy statement, as well as our ex-offender's policy and adopted the domestic abuse policy.

We can expect more changes ahead. Safeguarding never stands still and nor can it afford to do so. Indeed, the General Synod has met and will be implementing more changes with emphasis on independence in safeguarding. Indeed, it has just approved the creation of an Independent Safeguarding Authority which will have a majority independent board and its Chief Safeguarding Officer will hold protected operational powers. There will be a new Code of Practice regarding safer recruitment and people management.

Val is stepping down from the role of parish Safeguarding Officer which she has held for over 20 years and would like to thank all who have supported her in this role, including the Diocesan Team. As we seek to appoint a successor, we hope they will find the role as fulfilling as Val has done. Thank you, Val, for all you have done to keep St Wilfrid's safe.

We end this report with this prayer

Lord,

Look with favour on us your children,

We ask for your tender care,

That you uphold us as we become Christ's witnesses in our world.

Allow us to create an environment where both children and adults can flourish and minister to each other in a spirit of light, love and joy.

We remember those who have been hurt and those who are hurting so that they may know your healing source of strength.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rev Chris (Safeguarding lead), Val (PSO), Rev Polly, Maria and Sara.
March 2026.



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General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Report

Like all charities and organisation, the parish must comply with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which give individuals greater rights over how their personal data is used.

Using guidance, templates, and checklists from the national Church of England Parish Resources website, our GDPR Officer, Reverend Chris, continues to ensure the parish remains compliant. Personal information is not shared without prior consent, and all required responsibilities for the role are fulfilled.

Following updated national guidance in January 2026 regarding the display of personal contact information online, we have continued to review our practices. St. Wilfrid's contacts many individuals on a legitimate interest basis, and where explicit consent is required, this is obtained and recorded appropriately.

The parish remains fully compliant with both our Data Protection Policy and Diocesan procedures. There were no reported data breaches in 2025.

Reverend Chris Spencer

March 2026



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Parish Upper and Lower Hall Report

During the term time, we have been very busy. We have welcomed several new groups over the last year and are now hosting a wide variety of groups including the girl guides, children dance and drama groups, choirs, Pilates, bridge clubs and RSPB. We still see a drop in hall users during the school breaks – although Pilates and Purbrook Bridge Club run during these breaks which provide a valuable source of income.

It has been wonderful to see our halls busy and full of people this year and with this, we have seen a growth in our income as a result. Our halls provide valuable income towards the running of the church and are grateful for those who hire our halls on both a regular and irregular basis.

During the winter months, we have hosted our Thursday Holy Communion service in

the lower hall as well as offering soup, bread and warm drinks from October through to February. Our thanks go to Brenda and Margo for organising the rotas as well as to everyone who provided soups, helped to serve and tidy afterwards and provide a warm space for those in our community.

Our Toddler Groups remain popular and well attended by the local community, providing a space for families with young children to meet and enjoy refreshments. Our thanks goes to all those who volunteer to keep our toddler groups meeting and successful.

There have been many events that we have looked forward to and enjoyed – the spring and Christmas fayres were well attended and raised a significant amount of money for the church. We have enjoyed choir concerts from both Achoired Taste and Folks in Harmony – Achoired Taste's June concert proceeds were donated to St Wilfrids which we remain grateful for. We have hosted sea shanty evenings, quizzes and a murder mystery event to name a few.

Whilst we have had a busy year with new groups joining us, existing groups using our spaces and ad hoc events, my personal thanks goes to Elaine Hoey for the work she has put into creating a legacy of hall users who see St Wilfrids as their home. Without Elaine's hard work over the past years, there would not be the bustling life we see today in our halls. Elaine has stepped away from her hall booking role in the last year and I would like to personally thank and recognise her for the work she has given the church behind the scenes for many years.

Sara Bolton



Health and Safety Report

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT COVERING PERIOD 1 APRIL 2025 - 1 APRIL 2026 PREPARED FOR APCM ON 19 APRIL 2026

The PCC reviews and approves the St Wilfrid's Health & Safety (H&S) Policy each January; a copy of the policy is on display in the Church Foyer.

During the period 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026, I received only one Accident Report Form. This was for a helper at Toddlers Group who while taking toys out of a cupboard bumped their head on the top of the door frame; a strip of foam has been affixed to the top of the door frame.

The contents of the First Aid boxes situated in the vestry, rear of the church, kitchen, and upper hall kitchenette are checked every March to ensure the contents are in date.

An annual review of the fire risk assessments for the church and halls is conducted every March. The assessments (12 in number) are kept in the Fire Log / Risk Assessments / Test Certificates Folder.

I am not aware of any other H&S issues.

Allan BRAUN

H&S Officer



St Wilfrid's
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Fabric and Maintenance Report

FABRIC & MAINTENANCE REPORT COVERING PERIOD 1 APRIL 2025 - 1 APRIL on 2026

Prepared for 15 April 2026 APCM

The following improvements and maintenance have been undertaken during the period 1 April 2025 to 1 April 2026:

- Due to the ongoing problem of dampness in the Priest's Vestry G&C Property Services (Southern) Ltd removed the plaster to brickwork on the interior south facing wall and part of the west wall. The walls were then re-rendered with two coats of a lime cement render mix and then a waterproof render was applied – one scratch coat and one topcoat. This work was completed on 3 April, and the vestry was redecorated on 15 August.
- In April 2025 RGM Electrical Services Ltd replaced the lower halls existing 15 fluorescent tube light fittings with 20 LED 600mm x 600mm LED lighting panels. The Diocese grants panel awarded us a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of this work.
- On 6 June Uni-Guard Fire Protection fitted a smoke detector in the upper hall print room in preparation for the solar panel battery stowage.
- Also, in June we received our inspecting church architects Quinquennial Inspection Report.
- In July the cherry tree on the grass in front of the church was felled as it was dying of Bacterial Canker.
- On 7 August Blue Star Asbestos Ltd conducted a Management Asbestos Survey of the whole building in preparation of the installation of solar panels.
- Also, in August the upper hall carpet was professionally cleaned by Ambassador Cleaning Ltd, this was paid for by the Toddlers group.
- Between 13 August and 4 September Kembla Ltd installed solar panels on the south facing roof of the old sanctuary and the east and west roofs of the nave. Batteries and an inverter were also installed in the print room (now redesignated the Battery Room). During this work it was discovered that the

old sanctuary south and north roofs required maintenance: Both roofs were fully stripped. New breathable membranes and treated battens were fitted, eave vents and support trays for the solar panels on the south roof were fitted and a new dry ridge system installed. Both roofs were fully retiled using tiles left over from the nave roofs.

- Our Quinquennial report made a recommendation to replace the roof covering on the flat organ roof sometime during the quinquennial period. This was discussed with Kembla who agreed to undertake the work. They reboarded the roof using 18mm OSB, installed a new 3 layer felt system and new code 5 18-inch lead flashings and reinstated the coping stones.
- On 5 September Uni-Guard Fire Protection fitted a new fire alarm panel in the north entrance lobby. This followed an earlier panel fault and advice to replace the existing panel which was installed in May 1994.
- On 11 September Uni-Guard and Kembla installed a firefighting gateway between the fire alarm panel and the solar panel batteries and inverter.
- On 19 December STR Metering Ltd changed the gas meter on behalf of our gas supplier, the new meter will send automatic readings to our gas supplier.

There has been an ongoing intermittent problem with the lower hall heating since December 2025. All About Gas have attended 5 times and have:

- Checked the main boiler room pump and lower hall manifold pump impellers, it was reported that the lower hall pump was fairly weak but appeared to be functioning; the speed on both pumps was increased. It was recommended that if no improvement was seen a new pump and 22mm service valve be fitted on the manifold.
- A new pump and 22mm service valve was fitted on 9 January, and following further investigation of the whole system it was recommended a power flush be undertaken.
- The supply and return manifolds have been bled numerous times by a church member – no air was evident and the water coming out was clear.
- A power flush was completed on 21 January, and a church member again bled the supply and return manifolds on 28, 29 January and 1 February – no air evident and water coming out was clear.
- On 13 February All About Gas:
 - Bled both the supply and return manifolds.

- Checked the new 22mm service valve which was installed on 9 January and found grit deposits in the valve which was washed out.
- Closed and opened in turn the pipe supply and return valves on both manifolds which confirmed hot water was flowing.
- It was recommended:
 - Fitting a filter above the supply manifold and on the primary return pipe to the boiler. The rationale behind this is there could be grit deposits in the water from the church return pipes being pumped back to the boiler which is then recirculated and as the lower hall is the closest to the boiler these deposits are then lodged in the service valve.
- There was heating in the hall on Thursday 19 and Sunday 22 February.
- All About Gas have been asked to install a filter above the supply manifold and on the primary return pipe to the boiler. This was completed on 13 March.

A variety of other tasks from cleaning out gutters and drains to mending broken doors, replacing defective light fittings and plug sockets have been completed.

Standard Maintenance Items

In addition to the above the following standard maintenance tasks remain extant:

- The (8) lightning conductors are tested every 2½ years, their next test is planned for November 2026.
- The fire alarms, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers are in date for their respective six-and twelve-monthly checks by Uni-Guard Fire Protection Ltd; the Maintenance Manager also checks them every two months.
- The two central heating boilers and the kitchen domestic hot water boiler are serviced every September by All About Gas. A gas safety certificate is issued.
- The dishwasher and cooker are both serviced every February by Acorn Services. A gas safety certificate is issued.
- The lift is serviced every April and October by Stannah Lift Services Ltd.
- Our portable electrical items (currently numbering 93) are checked every September by UK Safety Management Ltd.

- The organ is covered by an annual extended guarantee and is serviced every March by Makin Organs Ltd (Church Organ World).
- All external ground floor windows and the old sanctuary windows are cleaned every 3-months and the upper hall windows every 12-months.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have assisted me with the maintenance of the building and environs.

Allan BRAWN
Maintenance Manager



AV Team Report 2025

Music Group Report – 2025

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:6

It has been our privilege to once again lead the congregation in sung worship throughout the year. We continue to be blessed by God’s presence as we sing our songs of Praise and Worship.

There have been many highlights throughout the year - we have been singing songs, both new and old in our core worship services and we have especially enjoyed supporting the worshipping community at Christmas and Easter. We were able to sing Carols in Waterlooville precinct as well as welcoming Padnell Junior Schools choir to our Family Carol Service.

Our monthly Thirst worship nights continued through 2025 – a time to come together in extended Praise and worship – these are wonderful evenings full of God’s presence and a privilege to be part of.

As always, I am very grateful for the continued support of Lesley, Mark, Sacha, Chris and Polly, for the amazing gifts that God has given them and their willingness to share these with the congregation.

Stephen Bolton



Worship Services report for the APCM 2026

St. Wilfrid’s continues to hold two Sunday services at 9am and 11am, and a mid – week service on Thursdays at 10:30am. The 9am Holy Communion uses seasonal

worship booklets, sometimes accompanied by our organist or recorded hymns, while the 11am service offers informal worship, including Worship for Everyone (formerly known as All Age Worship (AAW)) and Sunday Club activities. Occasionally, we have joint services at 10am.

Our monthly Friday night service, Thirst, explores themed praise and worship. Over the year Worship for Everyone services have focused on Luke's account of Jesus' meals as well as starting to focus on the parables in Matthew and the 11am service has focused on Colossians and Isaiah. The 9am and mid-week services follow the daily lectionary.

Thanks are due to all who serve in worship at the church - from AV support, readings, intercessions, music and leading services too. It is encouraging to welcome new members and visitors to our services.

In terms of life events, we celebrate baptisms, weddings and conducted funerals, whether at the church, at the local crematoria or in our own garden of remembrance.

Reverend Chris
March 2026



Welcome Team Report

Sidesmen – Sidespeople – Welcomers
(Different names for the same teams)

The number of people available to welcome us at the 9 o'clock service has become fewer as people have moved away but nevertheless there is always a welcome.

It would be good to recruit more people.

The 11 o'clock teams are very flexible and organise themselves around the inevitable needs to swap ensuring that someone is there to greet us at the doors.

The roles of the teams include giving out whatever is needed for the service (e.g. hymn books, notice sheets, prayer diaries etc.) as well as counting the people and counting the money and tidying up after the service.

Churchwardens are there to give help and support as needed.

If you would like to be part of this important group of people, please do let us know.

A big thank you to those who help already.

Jan Smith

March 2026



Pastoral Care Report

Pastoral Care at St Wilfrid's

Just as it should be, most Pastoral Care is carried out informally – with people in the church family caring about (and for) each other. We ask each other for updates on health or family concerns that we

know about; we may telephone or visit personal friends who are from church as well as our personal friends who used to come to church before they became too frail.

There is also, however a Pastoral Care Team which meets at intervals to try to ensure that our caring is fully inclusive

– we don't want anyone to be missing out.

Please do let us know of anyone who may have been inadvertently overlooked.

Home Communion is offered for those unable to come to church, sometimes just during a time of recovery from accident or illness and sometimes over a much longer period.

We pray that Pastoral Care will continue to be shared among the church family, so that everyone will know that they are loved and cared for, not only by God, but also by their brothers and sisters here at St Wilfrid's.

Jan Smith

2026.



Organist Report

Organist Report for APCM 2026

I have been privileged to play at a number of 9am Holy Communion Services over the last year, usually once or twice per month. In those Services four hymns are included, and the Gloria, Sanctus/Benedictus and Agnus Dei are also sung; setting is by David Thorne.

My role continues to include suggesting hymns for each 9am Service. I use the RSCM publication Sunday by Sunday for guidance, in conjunction with reference to the Bible readings for each Sunday as given on the rota. I also look at the suggestions listed at the back of the hymn book. My suggestions go each month to the Ministry Team for vetting - and occasional changing.

The organ itself is generally very reliable, and is more than adequate for routine Service use. There is the occasional power failure to the subwoofer, when the plug fuse needs replacement. The subwoofer is the large chest at ground level in Church, situated near the piano and font. It is there to enhance the organ bass sounds, and the general tone gets rather "two dimensional" (as opposed to three) without it.

David Wiseman



Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) Report

April 2025 – March 2026

As I reported last year, I have stepped back from leading and preaching as I feel lead more to the Anna Chaplaincy Ministry, which I love doing. (See separate report). I remain a LLM/reader (Licensed Lay Minister) with PTO (Permission to Officiate). There is often a cross over between these two ministries.

Because I'm a LLM I was able to officiate at the funeral of a lady who I encountered at The Borrow Centre. This was a privilege and the family were happy for me to fulfil their mother's wishes.

The other areas of Ministry that I'm involved in at present are, helping with Sunday Club when needed, Pastoral Care, Community Coffee Cup, Prayer Ministry, Home Communion and Anna Chaplaincy. I also helped with the Healing Services during the year.

This year, I decided not to attend the annual conference, but along with the rest of the Ministry Team, I'm attending a course at Dalesdown Retreat Centre. This year I also attended several Deanery events for LLM's. In March I'm attending a Diocesan Bishops Study Day at the Cathedral.

I thank God for all the support and encouragement I have received over the many years, that I have been a LLM (reader), at St Wilfrid's Church. This year I will have been Licensed for 23 years.

Elaine Davenport



St Wilfrid's
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Prayer Opportunities at St Wilfrid's

1. The Prayer Chain

Known as a "chain" from the olden days when prayer requests were passed along by letter or telephone, from one person to another, the prayer chain is now virtually instantaneous and works primarily through email.

Anyone who would value prayer for a particular person or situation can contact Joy Day joyday1411@gmail.com (telephone 079 6319 4709) who will forward the request to those who have opted to undertake the role of prayer warrior. Please let Joy know if you would like join the pray-ers.

Those receiving prayer requests will treat any information as strictly confidential.

We have given thanks for many answers to our prayers.

2. Day of Prayer

The first Wednesday of each month is designated "a day of prayer" and there will sometimes be suggestions of prayerful activities, sometimes a prayer walk and usually a prayerful get-together in church at 7.30pm which we call "Connect in Praise", preceded by half an hour of prayer for persecuted Christians.

3. Prayer Diary

A prayer diary is provided for each calendar month inviting prayer for members of our church

family. If you notice any omissions, or have suggestions of other items to include, please do contact Jan.

4. Intercessions

Intercessions on Sundays are usually led by lay people. If you would like to join the team, please do speak to Rev Chris.

5. Prayer Ministry



Prayer ministry refers to the times when people pray for each other, often, though not necessarily, after services.

There is a team of people who have been trained to offer this ministry; please do contact a member of the clergy if you would like prayer for any matter that is concerning you.

6. Easter Experience/Thy Kingdom Come/Advent Experience

Occasional, seasonal "Prayer Stations" will appear in church, encouraging us to come and pray; we give special thanks to Rev Chris and Rev Polly for setting these up.

7. Personal Prayer

Thankfully, this is the most prolific prayer in our church. Let's keep on praying. God loves to hear us.



Curate Report Rev Polly Honeychurch

Assistant Curate report for the APCM 2026



It has been another busy year for your assistant curate. The highlight of the year has to be my priesting in Portsmouth Cathedral at the end of June. It was such a blessing to have so many of you attending the service itself and then supporting me as I presided at my first communion services the next day. It is such an honour and a privilege to be able to serve you all in this way.

I have loved being able to continue to share my passion of the Bible with you through regular sermons. In the last year we have had two new house

groups start and I am thankful for those who have stepped up to lead these groups. I have written a range of study materials for our house groups to use as they wish and most of our house groups have studied the books of Colossians, Ruth and Hebrews. In the coming months we have studies planned on Isaiah and Philippians. If you are not in a house group and would like to join one, please do come and speak to me.



Another passion of mine is prayer. Thank you to those who have joined me on the first Wednesday of the month to pray for our community as we walk together. I would love to have more of you joining me. If you can't walk and pray with me, why not do your own prayer walk and then come and join us at Pause and Pray in church at 7:30 pm?



Thank you to everyone who has come along to 'coffee with the curate'. I love drinking coffee and having time to chat. I will continue to offer regular sessions and am also always happy to meet anyone on a 1:1 basis for coffee and a chat. If you want to meet up for a coffee and a chat please ask.

It has been great to continue to work alongside Reverend Chris in school's ministry supporting the RE curriculum, leading assemblies and hosting the schools in church for services and lessons. We had over 500 children from Padnell Infant, Padnell Junior and Queens Inclosure Primary Schools join us for our advent and Easter experiences. Please pray for the sustainability of our schools' work.



There is so much more I could share with you about my time with you. I am grateful for all of

the opportunities I am being given to grow in my ministry. I have been privileged to take part in baptisms and funerals, to carry out pastoral visits, to administer home communion, to visit house groups, to host a light party and a pancake party, to be part of the Messy Church team and so much more. I can't believe how much I continue to fit in but please don't assume I am too busy and do reach out and ask for any support and help you need.

My prayers and blessings go with all of you. Please continue to hold me in your prayers.

Reverend Polly

March 2026



Ministry Team Report for the APCM 2026

*When Jesus sent people out in ministry; he sent them out in twos.
He did not expect them to minister alone.*

Mark 6:7

When Jesus sent out His disciples, He did not send them alone. It was a call to shared ministry and deep trust in God's authority and provision.

I see this same trust within our Ministry Team at St. Wilfrid's. Over the past year, we have grown together in faith, walking alongside one another with generosity, prayer, and mutual care. God continues to meet our needs – personally and corporately – often ministering to us through one another. I am deeply grateful for this team I serve alongside.

Our team has seen change again this year as we said goodbye to Reverend Derek and we thank God for his ministry among us.

Over the year we meet regularly, we have studied Luke's gospel, the Psalms and now journeying through Isaiah, while praying, planning rotas, music and supporting one another through both joys and challenges. In laughter and tears alike, we have known the Spirit's presence.

My prayer is that God will continue to guide us with wisdom as we shepherd His people, giving us strength, resilience, and daily joy as we lead St. Wilfrid's forward in His name. I close with these words, as Deuteronomy reminds us: "All these blessings will come upon you... if you obey the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 28:2)

Reverend Chris
March 2026



Havant Deanery Synod report for the APCM 2026

The June Deanery Synod met on 10th June at All Saints, Denmead, opening with prayer and worship led by the new Area Dean, Reverend Emma Racklyett and new Assistant Area Dean Reverend Jonathan Jeffery. The meeting focused on the Ghana-Portsmouth Diocesan link, encouraging parish contributions to the Ghana Fund, and on fresh expressions of church, including Bubble Church, Tea and Praise, Wild Church, and Anna Chaplaincy, alongside wider deanery updates.

The November meeting was held on 11th November at St. James Church, Emsworth, opening with prayer and a welcome from Lay Chair Kathy Gunn. The main focus was Children's, Youth and Families ministry across the deanery, with additional updates from Diocesan Synod, parish share, and parish news.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th March.

Deanery Synod representatives:

**Reverend Chris Spencer,
Reverend Derek Johnston (Until June 2025),
Reverend Polly Honeychurch,
Elaine Hoey and Catherine King**

March 2026



Community Coffee Cup

APCM 2026 Report

We have just celebrated our 12th Birthday which coincided with St Valentine's Day. Lesley and Messy Church made some little Valentine gifts for our lady visitors and these were gratefully received. It was a lovely idea and great for MC and CCC to work together, showing the church's love. Jane made some lovely cakes which were very much enjoyed. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout both from the church and the community. Councillor Antonia Harrison also supported us, together with Paul and Margaret Ludford who were part of the founders of CCC. Earlier in the year we were approached by Jacqui, ASDA Community Champion. Jacqui offered to enter us in ASDA's offer of £500 grants to community projects. We felt very blessed to have been chosen and received £600 (upped by £100) to buy toys, activities and refreshments. We cannot use to pay hall rental which is usually our biggest outlay. However, we are grateful for the Spring Fish and Chip Quiz which tops up our funds for hall rental.

Jacqui and Antonia also supported our Christmas efforts to give a Christmas party. Our regulars with a few from the Community came along and there was a lovely real message of Christmas with Carols etc.

Youth Services hold their last meeting with us in March and we will be holding another Community Coffee Litter Pick which supports the church's greening efforts and all that Lesley and her group do so faithfully.

As always, our thanks to the amazing CCC team, Dave, Yo, Steve, Elaine D, Elaine and Stan, Jane, Will, Barbara, David and Jeanette, and not forgetting the help we get in the background from Gary and Maria.

Many thanks and Blessings for all God has bestowed on us.

Val and Dave Strutt

Home Groups

Home Groups/Connect Groups/Bible Study Groups

We are delighted that the two face-to-face groups we started last year are thriving, alongside our pre-existing groups which are a mixture of online and face-to-face. All groups have been offered a range of material to study and in the past year we have looked at the books of Colossians, Ruth and Hebrews alongside material specific to the individual group. As well as studying the Bible together the groups give opportunities for prayer and fellowship.

As new people have joined church in the last year we are now in a position where we need to start up at least one new group which will meet face-to-face on Wednesday evenings. Anyone wishing to join a group should speak to Revd Polly for further information.

In the coming year groups will be able to choose to use the material we are preparing on the book of Isaiah and Philipians as well as a journey through advent. Please continue to pray for all of our groups.

Jan Smith and Revd Polly

March 2026

CMS Missionary Link Alison Giblett

We are very pleased to have been able to keep in touch with our CMS Missionary Link, Alison Giblett who lives in Kyiv in Ukraine.

St Wilfrid's Church is committed to supporting Alison financially and individual members of our church also support Alison through CMS or City Hope Church.

On Saturday evenings, Alison joins a number of representatives, by Zoom, from Churches in England who support her prayerfully and financially, as well as people linked with Alison from other countries.

Alison gives us news from her Church in Kyiv (Tabernacle of the Living God) and news of their outreach to several groups of people – their chaplains to soldiers serving on the front line and those in hospital, mission visits to widows and grieving mothers, and special visits to bring encouragement and fun to groups of children.



Lots of travelling is involved and miraculously none of the members of the church has been killed or injured despite the dangerous circumstances surrounding them.

Alison's hopes to re-establish Genesis Groups in Kyiv continue, but the work to bring God's healing to those in the grip of addiction has been on hold for a while, for lack of suitable and willing leaders – a need for our continuing prayers.

We know well that the dangers of living in Kyiv persist but Alison's commitment to serving God there is unfaltering.

Due to the fact that her documents were stolen, Alison has had an enforced trip to England, beginning in March 2026 and we were blessed to enjoy her company sooner than we might have

expected. Alison left behind freezing temperatures, power on for only an hour or so each day and ongoing heart ache for families separated from each other over the course of the four years of war – separated geographically, separated by breakdown in relationships and separated by death. It is a great blessing to Alison that every week her needs and the needs of those she cares for, can be shared with members of the congregations supporting her through CMS – she is most appreciative of our prayers.

She continues to be an inspiration to us all.

Jan Smith and Keith and Alice Atkins



CMS Missionary Link Alison Giblett

Leprosy Mission

As a church we raised £425.00 when Gabby, Area Manager for Leprosy Mission visited St Wilfrid's on the 11th January, which is a wonderful amount. I have put the thank you notices on the notice board and given the letters to Colin as Treasurer.

From April 2025 to present we have received £51.77 from the donation boxes. Sadly, I have seen a decline in donations, due to a decline in contributors.

When adding the totals together we as a church have raised £476.77 which, when divided by £24.00 (the sum it costs to cure one person from leprosy) shows we have helped cure 19 people so a very big thank you all.

Margo Farmer



St. Wilfrid's Eco- Church Report 2025



We currently don't have an eco-church team but some of the work continues thanks to enthusiasts!!

The energy footprint tool was completed.

Sonia, Derek & Lesley attended the first NZC conference at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Solar panels have been installed and are now generating.

Dave Strutt took care of the bird boxes.

A few of us took part in annual bird and butterfly counts.

Lesley completed Carbon Literacy Training with the CofE

The Messy Church team delivered Messy Green Week.

Lesley joined Eco Church prayer meetings and webinars. Recordings of webinars are available to all on the Eco Church pages of the diocesan website.

Yolanda & Lesley collected art work from Nurseries and uniformed groups and put together a Children's Gallery for Green Week that, with support from Jan, was displayed in Waterloooville Library.

Lesley organised swap events, fairtrade events, & litter picks. She continues to maintain our partnership with Havant Climate Alliance.

There was a service featuring fairtrade elements, and fairtrade meet-ups with Havant Borough. Derek & Lesley attended a fairtrade coffee morning at the Peace Centre in Havant.

Polly has been proactive in supporting us to up our game in order to live up to our silver award. With her leadership we are revisiting and working through the A Rocha questionnaire, with a view to Eco Church becoming embedded in the life and ministry of St Wilfrid, Cowplain. This is a work in progress, to be completed in 2026.

Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, Treasure



Bereavement support group

Report for APCM April 2026.

The purpose of the group is to provide a time and space for anyone who has been bereaved to come and meet with others who are experiencing similar feelings, supporting each other, through talking and listening, to work through their grief. It is open to anyone not just members of the church. Numbers vary over the months as required by the participants, usually in single figures. Those who have attended during the past year have really appreciated these meetings. Everything is **completely confidential**. Things spoken about are not discussed outside the meeting. Nor do we reveal the names of those attending. Everyone's journey through grief is different, we are not judgmental and respect where everyone is on their individual journey.

The group continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month in the upper hall at 2pm. We are ready to support anyone who wishes to attend whether you are a member of the congregation or not. You do not need a special invitation, you may contact the office to say you are coming, or you can just turn up on the day.

Revd Ruth Loveman. Group leader.

Bishop Jonathan made care for older people one of his two main priorities, in his presidential address at the April 2022 meeting of our Diocesan Synod, aiming to create a network of Anna Chaplains across the diocese.

The plan is to have an Anna Chaplain in every parish, benefice and cluster in our diocese.

They are named after Anna, the widow and faithful older person who – together with Simeon – recognised the infant Jesus as the Messiah in the temple at Jerusalem.

The Anna Chaplain for St Wilfrid's is Elaine Davenport. Elaine was licensed as an Anna Chaplain in November 2022. Julie Brown supports Elaine as an Anna Friend. Anna Chaplains minister to older people in the community. These may be older people who have a faith, little faith or no faith at all.

Elaine visits the Borrow Centre (Age Concern) lunch club and also helps at their Social Afternoon. During the year Elaine has officiated at a funeral from one of the service users from Borrow Centre, the lady in question was a former member of the Tuesday Social Group and had asked Elaine to officiate before her death. The family were very grateful for the service at The Oaks Crematorium.

Elaine was also able to lead the annual Remembrance Service at The Borrow Centre, each year the number attending has increased, with many people valuing the service.

Along with Julie, Elaine also visits Nightingale Court Nursing Home, Woodlands Nursing Home and Bayith Rest Home. We take a service once a month at each of the homes and always conclude by praying for each person individually, if they want us to. The visits seem to be valued by all.

In February, Julie also attended the time of remembering for a service user at Nightingale Court. Julie was able to reflect on the faith the lady had and offered prayers.

In February, Elaine and Julie attended the Anna Chaplains Network Day at the Cathedral and Bishop Jonathan lead a service of re-commissioning at the Candlemas service in the evening.

Elaine Davenport

We were pleased to have sent off 396 shoeboxes for Christmas 2025, partnering

with Samaritans Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This was slightly down on the previous years. We received boxes from the congregation and local schools and within the wider community and we would like to thank all who contributed.

However, we found the stronger evangelical message this year did not always resonate well with some people. Therefore, the team will meet and discuss whether we need to explore other options together with taking a fresh look at Samaritans own Shoebox Appeal. We will of course pursue a consultation process with the schools and anyone who may wish to put forward any views. We still wish to have some kind of outreach and may well still be with the Samaritans but we need to look carefully at what we feel will be the best option.

Many thanks to everyone involved.
The Shoebox Team
Rev Chris, Rev Polly, Bob and Val



Sunday Club Report 2025/26

In 2025, Sunday club continued to run. usually twice each month, with sessions led, planned for and taught by Deb Adam and Lisa Kernot. As well as assisting in the sessions, Elaine Andrews led Safer Recruitment.

The session dates are planned by Chris Spencer to run alongside half of the services when there is not an all-age worship service. We usually run around 2 sessions a month, in no set pattern. We have continued to break during the Christmas, Easter and Summer breaks, and to continue to run during half term holidays.

Sara Bolton and Natalie Pettit have continued to be part of the team as an additional leader on a regular basis, and has assisted in sessions in both planning and delivering Sunday club sessions alongside Lisa and Deb.

In addition to our usual sessions, we have also assisted in running two 'Takeover services' this year where the children have been involved and assisted in different roles within the church, usually on the 5th Sundays in months with 5 Sundays.

We have had on average 8 children attending each session, with some having as many as 10-12 children.

In addition to this, we also have three 'Sunday club buddies' who are young people of a senior school age who assist with the youngest members of the team during our Sunday club sessions. These young people are always working with the leaders and assistants during the sessions and are never left alone with other children.

Lisa Kernot

APCM REPORT YEAR END 2025

I am happy to report that St Wilfrid's Art Group continues to thrive. Our numbers dropped in 2024 but following a recruitment drive after our AGM in 2025, we have now recruited 4 new lovely members to the Group.

Following her resignation as SWAG Secretary in 2024, Val Strutt volunteered to organise our Visiting Artists and in 2025 we had three very different workshops or demonstrations.



In March, Roger Dellar, gave us a demonstration of portrait painting, for which Rev. Chris gamely agreed to be the subject! Fantasy artist Sharon Hurst came along in May and the Group enjoyed painting 'Magic Mushrooms'! Finally, in November we had Hilary Frame who taught us more about painting people in landscapes and the ever elusive 'vanishing point'! Three very diverse styles and artists but each one hugely enjoyable and informative.

Our small Committee of Pete Withers (Chair), Brenda Boyer (Membership Secretary), Grace Willcox (Treasurer) and Ruth Loveman (Asst. Treasurer) continue to keep things in order. Our Accounts are audited annually by the eagle-eyed Norma and our thanks go to Norma for her hard work. Norma does not charge for her work on the accounts but we make a donation each year to the Charities of Norma's choosing.

In October, in conjunction with the Want to Paint Group, we held our most successful Art Exhibition to date, raising £1,020.61. With a small addition from SWAG funds, we were able to donate £525 each to our two chosen Charities, St Wilfrid's Church and the Rowans Hospice.

The Art Exhibition is hard work for a small Committee and we are re-thinking how we may organise things differently this year. That said, however, the weekend itself is always fun and in 2025 we had our most successful year ever! Our artists sold 26 pictures (double the previous year's total) and this added £147.75 to the Charity pot! The Exhibition also provides an opportunity for SWAG to join forces with Want to Paint who often come up with new and interesting ideas for the weekend. This year we exhibited artwork in uniform 8x8 frames and whilst they didn't sell as well as we had hoped they provided a focal point and a conversation piece. New ideas are always worth trying!

SWAG continues to be a happy, social and talented bunch! We all look forward to our Friday afternoons of painting, chatting and tea and cake!!

Grace Willcox- Treasurer – St Wilfrid's Art Group

This year was great for the group.



Everyone has worked hard both indoors and in the great outdoors.

We've really knuckled down to the basics of perspective and drawing figures in the landscape—without some grasp of which, land-scapes can look very strange.

One very wet morning in June, we set off for the Weald and Downland Museum. After lunch in the café, the sun came out- just as the forecast had predicted- and everyone wandered away to sketch some of the old, rescued buildings site.

At the end of July, we took ourselves to beautiful Bosham for more lunch and sketching; car sharing's a great way to socialise!

Another Van Gogh acrylic workshop was a good exercise in stepping away from very small water colours. Though having said that, everyone has their very particular way of working and it's good to see personal styles developing.

We seem to average 16 or 17 members which is small enough for me to help where helps needed and everyone enjoys getting to know one another- people have mentioned friendliness, sharing and kindness. They enjoy chatting around the tea pot and cake too. 😊

My thanks of course go to our busy committee and SWAG for their support during Exhibition times. Lorraine and I have been so thankful that Graham Foyle has been happy to continue as our independent financial adviser even from down in Somerset!

Remember---never let your brushes dry!

Sonia P

It has been a joy to host school events at church as well, including Easter Experience and, new this year Advent Experience welcoming nearly 500 children over three weeks to explore the Christmas story. We also continue to lead Harvest services and deliver assemblies in schools, rooted in Scripture and prayer.

It has been a pleasure to work alongside Reverend Polly in supporting RE lessons and the wider schools' ministry.

We remain committed to praying regularly for our schools and look forward to building deeper partnerships, helping children and families grow in their understanding of faith in Jesus Christ.

Please continue to pray for children, staff, parents, carers, and volunteers – for peace, joy, hope, and opportunities for new faith to grow.

Reverend Chris and Reverend Polly
March 2026



Messy Church



Christ Centred, Creative & All Age, a Celebration with Hospitality

St Wilfrid Cowplain with Hart Plain 2025

At Messy Church we are blessed to have such a strong and gifted team who are passionate about what we do. We continue to demonstrate a love for Jesus and are driven by our desire to share our faith with the families through actions and words.

We are playing our part in Eco Church and are committed to making sustainable choices in Messy Church, especially in developing an appreciation of the world that God created.

Our monthly services are based on BRF's publication 'Get Messy', which provides plans that can be used as they are or tweaked to suit the needs of our Messy Church families. It also creates a feeling of being linked to Messy Churches studying and worshipping worldwide.

If you would like to know more about Cowplain Messy Church please speak to a Church Warden who can signpost you to a member of the team, or look at the BRF website for a general view of what Messy is all about.

<https://www.messychurch.brf.org.uk/what-messy-church/>

Messy Church Team

St Wilfrid's Toddler group run during term time, twice a week in the Upper Hall, on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We welcome all ages from new-born babies to pre-school children.

Our aim is to provide a welcoming, safe and social environment for the children, parents/grandparents or carers giving them the opportunity to meet each other, play with their children and to have fun whilst mixing with others.

The sessions could not run without our team of amazing Church volunteers who set up and then pack away this fantastic play space each session, interact and engage with the children and their respective adults that gives an amazing insight into our beautiful church. The Friday sessions also offer a weekly craft which is loved by both the children and their adults.

These morning sessions are very popular, and we see it as a valuable opportunity to build and grow our links with young families and our local community.

We use our St Wilfrid's Toddlers Facebook group to interact and promote church events. As a result, we see some families attending Messy Church, special events and Church on a Sunday and this is an area we seek to grow.

We always endeavour to send a message of God's love and link in with the Major Christian festivals, Easter and Christmas. We encourage worship and prayer through our story and music time.



Summer Term 2025 – Busy summer of play. Lots of our regulars moved up to school. The team celebrated with a party and bibles were given to our school age leavers.
All the toys were sorted and deep cleaned ready for the new academic year.
The toddler funds paid for deep cleaning the upper hall carpets, kindly organised by Alan on our behalf.

Autumn Term 2025 – After a delayed return due to unavailable volunteers at the start of term, both Wednesday and Friday sessions settled back in October. Wednesday sessions being run temporarily by Rev Chris and Rev Polly alternately, supported by the Wednesday team. Generally, a quieter session, but attended by several regular families and childminders.
Friday sessions returned slightly busier and have continued to grow steadily in numbers.
The run up to Christmas was enjoyed by all with Christmas themed craft offered and the final session on the year being given free to the children and their adults to celebrate.

Spring Term 2026 - A cold and wet start back after Christmas, again numbers staying steady.
The toddler accounts are looking healthy and the team will be discussing in the near future where we can reinvest some of our funds back to the sessions and church. Perhaps with some more maintenance of the upper hall. As this is where we are located.

We are still desperately in need of a volunteer to lead the Wednesday sessions. We will be reviewing at Easter the viability of Wednesday sessions continuing without this role. It is likely that the Wednesday sessions will have to close unless we can find someone to take this on. This will be a great shame to lose as really does benefit both the community and the church.
If this is something you feel you can help with or if you would generally like to volunteer for a session, please do speak to me, Chris or Polly. We are always looking to grow the team.
We thank God for the building, for those on the toddler team who give up their time to help and for all those coming along to the sessions, that they may not only enjoy their time with us but sense something of God's love for them

Much Thanks to all the Toddlers Team!



Christmas Day Lunch 2025

Christmas Day Lunch 2025

Every year we wonder

- * Will anyone wish to come to St Wilfrid's for their Christmas Day Lunch?
- * If they do, will there be enough people to prepare and serve the meal and look after our guests?

And this year, for the first time, there were too few people able, willing AND available and so, very reluctantly, we had to decide that there would be no lunch at St Wilfrid's on Christmas Day 2025.
There were a number of disappointed people and we were saddened, with them, by our necessary decision.

Let's see what will happen in 2026.
Jan Smith – coordinator.



TLC (Tea and Lovely Cake) 2025/26

Tea and Lovely Cake runs on alternate Sunday afternoons throughout the whole year.

We like to open our doors to all who may be feeling in need of the company of friends. Our maximum number is about thirty.

All cakes are homemade by Sarah Canham and Sonia Passingham and any left over are taken home by group members - we also have fruit as a healthy alternative. Sarah starts the afternoon with a quiz and games and prizes are arranged by Brenda.

Our thanks to Marion, Judith and Barbara for their huge help and the kind people who set out tables and help clear away.

Brenda Mizen



Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces runs on Thursday mornings during the months of November through to the end of February.

This year has been a rather dull and wet spell when our friends have been happy to come in, meet together and enjoy bettered rolls and a choice of three home made soups, tea and usually cake!

We generally have about sixteen people in our group.

Brenda Mizen

Accounts



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**Annual Report of
The Parochial Church Council (PCC)
of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid, Cowplain
(Registered Charity No. 1130601)
From 1st January 2024 to May APCM 2025**

Administrative information

The parish of St Wilfrid is situated in Cowplain. It is in the Deanery of Havant, the Archdeaconry of Portsdown and the Diocese of Portsmouth.

PCC correspondence: c/o The Vicarage, Padnell Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO8 8DZ

Website: www.stwilfridscowplain.co.uk

PCC members who have served from the APCM in May 2024 until this report are:

Priest in Charge	Reverend Christopher Spencer (Chair)
Curates	Reverend Julie Jackson (resigned from June 2024) Reverend Derek Johnson Reverend Polly Honeychurch (from July 2024)
Churchwardens	Steve Day Jan Smith (Vice Chair)
Representatives to the Deanery Synod	Catherine King Elaine Hoey (PCC Secretary / Electoral Roll Officer)
Elected members	Bob Wheeler (Until 2027) Sara Bolton (Until 2026) Margo Farmer (Until 2026) Yolanda Cawdeary (Until 2026) William McGannan (Until 2026) Denise Williams (Until 2025) Jo Mead (Until 2025) Hazel Watson (Until 2025)
Co-opted Members	Colin Mason (Treasurer) Val Strutt (Safeguarding Officer)

Day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Priest in Charge, the Parish Administrator, Mrs Sara Bolton, Treasurer Mr Colin Mason ACMA and the many other volunteers who willingly give of their time.

The PCC thanks them all for their time and dedication.

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Priest-in-Charge (Vicar's) Report for the APCM 2025

*Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. **John 4:6***

It's a great pleasure writing my second Vicar's report here at St. Wilfrid's. Many of you will be thinking "well that was a quick 18 months", but it has been a joy in working in this place. I would like to start by thanking you all for journeying with me since September 2023 and pray that you see fruit of new life coming forth with elements of joy, hope, peace and love within this Christian community.

Like every church leader I continue to find myself developing the relationships that have been formed. So, I would like to begin by giving thanks for the Ministry Team who continue to bless me richly, who journey alongside me and meet to pray regularly every Tuesday. Thank you to our Churchwardens, Jan and Steve who have been the source of wisdom guiding us through this year, the PCC who have seen a lot of governance change during the year, as well as, hopefully celebrating the shortened PCC meetings. It has been lovely to see the new liturgy enrich our worship, using the various seasonal material - even if a few spelling mistakes managed to enter the worship booklets.

The biggest challenge is now the recruitment to various roles from the obvious need of a new vergers, a new organist and a new Planned Giving Officer, to the not so obvious roles of all the various volunteers who serve the church community in many ways. It was great to appoint our Parish Administrator Sara Bolton and welcome our new Associate Curate Rev Polly Honeychurch last year, who have brought life into many aspects of the church. I am so very grateful for our former Planned Giving Officer Norma White in her very professional approach to the role, and of course I will miss her.

There are many individuals now who all make St. Wilfrid's church the place that it is. We are lucky to have our cleaner Kim and Sara in the Office as well as those who come in unseen during the week to keep the church clean, and those who arrange flowers, and those who keep the gardens looking so wonderful – we couldn't do it without you all.

None of this is possible without everyone, all those who come and contribute so much to this place. We truly have a God who is alive, is awesome, holy and life giving. So, thank you all for being part of this amazing church, for your patience, your love, your generosity and your willingness to journey together.

The Bible verse *at the edge of the well*, encourages us to notice, as Jesus did, what was around that was being watered by the spring of life: so how are we doing?

St. Wilfrid's has not stopped proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. Our worship on Sundays and mid-week has a few new people attending, so we have set up once a term Meet the Family events. We continue slowly to grow in number, welcoming individuals and families but of course, over the year have said our goodbyes to people we hold dear in our hearts, like Bruce or Chris and Graham and others.

A particular highlight for me was running down the aisle to give Polly the peace at her ordination or hearing the children's choir sing at our family carol event or just being in awe and wonder in our new monthly Thirst worship evenings. There is also in our Eco-team proclaiming our care of creation as I watch the flowers grow, the birds sing and the desire for our church to become more carbon zero with, hopefully, the new solar panel project.

The heart of St. Wilfrid's and God's kingdom is to build community. To be a place where people

come for refreshment and encounter with the living God. As a church we are open 7 days a week, and people do come in here to enjoy the peace and quiet or the many events that we host here from murder mystery events, lots of food gatherings especially cake, homemade soup on a cold winter's day or the fayres for the community, signposting people to all that goes on here in church and beyond.

Thank you to all those who volunteer on the many rotas, sharing the load of ministry but also serving each other too.

To be a part of God's kingdom here, we need to be a community of people of all ages. We continue to be part of the three care homes in the community through the Anna Chaplaincy work which Elaine Davenport does, the toddler group bringing families together with resounding success. We have engaged more with schools and put on Easter and Advent experiences in church for all to enjoy and to understand Jesus more. We have Community Coffee Cup that celebrates its 11th birthday welcoming everyone through the doors as well as Messy Church that brings all ages together: We learn something new about God every time. There is so much that we do and I hope that you will take time to read and pray through the many reports on the display boards and to give thanks to God for all that goes on here.

But as I finish you might wonder what 2025 might hold for St. Wilfrid's and what does the church leader have in mind. Well, we all need to remember that we drink from the living water which is Jesus Christ himself.

'Those who drink of the water that I give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

In this next season together, I encourage you all to draw near to the living water of Jesus Christ as He will sustain and refresh you on the journey you and I are on together.

I think St. Wilfrid's is on an exciting journey, and I'm so glad to be a part of it.

So let us pray...

In the dry wilderness of our lives, in the days of heat and thirst, you offer us living water.

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When we begin to doubt your presence, and grumble that your love is unreliable, you offer us living water.

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When life's regrets and the bad choices we have made leave us feeling excluded and unworthy, you offer us living water.

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others, have left us alone and wounded, you offer us living water.

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

We thank you and praise you father, that however we may thirst, whatever we may need to satisfy our souls, you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ.

So, we drink deep of the living water and, as we draw from your wells, we seek to pass the cup to others, who like us, are thirsty for your grace. ***Amen.***

Reverend Chris Spencer March 2025



St Wilfrid's
Cowplain

Churchwardens' Report for APCM 2025: April 2024 – March 2025

We (Jan and Steve) were elected to the roles of Churchwarden in 2022. We were re-elected at the APCM in 2023 and then again at APCM 2024.

Clergy

This has been a blessed year. Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Chris Spencer has been supported by PTO Rev Ruth Loveman and Curate Rev Derek Johnston and they were joined in 2024 by our new curate, Rev Polly Honeychurch, who was ordained Deacon on 29th June; she will be ordained Priest on 28th June 2025. We love to see their new ideas put into practice – including the Easter Experience, Pancake Parties, new Orders of Service for each season and more teams and sub-groups than we can count – creating important roles for everyone as we work together as God's family in this parish – aiming to be at the heart of the community. We very much enjoyed having the Jackson Family in our midst while Rev Julie did her curacy here (as well as taking 2 periods of maternity leave!) and we wish them every blessing in their roles in St Luke's Church in Southsea.

Anna Chaplaincy

Elaine Davenport and Julie Brown continue in their respective roles in Anna Chaplaincy and are very much appreciated by residents and staff in local nursing homes, as well as at Age Concern.

Services

We continue with 2 Sunday Services – at 9am and 11am, each with its own loyal congregation. We are currently without an organist and rely, at 9 o'clock on an iPad and the generous services of retired organist, David Wiseman; some Sundays a "said" service is enjoyed by those who like quiet. The Thursday Morning Holy Communion Service, meeting in Church in warm weather months and in the Hall when it's cold, has its own congregation and lots of fellowship opportunities – usually with cake – after the service. The music group at the 11 o'clock service ensures that we enjoy a service of worship in every sense of the word. Stephen Bolton, Lesley Baker, Mark and Sasha Coates are often joined by Chris and/or Polly. On Sunday Club Sundays (usually twice each month), there are often more children in attendance and we are most grateful to those who lead this opportunity for children to enjoy Christian teaching at a level designed especially for them. All age services have become very much the norm at 11 o'clock.

Seasons

Special seasonal events continue – of course the church year is celebrated by some wonderful and deeply moving services - but we have come to expect social and fundraising events to mark the seasons too, and we are never disappointed. We have been especially blessed by the Art Exhibition and a wide variety of other activities. Christmas day lunch was enjoyed by 40 people.

Events and Courses

Our CMS Missionary Link, Alison Giblett joined us for our two services on 9th February and we have the opportunity to join her on Zoom on Saturday evenings. An Alpha Course has been led by Revs Chris and Polly during January, February and March 2025. Thirst Services have commenced during this year – on Friday evenings once a month and people from other churches have joined us. An inspiring experience, month by month. Lent Courses have been led by Hart Plain Church each year recently – we enjoy their hospitality and excellent teaching. It is intended to increase the number of Home Groups during 2025.

People and Groups

During this year, Colin Mason continued in his role of Treasurer, but Norma White, our Planned Giving Adviser has retired after a number of years of excellent service – service that was thoroughly professional and much valued by us all. Val Strutt continues as our careful and caring Safeguarding Officer and Allan Brawn continues his hard work as Maintenance Manager, Acting Verger and Health and Safety Officer; Maria McGannan has moved to a different parish and Sara Bolton is now our Administrator. Elaine Hoey's dual role as Electoral Roll Officer and Secretary to the PCC ensured that she too has been kept very busy and we thank her for all that she continues to do – especially as this is the year when the Electoral Roll is completely revised.

Our eco group has led us all in the various ways that we can work towards a healthier planet – God's wonderful creation – and we give thanks that before our APCM 2026 our solar panels should have been installed. Thanks go to the amazingly generous congregation at St Wilfrid's.

Our Toddler Groups continue with lots of new leaders and helpers (though perhaps not quite enough!) and are led by Hazel Watson. Bob and Sharon Wheeler have officially retired but are known to help out on occasions. Messy Church is another outreach opportunity where we meet families who may not attend any other service. Its 21st birthday is coming up – and of course since it all started here, we'll be the first to celebrate.

Community Coffee Cup at Westbrook and TLC at St Wilfrid's continue to give much pleasure to people at the weekends; Warm Spaces has offered hospitality after the Thursday Service during the winter months. Homemade soups and rolls (and even cake) have been much appreciated. Thanks especially to Val Strutt and Brenda Mizen and Margo and Martyn Farmer and their teams for looking after us all so well.

Our ever-decreasing Church Cleaning Teams and Flower Arrangers have looked after the church wonderfully and Helen Couper and Stan Hoey, along with Allan Brawn and others have ensured that our gardens give constant pleasure.

Pastoral Care, including Home Communion has continued and so has PRAYER – a focus for the first Wednesday of each month (and every other day of the year too).

At each service we are served by those on the sidesmen rota and the tea and coffee teams – those teams too would benefit from more volunteers, but they continue to look after us very well, nevertheless.

Training and Workshops

Workshops and training opportunities have included Pastoral Care (to be known as "Lay Pastoral Assistants" or LPAs), leading intercessions and reading from the lectern, and, of course, Safeguarding. The Bible course, led by Chris and Polly between October and December was excellent. Our Church Halls have become our chosen venue for "Away Day" events – hosting both our PCC Away Day and the Alpha Holy Spirit weekend. We are grateful to have these facilities.

The Audio-Visual team, have installed the new sound system under the supervision of Stephen Bolton and hopefully this has improved the sound quality for both the Sunday services. The team are currently looking into a number of new service and projection software programs which we hope will enhance the look of 11am service. We are also moving forward to produce, with help from the diocese IT team, a new look website. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes which will bear fruit in the future.

Events

The Events team have continued to build on last year's fund raising season. We started in

February with a very successful Murder Mystery Evening, where a new drama group, Raise the Roof Theatre, took us all to Oxton Hall to help them solve the demise of the Lord of the Manor. The audience also enjoyed a delicious two course dinner prepared by Yolanda Cawdeary and Elaine Hoey. In March Steve Day and Martyn Farmer assisted by Joy and Margo as markers, ran another of our famous Fish and Chips Quiz nights, this one was to raise funds for Community Coffee Cup. A good night with lots of fun and laughter was had by all with a respectable amount raised for Coffee Cup. Watch the notice sheets for the other events in the coming months.

Overview

Compared with the year when there was a coronation, centenary celebrations for the church (including the visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury) and the arrival of a new vicar, this has been a relatively quiet year, but nevertheless, God has been strengthening and guiding us throughout and we are most grateful.

A quick statistic to consider

In February 2025, 124 different adults and 13 children attended services at St Wilfrid's. The most at any one service was 49 adults and 11 children (that was the 11 o'clock service when Alison Giblett joined us) – so if you only come to one service (as most people do) you might not have met your many other brothers and sisters in our church family. It's good that we have our Meet the Family events. Do come, if you can.

Jan Smith and Steve Day, Churchwardens.

This report covers the time from APCM April 2024 to April 2025. During this time the Parochial Church Council has held 6 full meetings during 2024/2025 in May, July, September, November, January and March. Reverend Chris Spencer has chaired those meetings and Elaine Hoey has kindly recorded the minutes and dealt with the different correspondence.

The structure of the meeting and the agenda has changed during the year but follows a format of welcome, open devotions, prayer, Apologies, conflicts of interest, minutes to approve and matters arising from those previous minutes. Next would follow confidential minutes, safeguarding report, PCC away day if required and GDPR report if required. Next are all the new sub-committee meetings, reports from Deanery, Diocesan and General Synod, Other bits of interest then correspondence. Finally, the PCC cover Training opportunities, AOB, dates of next meeting and close the meeting in prayer. This format now means that meetings last for about 2 hours or just over.

The biggest challenge for the PCC this last year was in restructuring. Now the PCC and St. Wilfrid's church has many sub committees which give people a chance to get more involved in the running of the church, to help in matters arising within church and bring more life to the church. At the last APCM the PCC started to delegate the detail work to the various sub-committees so we currently have 6 in operation and 1 still to come.

The Standing sub-Committee operates in between PCC meetings and sets out the PCC agenda, implements the detail of PCC decisions, takes urgent actions on certain matters and the members of the sub-committee are the priest in charge, church wardens, PCC secretary and a member of PCC.

Personnel sub-Committee operates when the church needs advice on recruitment, grievance procedures, employment terms and conditions, law and polices, issues that emerge in staffing and training developments. This subcommittee hasn't met formally but the Diocese has helped in shaping the role descriptions for the various roles for the church.

The subcommittee below are not exclusive rather it is designed to provide all church members an opportunity to work collaboratively so all are invited and you would be most welcome to join and if to do so then please let Reverend Chris know.

Ministry sub-Committee operates to enable and encourage all of God's people by focusing on the worship, church services, preach and teaching life of the church. This subcommittee haven't met but will be soon.

Finance sub-Committee operates by providing advice, support and practical guidance in relation to budgets, stewardship and the financial position of St. Wilfrid's church. After much prayer it was felt that this should also include Fabric as the two are very closely linked so this subcommittee also looks at the day-to-day operations, the fabric of the building, health and safety, gift aid and so on. This is now the Finance and Fabric sub-Committee.

Mission and Discipleship sub-Committee operates by ensuring that God is known and made known by all by promoting the mission of the church through the various activities and groups such as children, families, alpha, Art groups as well as through Messy Church, Coffee Community Cup, community events, schools work, toddlers and so on.

Events sub-Committee operates by providing at least 10 events during the calendar year to bring people together such as meeting the family, offering hospitality, welcoming others and hosting bigger events like our fayres or murder mystery evenings.

Resources sub-Committee operates in other matters relating to IT, communication, social media, GDPR however this group has not met during the year.

Special Project sub-committee operates by focusing on a particular item which currently is our solar panel project. The small team gathered just before the APCM last year and have met regularly to move the project forward.

The next level of the church is the many teams or groups or individuals they make up the life of the church and they fit or overlap within these different sub committees such as Hall meeting team, Ministry team, Pastoral care, Messy Church and so on. This is the biggest challenge to allow the vine to grow onto the trellis after rebuilding the trellis to support the vine. It means that the next level of discernment is in each person's roles or how teams work to develop new ways of collaborative ministry, to listen to each other more and focus on building God's kingdom here in the community.

I continue to pray for unity, love and growth in the church and we move forward together.

Administrative Information

St. Wilfrid's Church is situated on Padnell Road, Cowplain. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The registered charity number is 1130601

Governance

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules dated in 2020. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives

The PCC of St. Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building and grounds.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England, a registered charity and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC. PCC members are required to undertake safer recruitment procedures such as DBS and confidential self-declaration forms and relevant training.

Representatives of the PCC are asked to attend other relevant training events, report back to the PCC as a body and disseminate printed information where appropriate.

Sub-committees

The PCC operates seven sub-committee (Finance and Fabric sub-Committee (FFsC), Mission and Discipleship (M&D), Events, Special Projects, Standing, Personnel and still to come Ministry and Resources) which meet between full meetings of the PCC and all sub-Committees make recommendations to the PCC for approval.

Attendance at Services:

St. Wilfrid's Church attendance has grown slightly. A review of attendance during January supports this observation.

Comparing attendance at St Wilfrid's in January 2023, January 2024 and January 2025.

The total number of people who attended at least once during the month

	2023	2024	2025
Adults	127	*130	*147
Children	23	*30	*25

*Including the Christingle Service

Average attendance at individual services during the month

	2023	2024	2025
9.00 Sunday	30	29	27
11.00 Sunday: excluding those who had already attended at 9.00 (usually 3-5 people)	39	36	44
Children	10	10	11
10.30 Thursday: including those who had already attended on Sunday	27	27	28
10.30 Thursday: excluding those who had already attended on Sunday	16	16	19

Some people, as we see here, attend more than once a week – Sundays and Thursdays.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals held in 2024

Baptisms:	2 compared with	2 in 2023
Confirmation:	0 compared with	0 in 2023
Marriages:	0 compared with	1 in 2023
Funerals in Church:	7* compared with	3 in 2023
Funerals at Crematorium:	15* compared with	8 in 2023
Internment of Ashes:	2 compared with	2 in 2023
Total number of Funerals	19	

* Of these funerals, 5 were held at both St Wilfrid's Cowplain with a cremation service held on a separate day, these are reported as 1 funeral for recording purposes.

** Our ministers also conducted funerals on behalf of other churches in our diocese which totalled 4.

Electoral Roll

At the APCM in 2024 there were 155 names on the Church Electoral Roll, compared with 158 in 2023.

Policies and Risks

The PCC has reviewed the following policies and procedures during the year 2024.

- Church Credit Card
- Safeguarding policy statement
- Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Responding to domestic abuse
- Grievance
- Disciplinary
- Data protection
- Hall Hiring
- Health and Safety
- Lift operating
- Use of social media

Alongside this at each PCC meeting the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Val Strutt) gives a written and verbal update throughout the year and references the safeguarding dashboard. There have also been ongoing changes to national and diocesan safeguarding guidelines and will continue to be so in the future which will impact parish policies, practice and training.

Our Parish Treasurer (Colin Mason) provides a detailed budget which is prepared and agreed by the PCC each year and provides regular updates comparing the current situation to the budget at each PCC meeting.

Finally, our Health and Safety Officer (Allan Brawn) reviews and updates all health and safety issues that arise on the church premises and all groups using our premises are expected to be familiar with the health and safety policy and comply with it. Allan Brawn also reports to the PCC about accidents that occur within his report.

Insurance: The PCC is fully insured through our Ecclesiastical Insurance Parish Plus policy.

Conclusion

We praise God that he continues to bless St Wilfrid's, so that we can bless others - locally in our community, in Havant Deanery, Portsmouth Diocese and in many places further afield. We give thanks for all that has been given and shared, for worship and witness, for prayer, fellowship and faithful service to the glory of God. We look forward to the exciting future that God has in store for us!

We are greatly indebted to every single member of our churches who voluntarily gives of his or her time, practical skills, spiritual gifts and money to build up our fellowship in the Spirit, grow our discipleship in Christ, and enable us all to continue to play our part in God's mission of love to the world in Jesus Christ. ***Thank you so much for all you do!***

**Approved by the PCC 20th March 2024
and signed on their behalf by**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. SPENCER". The letters are slightly slanted and the ink has some texture, suggesting it was written with a pen.

Rev Christopher Spencer (PCC Chairman)

2024 provided stable pattern of services with Rev Chris SPENCER firmly established as Priest-in-Charge, Unfortunately, this was not wholly reflected in the overall stability of our finances.

Nett receipts to the General Fund were £111,838 (which excludes the £6,419 transferred-in from other church Funds) – this represents an increase of £7,853 or 7.5% on 2023. Of this 2024 total, £74,048 (an increase of 5.1% on 2023) was from unrestricted voluntary donations, with a further £16,625 tax recovered from HMRC via Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme. Planned-giving through blue envelopes, banker's orders and PGS increased by £1,245 or 2.1% on 2023 - following a reduction in 2022.

Given these Unrestricted receipts are the main source of income, the figures for 2025 will necessarily be closely monitored. Loose plate collections increased by £2631 or 45.5% on 2023 figures. Miscellaneous donations decreased by £261 or 5.9% on the 2023 figure.

Income from hall lettings was £11,888, an increase of £2,679 or 29.1% on the 2023 figure: Given that there has been no increase in charges since before 2019 coupled with forecast increases in non-discretionary expenditure, PCC agreed minor increases in the hire charges for 2025. Income from fees for funerals and weddings was £1,212, a decrease on 2023 of £372 or 23.5% - but it should be noted that this income stream is wholly outside our control. Aggregate gross income from the May/Spring and Christmas Fayres was £4,199, an increase of £1,088 or 35.0% when compared to 2023 – much of the increase being due to improved advertising allied to the continued provision of good quality items being sold at affordable prices; well done the Fundraising Team. Other Events in 2024 generated nett income of £2,365 – an increase of £758 or 47.2% on 2023; well done the Events Team.

£118,503 was spent from Unrestricted funds (ie the General Fund) to provide the Christian ministry from St Wilfrid's Church, an increase of £3,109 or 2.7% on 2023. This included fully meeting our contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share of £86,000 (an increase of £4,096 or 5.0% on 2023) which largely provides the stipends, pension contributions and housing for the clergy. [Note: The sum that the churches in the deanery must find is shared between them according to a formula that is based primarily on headcount (average weekly attendance) of the congregations, but also dependent on the relative assumed wealth of the whole parish population, ie not just the congregation, termed the Experian Factor.] The sum we must pay in 2025 is £81,700, a welcome decrease of £4,300 (or 5%) against 2024. [Note: The reduced Parish Share in 2025 is due to a Diocesan review of the Parish Share Formula in 2024. 2026 may see a further reduction as "levelling up" across parishes continues.]

The overall gross result for the year was a loss as payments exceeded income by of £6,665 in the General Fund balance at 31 Dec 24 versus a loss of £10,909 in 2023: However, Transfers-In from other Church funds of £6,419 reduced the nett loss to just £246. The nett change to the aggregate balance on all Designated Funds (after income, expenditure and inter-fund transfers are taken into account) is a decrease of £9,786 – due primarily to nett expenditure on replacement AV equipment £9,065 from the Growth Fund and essential maintenance items £7,497 from the Legacy Designated Fund, offset by nett donations of £6,564 to the Eco Fund. The amount held in Restricted Funds decreased by £4,343 as the sum held in the White Memorial Fund was transferred to the General Fund (£4,000) and a new Designated Fund for Ground Maintenance (£343) the closing balance is £22,793 (of which £22,000 is locked into the value of the Orchard

Garden). The total decrease across all Funds was £14,376 or 12.7%.

The balance carried forward at 31 Dec 24 on Unrestricted and Designated Funds was £97,762 of which £64,127 is held in the Legacy Designated Fund for approved projects and major maintenance items, £3013 is retained in the Community Support Fund, £3,180 has been set aside for the Evangelism Fund (used, for example, to fund the Alpha and Restore courses), £7,690 for the Growth Fund (to be used to update and upgrade our Information Technology and Audio Visual capabilities) to better support our administration, services and any new mission initiatives which hopefully will be enjoyed by existing members of the congregation and at the same time impress any visitors and those seeking a vibrant welcoming church to join and £1,610 for Community Coffee Cup (with the £1,000 grant from Hampshire County Council due to be spent in 2025). Any new/further projects may need additional specifically targeted fundraising, application for any applicable grants or be funded from the Legacy Designated Fund (subject to PCC approval).

Reserves policy

It is a longstanding PCC policy to try to maintain a Reserve balance available to the Unrestricted General Fund which equates to at least three months payments on unavoidable (non-discretionary) running costs. Based on both the average monthly spend in 2024 and the 2025 Budget this would amount to £27,400. This balance would act as a buffer to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow (expenditure versus receipts) and meet emergencies, eg the lift requiring further major repairs without which the Upper Hall would be largely un-usable. The Unrestricted General Fund balance on 31 Dec 24 was £7,931, only 28.9% of target (down slightly from 30% at 31 Dec 23). Whilst the overall balance on all Funds at 31 Dec 24 was £120,555, £22,793 (of which £22,000 is the value of the Orchard Garden) or 18.9%, is held in Restricted Funds which can only be used for their legally defined purpose, with a further 74.5% (£89,831) held in Designated Funds where the PCC has varying levels of discretion over how the funds may be expended. Therefore, the monthly management of receipts and expenditure in the General Fund should be regarded as “hand to mouth” where a part of one month’s income is necessarily used to pay some or all of that month’s expenses. It remains the PCC’s intention to increase the General Fund carrying balance but no timescale for this has been set. Scope for increasing income from investments will be further investigated in 2025 now the bulk of the legacy received in 2023 has been moved into a Virgin Savings Account (Note: £20,000 of this legacy is already earmarked for the Solar Panels Project).

Forecast for 2025

A potential loss to the General Fund amounting to some £11,249 is projected for the end of 2025 – based on forecast further changes in utility prices and general inflation factors affecting everything we purchase. This means that the overall monthly situation of receipts and payments against the General Fund must be closely monitored to ensure the decline of prior years is indeed reversed; any unanticipated material decrease in income or increase in expenditure would have significant consequences in both the short and medium terms. As always, we remain unendingly grateful to all who contribute to St Wilfrid’s finances, both through regular giving and in supporting our various fundraising efforts.

Charitable giving

Charitable giving through the church totalled £4,675. This is equivalent to 4.2% of nett receipts to the General Fund income. This is a decrease on previous years and remains below our target of 10%. [Note: This calculation only considers nett income to the General Fund and monetary contributions to others. In the calculation, no account has been taken of either discounted/waived Hall Rental Charges for users with charitable status or the Parish Share which directly accounts for some 76.9% of income.]

Additionally, the congregation’s and parishes’ wider generosity is recognised through the provision

of some four hundred Christmas Gift boxes to Samaritans Purse (including those collected from other local churches and organisations).

Note: If non-discretionary expenditure, ie the Parish Share, is subtracted from nett General Fund income (reducing it to £25,838) then the percentage would be 18.1%

**2024 Accounts
of the Parochial Church Council of St
Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain**

Explanatory notes to the accounts

1. The accounts are being reported on a receipts and payments basis as agreed by the trustees at a full PCC meeting on 26th November 2015. The accounts are presented in accordance with guidance in the 5th edition of "PCC accountability" which conforms to The Charities Act 2011 incorporating SORP 2015.
2. A budget for 2025 is included in the accounts. This was accepted at the PCC meeting in Jan 25. All finance projections are based on the final figures for 2024 modified by reasonable assumptions and/or known costs.
3. Assets are still declining, and a further material spend in the Growth Fund on a Phase 3 of the audio-visual system upgrade will further reduce the holding in the bank accounts and therefore our overall liquidity.
4. The liabilities (£2,302) shown in the statement are due to transactions in the "Agency Accounts" (money that passes through the church bank accounts but must not be counted as church funds as it relates to third parties) that could not be completed in the budget year. The significant items are £815 owed to the Diocese for 2024 Q4 fees, £266 to both the Hants & IoW Air Ambulance and Rowans Hospice from the Christmas 24 Giving, £662 Wedding Deposit and £202 to Waterloooville Foodbank (Donations collected at the weekly "Warm Spaces").

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts:						
Voluntary receipts	90,672.50	13,333.50	—	—	104,006.00	154,039.35
Income from church activities	7,545.13	66	—	—	7,611.13	5,756.09
Other trading activities	13,099.50	—	—	—	13,099.50	10,792.63
Investments	247.13	—	—	—	247.13	102.23
Other income	274.22	63,934.90	—	—	64,209.12	3,154.18
Total receipts:	111,838.48	77,334.40	—	—	189,172.88	173,844.48
Payments:						
Raising funds	928.82	42	—	—	970.82	161.97
Costs of church activities	117,122.22	23,761.58	—	—	140,883.80	118,800.76
Other expenditure	452.26	61,241.72	—	—	61,693.98	1,475.54
Total payments:	118,503.30	85,045.30	—	—	203,548.60	120,438.27
Net income / (expenditure)	-6,664.82	-7,710.90	—	—	-14,375.72	53,406.21
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	6,419.00	4,343.59	—	—	10,762.59	500
Gross transfers between funds - out	-0.39	-6,419.00	-4,343.20	—	-10,762.59	-500
Net income / (expenditure)	-246.21	-9,786.31	-4,343.20	—	-14,375.72	53,406.21
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	-246.21	-9,786.31	-4,343.20	—	-14,375.72	53,406.21
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	8,177.05	99,617.29	27,136.10	—	134,930.44	81,524.23
Total funds carried forward	7,930.84	89,830.98	22,792.90	—	120,554.72	134,930.44

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St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
6430 : Land	—	—	22,000.00	—	22,000.00	22,000.00
6431 : Organ	-976.19	1,356.19	—	—	380.00	380.00
Total	-976.19	1,356.19	22,000.00	—	22,380.00	22,380.00
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : Barclay's Bank current account	-64,413.94	64,823.89	5,446.29	—	5,856.24	79,912.61
6502 : Lloyd's Bank current acci	70,397.28	-40,393.90	-13,835.21	—	16,168.17	16,583.18
6503 : CAF cash account	-5	5	—	—	—	—
6505 : Virgin Charity deposit account	1,384.69	63,309.46	13,757.92	—	78,452.07	18,204.94
Total	7,363.03	87,744.45	5,369.00	—	100,476.48	114,700.73
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	2,301.76	—	2,301.76	2,150.29
Total	—	—	2,301.76	—	2,301.76	2,150.29
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
6601 : Loans received	-1,200.00	-730.34	1,930.34	—	—	—
Total	-1,200.00	-730.34	1,930.34	—	—	—
Net total assets	7,586.84	89,830.98	23,136.90	—	120,554.72	134,930.44
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	7,930.84	—	—	—	7,930.84	8,177.05
Designated - CCC	—	1,609.68	—	—	1,609.68	694.85
Designated - CommSupp	—	3,013.29	—	—	3,013.29	3,177.20
Designated - Cowtrail	—	191.33	—	—	191.33	191.33
Designated - Eco	—	7,980.82	—	—	7,980.82	1,417.19
Designated - Evangelism	—	3,180.05	—	—	3,180.05	3,842.16
Designated - GM	—	343.20	—	—	343.20	—
Designated - Growth	—	7,690.35	—	—	7,690.35	16,755.66
Designated - LegDes	—	64,127.28	—	—	64,127.28	71,623.78
Designated - Toddler-2	—	1,694.98	—	—	1,694.98	1,796.51
Designated - Youth	—	—	—	—	—	118.61
Restricted - Larteh	—	—	138.23	—	138.23	138.23
Restricted - VDF	—	—	300.00	—	300.00	300.00
Restricted - WMgarden	—	—	—	—	—	4,343.20
Restricted - Whitbread	—	—	1922,354.67	—	22,354.67	22,354.67
Total	7,930.84	89,830.98	22,792.90	—	120,554.72	134,930.44

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Note	From	01 January 2024	01 January 2023
	To	31 December 2024	December 2023
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts:			
Voluntary receipts			
	Planned Giving - Bank	45,454.00	45,978.00
	Planned Giving - Envelopes	280.00	435.00
	Other planned giving (PGS)	15,778.55	13,854.62
	Loose plate collections	8,412.15	5,781.11
	Donations appeals etc	4,122.67	4,383.55
	Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	16,625.13	16,722.56
	Non-recurring one-off grants	—	250.00
	Total Voluntary receipts	90,672.50	87,404.84
Income from church activities			
	May Fayre	1,488.44	1,016.94
	Christmas Fayre	2,711.31	2,094.11
	Easy fundraising	51.01	100.16
	Income from Events	3,294.37	1,751.23
	Total Income from church activities	7,545.13	4,962.44
Other trading activities			
	Fees for weddings and funerals	1,212.00	1,584.00
	Church hall lettings - objectives	11,887.50	9,208.63
	Total Other trading activities	13,099.50	10,792.63
Investments			
	Bank and building society interest	247.13	102.23
	Total Investments	247.13	102.23
Other income			
	other income	274.22	444.82
	Insurance claims	—	278.00
	Total Other income	274.22	722.82
Total receipts:		111,838.48	103,984.96

Payments:

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events	928.82	161.97
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<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<u>928.82</u>	<u>161.97</u>
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Costs of church activities

CMS Alison Gilbet	900	900.00
Advertising	138.06	1,091.34
Children & Youth Resources	21.62	—
IT Subscriptions	697.8	602.99
Portsmouth Foodbank	240	240.00
Parish Share	86,000.04	81,924.01
Assistant clergy expenses	954.52	87.88
Readers expenses	12.99	—
Office manager	4,557.87	3,463.95
Working expenses of incumbent	182.27	98.24
Travelling expenses	286.01	114.57
Parsonage house expenses	83	206.77
Water rates - vicarage	462.98	86.04
Education	—	14.78
Parish training and mission	627.15	364.85
Insurance	1,418.94	1,397.61
Performing rights license	408.3	538.28
Telephone	—	19.00
Organ / piano tuning	540	810.00
Church maintenance	1,890.76	2,237.50
Church Cleaning	4,776.00	4,812.40
Lift maintenance	821.37	960.53
Administration	225.85	301.62
Sacristy supplies	533.9	496.86
Printing	142.18	178.49
Hospitality costs	162.53	122.46
Stationery	822.31	328.56
Postage	20.4	12.00
Data Developments	150.00	150.00
Visiting speakers / locums	—	439.28
Electricity	4,163.09	5,192.08
Gas	3,517.90	5,762.55
Hall supplies	352.12	358.21
Phs supplies	351.64	35.23
Water-church/Hall	1,025.46	718.48
Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	50.00
Fire check	435.96	503.40
Electrical testing	199.2	84.00

<i>Total Costs of church activities</i>	<u>117,122.22</u>	<u>114,703.96</u>
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Other expenditure

Miscellaneous expenses	452.26	527.74
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<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>452.26</u>	<u>527.74</u>
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Total payments:

118,503.30	115,393.67
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Excess of Receipts: over Payments:	-6,664.82	-11,408.71
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Transfers to/(from)	6,418.61	500.00
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Brought forward balance	8,177.05	19,085.76
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Total carried forward balance	<u>7,930.84</u>	<u>8,177.05</u>
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St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General - General fund	8,177.05	111,838.48	118,503.30	6,418.61	—	—	7,930.84
Sub-totals	8,177.05	111,838.48	118,503.30	6,418.61	—	—	7,930.84
Designated							
CCC - Community Coffee Cup	694.85	2,478.90	1,564.07	—	—	—	1,609.68
CommSupp - Community Support	3,177.20	—	163.91	—	—	—	3,013.29
Cowtrail - Cowtrail fund	191.33	—	—	—	—	—	191.33
Eco - Eco Fund	1,417.19	7,310.00	746.37	—	—	—	7,980.82
Evangelism - Evangelism fund	3,842.16	262	924.11	—	—	—	3,180.05
GM - Ground Maintenance (Formerly WMGF)	—	—	—	343.2	—	—	343.2
Growth - Growth Fund	16,755.66	—	9,065.31	—	—	—	7,690.35
LegDes - Legacy (Designated)	71,623.78	64,923.50	72,420.00	—	—	—	64,127.28
Toddler-2 - Carers & Toddlers - 2	1,796.51	2,360.00	161.53	-2,300.00	—	—	1,694.98
Youth - Youth Work	118.61	—	—	-118.61	—	—	—
Sub-totals	99,617.29	77,334.40	85,045.30	-2,075.41	—	—	89,830.98
Restricted							
Larteh - Larteh fund	138.23	—	—	—	—	—	138.23
VDF - Vicar's Discretionary fund	300	—	—	—	—	—	300
WMgarden - White memorial garden fund	4,343.20	—	—	-4,343.20	—	—	—
Whitbread - Whitbread fund	22,354.67	—	—	—	—	—	22,354.67
Sub-totals	27,136.10	—	—	-4,343.20	—	—	22,792.90
Totals	134,930.44	189,172.88	203,548.60	—	—	—	120,554.72

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Note: The Whitbread Fund Balance includes £22,000 for the purchase value of the Orchard Garden.

Charitable Giving 2024

<u>Source</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Christmas 2023 Appeal	Rowan's Hospice	402.96
Christmas 2023 Appeal	Sophie's Legacy	402.96
Church Funds - PCC	Archdeacon ROWLEY Leaving Gift	50.00
Remembrance Service 2023	RBL Poppy Appeal	312.88
Christingle Service	Children's Society	74.11
Congregation Donations	Rev WILLIAMS Leaving Gift	375.00
Church Funds - PCC	Rev WILLIAMS Leaving Gift	150.00
Warm Spaces	Waterlooville Foodbank	578.13
Traidcraft Breakfast	Traidcraft	131.26
Church Funds - PCC	Rev JACKSON Leaving Gift	50.00
Harvest Service	Waterlooville Foodbank	95.00
Art Festival	PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) and CBD (Corticobasal Degeneration)	500.00
Remembrance Service	RBL Poppy Appeal	314.26
Poppy Box	RBL Poppy Appeal	98.90
Church Funds	CMS - Monthly Contribution	900.00
Church Funds	Waterlooville Foodbank - Monthly Contribution	240.00
Total:		4,675.46

Notes:

1. The Total figure does not take into account the following examples of the congregation's generosity:
 - a. Filled Christmas boxes to support the Samaritan's Purse appeal.
 - b. Provision of food and drink Christmas Lunch at no cost.
 - c. Provision of food to support Warm Spaces with all donations then passed to Waterlooville Foodbank.
2. Additionally, Hall Rental Charges are either waived or discounted for other Registered Charities, eg The Brownies and Girl Guides.

Receipts and Payments to the General fund (Budget 2024 calculations)

General Fund - Final Budget for 2025 for Approval at PCC 30 Jan 25

	2024		2025			2024		2025	
RECEIPTS (GROSS)	Budget	Actual	Basis	Budget	PAYMENTS	Budget	Actual	Basis	Budget
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>									
Planned Giving/envelope scheme	46753	45734	= 2024 -£2000	43734	Missionary and charitable giving	1140	1140	Budget	1260
PGS	13861	15779	= 2024 Actual	15779					
Gift Aid Income tax refund	16483	16625	= 2024 Actual	16125					
Sub-Total	77097	78138	= 2024 Actual	75638	Parish share	86000	86000	Actual	81700
Church collections	5929	8412	= 2024 Actual	8412	Clergy, organist and office manager	6475	6724	= 2024++ 10%	9000
Donations and appeals	4848	4123	= 2024 Actual	4123	Cost of Raising Funds / Events	65	929	= 2024+10%	1000
Other voluntary receipts	150		= 2024 Actual		Parish Training	550	627	Budget	1000
Diaries	0		Zero						
Legacy	0		Zero		<i>Church running expenses</i>				
HCC grant	0		Zero		Cleaners & Window Cleaner	5198	4776	= 2024 + 5%	5000
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					Gas and Electricity	10000	7681	= 2024 + 12.5%	8640
Other income	753	274	= 2024 Actual	274	Water rates	725	1025	= 2024 + 10%	1110
Easyfundraising	120	51	Estimate	50	insurance	1419	1419	Actual	1447
Easter Fayre	2000	1488	Estimate	1750	CCLI + RSCM	565	408	= 2024 + 5%	429
Christmas Fayre	2046	2711	Estimate	3000	other running/admin expenses	1641	2197	= 2024+12.5%	2470
Income from events	0	3294	Estimate	2000					
tea/coffee, other fundraising	0		Zero						
<i>Other trading activities</i>					Church maintenance (incl Lift & Tests)	4247	3887	Budget	5600
Hall lettings	8795	11888	= 2024 + 5%	12500					
Fees weddings and funerals	1762	1212	= 2024 Actual	1250	Church/Hall running costs	1119	1238	= 2024+12.5%	1390
Recycling	0		Zero						
Investments	100	247	Estimate	300	Miscellaneous	607	452	= 2024 + 10%	500
car park	0		Zero						
Total	103600	111838		109297	Total	119750	118503		120546

2025 Projected Excess of Income over Expenditure: -11249

Notes:

- All figures are based on a prudent approach that disregards extraordinary and exceptional income and expenditure. Further, 2024 has been used as the base-year where appropriate.
- 2024 Actuals are as stated in the M12 24 Financial Report for the General Fund. Where NOT an appropriate assumption, prudent estimation has been employed.
- The 2025 Parish Share has been confirmed as being £81,700.
- The Real Living Wage £12.60 ph (increased by 5% from £12.00 in 2024/5) has been used for salary costs (including cleaners) from 1 Apr 25.
- Utility costs are based on current information re rates and assumed consumption equal to the average of 2022 to 2023 incl using the Utility Forecasting spreadsheet.
- The Maintenance Budget figure excludes items that it has been assumed will be funded from the Legacy Designated Fund.
- The Events figures for 2025 are based on based on an assumed monthly income of £200 for 10 months and assumed monthly expenditure of £100 over the same period.

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24 April 2025

The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council
St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Independent Examiner's Report – Year Ending 31st December 2024

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - To prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records 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.

Andy Forbes

Andrew Forbes
Honorary Independent Examiner
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales prior to retirement

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL CERTIFICATE

PARISH of St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

DEANERY Havant

I hereby certify that the number of electors on the Church
Electoral Roll of the above parish as revised for the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
held on 11th May 2025
was **127**.

I hereby certify that out of the number of electors shown above,
62 are resident within the parish.

Signed Elaine J Hoey

Electoral Roll Officer

Date 11th May 2025

Title	Christian Name	Middle Name	Surname	Res/Non Res	Date Added
Mrs	Deborah		Adam	Non	3/23/2025
Ms	Betsy		Anaman	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Janet	Elizabeth	Andrews	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	David	John	Attridge	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Gillian	Mary	Attridge	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Derek	Colin	Baker	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Lesley	Patricia	Baker	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Loraine		Barberini	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	William	John	Barberini	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Katie		Beck	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Nathan	Bruce, Kelvin	Beck	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Nellie	Lillian	Boddy	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Sara		Bolton	Non	3/30/2025
Mr	Stephen		Bolton	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Allan	James	Brawn	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Susan	Patricia	Brawn	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Hilary	Clare	Brown	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Julie		Brown	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Yolanda	Louise	Cawdeary	Res	3/23/2025
Miss	Sarah	Elizabeth	Chambers	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Jane	Marie	Coates	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	Mark	Stephen	Coates	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Carol		Cork	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Helen	Ann	Couper	Non	3/30/2025
Mrs	Patricia	May	Daish	Res	4/3/2025
Mrs	Elaine		Davenport	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Joy		Day	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Stephen	Edward	Day	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Bernie		Dickson	Res	4/3/2025
Mrs	Diane		Dickson	Res	4/3/2025
Mrs	Pamela	Ann	Dilloway	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Margaret		Farmer	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Martyn	Roger	Farmer	Non	3/23/2025
Miss	Winifred	Sylvia Alice	Flint	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Allison		Gale	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Mary		Gaunt	Res	3/23/2025
Miss	Valerie		German	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Ruth		Gibbs	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Terry		Gibbs	Non	3/23/2025

Mr	Robert		Ginger	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Sheila	May	Ginger	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Caroline		Hail	Non	3/23/2005
Mr	Simon	John Jackson	Hail	Non	3/23/2005
Mrs	Marion		Hammon	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Sheila	Winifred	Hamston	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Roy	Leonard	Handley	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Sabina		Harding	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Shirley	Ann	Henley	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Jane	Elizabeth	Hill	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	John		Hill	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Marjorie	Irene	Hill	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Sylvia	Margaret	Hoare	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Elaine	Jeanne	Hoey	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Robert	Stanley	Hoey	Non	3/30/2025
Mr	Gary	William	Huckle	Res	3/23/2025
Miss	Sheila		Jackson	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Shirley	Isabel	Johnston	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Dorothy	Mildred	Jones	Non	4/3/2025
Mrs	Ruby	Evelyn	Jordan	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	Colin		Kaidby		3/23/2025
Mrs	Angela	Sheila	Kemp	Non	3/30/2025
Mrs	Lisa		Kernot	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Catherine		King	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	Graham	Paul	King	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Daniel	Philip	Knight	Non	3/30/2025
Mrs	Evelyn	Claire	Knight	Non	3/30/2025
Mrs	Mary		Lambert	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Brian	Elgar	Lettin	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	June	Mary	Leveratt	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Patricia	Maude	Long	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Kathleen (Babs)	Phyllis	Lunn	Non	3/30/2025
Mr	Colin	Edward	Mason	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Elizabeth (Trudy)		Mason	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Maria,	Josephine	McGannan	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	William	Michael	McGannan	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Joanne		Mead	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Niall	Antony	Mead	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Brenda		Mizen	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Charles	Douglas	Mobsby	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	Mark		Moncreaff	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Teresa		Moncreaff	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Melanie		Morgan	Non	3/30/2025
Mr	Michael	Fielden	Morgan	Non	3/30/2025

Mrs	Gwenda J		Morris	Res	3/23/2025
	Carole		Morton-Mason	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Helen	Rebecca	Owen	Non	3/30/2025
Mr	Michael	James	Owen	Non	3/30/2025
Mrs	Sonia		Passingham	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	Alan		Patrick	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Jackie		Patrick	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	Douglas		Pettit	Res	3/30/2025
Mrs	Natalie		Pettit	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	Alan	James	Phillips	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Anne	Lesley	Phillips	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	David		Price	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Dorothy	Margaret	Reed	Res	3/30/2025
Mrs	James	Edward	Reed	res	3/23/2023
Mrs	Anne		Reynolds	Non	3/30/2025
Mrs	Linda		Rivers	Non	4/3/2025
Mrs	Barbara		Roberts	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Sally		Rolison	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Daniel		Sandford		3/23/2025
Mr	Anthony		Sears	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Robert	Edward	Shrimpton	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Janet		Smith	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Emily	Rose	Spencer	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	David		Strutt	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Valerie	Heather	Strutt	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	Kenneth	George	Tallyn	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Anthony		Thompson	Res	3/23/2025
Mr	David	Raymond, George	Thompson	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Jacqui		Thompson	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Janet	Winifred Ann	Warnecke	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Barbara		Waters	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Hazel		Watson	Res	23/03.2025
Mrs	Eileen	Susan	Weston	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Barbara	Eleanor	Wheeler	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Judith		Wheeler	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	Robert	Charles	Wheeler	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Sharon	Christine	Wheeler	Res	3/23/2005
Mrs	Norma		White	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Pamela	Margaret	White	Non	4/3/2025
Mr	Paul		Wilkinson	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Susan	Mary	Wilkinson	Res	3/23/2025
Mrs	Denise	Carole	Williams	Non	3/23/2025
Mr	David	Graham	Wiseman	Non	3/23/2025
Mrs	Jeanette	Mary	Wiseman	Non	3/23/2025

Planned Giving Report 1st January to 31st December 2024

Donations Received	£15,726.15
Gift Aid Received	£5,357.23
Total	£21,083.38

REGULAR PLANNED GIVING SCHEME – Including one off donations – Taxpayers

Donations Received	£45,848.00
Gift Aid Received (includes 85p interest)	£11,462.85
Total	£57,310.85

REGULAR PLANNED GIVING SCHEME – Including one off donations – Non Tax Payers

Donations Received	£4,870.00
Total	£83,264.23

All Planned Giving Donations received including Gift Aid are allocated to the General fund.

The number of planned giving members has remained the same at 72 members at the end of this year.

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)- Donations from the weekly collection plate

Total GASDS Claimed for year ending 31st December 2024	£7,257.14
Total Gift Aid received	£1,814.31
Total	£9,071.45

This Donation is added to the General Fund giving a Total Including Gift Aid

Total of All Donations received	£73,701.29
Gift Aid	£18,634.39
Total	£92,335.68
<i>Total Received for Year End 31st December 2023</i>	<i>£87,913.41</i>
<i>Total Increase for Year End 31st December 2024</i>	<i>£4,422.27</i>

I can report once again that we are up-to-date with our Safer recruitment and our policies. I attended a Safeguarding Conference last year, which was just for Parish Safeguarding Officers and I found it as usual to be excellent and useful to network with other PSOs.

I am particularly grateful to leaders and volunteers who continue to do their training. I am aware it is a lot for people to do, but I am heartened by the increasing numbers of people who tell me they understand the importance of safeguarding and learn a lot each time.

The role of parish safeguarding officer has grown rather a lot and I am particularly grateful to have the help and support of Rev Chris, who is the safeguarding lead, Rev Polly, Sara and Maria. Rev Polly and Maria are 2nd recruiters which means they can start the safer recruitment and also DBS process, whilst Sara is the safeguarding administrator dealing with the safeguarding hub, which will be a great help to me as it will send out renewal dates for training and DBS, instead of my having to trawl through all the data.

You will all have seen on TV and newspapers, the worrying disclosures and the way they have been dealt with by the Church of England. So I can assure you all that Rev Chris and the team take safeguarding very seriously and do our very best to keep our lovely church safe for you all.

Looking forward, the National Church has appointed independent auditors INEQE. You may already have sent in your response to the survey, and in early June INEQE will be visiting Portsmouth Diocese to perform an audit on the Diocese, Cathedral and selected churches.

Can I ask you all to remain vigilant and inform Rev Chris, myself or the Portsmouth Diocese Team of any safeguarding concerns, however small. Our contact details are around the building and on our website.

Many Thanks

Val Strutt (Parish Safeguarding Officer) Rev Chris (Safeguarding Lead) and the Church Safeguarding Team.

Just like any other charity or organisation, all parishes must comply with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Regulations themselves give individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by the church.

After our APCM in June the diocese changed the way, a parish operated in terms of having a

parish GDPR Officer. Most parishes didn't require an officer as parishes don't deal with large scale personal data nor do they need a separate data controller as each incumbent / priest in charge was a separate legal entity who processed the same personal data for the parish. Therefore, the PCC approved that Reverend Chris would be the parish GDPR Officer and so Jo Mead was thanked for all that she had done over the years of service in that role for the parish.

In July the national church had updated the Data Protection Policy, that comprised of 20 pages outlining new regulations about information, how the PCC was able to demonstrate that they are complying to GPDR, have a Data Privacy Notice which was found in Appendix A, A Parish Data Audit which was found in Appendix B, what happens about Data Breaches, Subject Access Requests and storage of personal data. This was approved by the PCC.

Since then, there has been little change with GDPR so Reverend Chris continues in the role by ensuring that we do not share personal information, without prior written consent and continues to complete what is need for the role. Since taking on the role it has been reported of only one GPDR incident that occurred during the summer which was reported to the PCC and lessons have been learnt.

St. Wilfrid's church continues to make contact with many people on a legitimate interest basis, there are times when an individual's permission must be given for St. Wilfrid's to hold data about them and that is passed onto Reverend Chris. St. Wilfrid's church continues to comply fully both within the data protection policy and the within the wider diocese procedures.

Reverend Chris Spencer

March 2025



Parish Upper and Lower Hall Report

During term-time, our Halls have been regularly used by our own Toddler Groups and both our Art Groups, SWAG and Want to Paint. A local dancing school and a Pilates group use our halls during the day and after school time, two Rainbows, two Brownie and two Girl Guide guiding groups also use our halls. In the evening the upper hall is used on Tuesday evenings by another Pilates class. This year we have also been pleased to welcome a local choir that uses our church to rehearse on Mondays (also during term time). We are also pleased to welcome a local dance and drama club on a Friday afternoon – after Easter they will be introducing a dance class on Friday morning as well.

Hampshire Wildlife Trust has, for some time, used our upper hall once a month on Wednesday evenings (normally October through to March) and this year we were very pleased that Portsmouth RSPB has also been using this hall on a different Wednesday evening.

Two Saturday mornings a month, our upper hall is used by Havant and Waterlooville Child Contact, and Sunday Club takes place there twice a month during the term time.

During in the winter months. our Thursday Holy Communion services were held in the Lower Hall every Thursday morning, followed by teas and coffees as well as Warm Spaces.. We have been privileged to conduct the funerals of those who have sadly died in the last year, both those within

our congregation and those inside and out of our parish. Our halls have been used to host the wakes of some of these as well as for parties, rehearsals and concerts.

The Lower Hall has been in full use on Sundays, both for teas and coffees after the Church Services and by TLC (Tea and Lovely Cakes) on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons. Our lower hall is also used for Messy Church on the second Thursday of each month.

The halls are also utilised for our Spring and Christmas Fayres. Other social and fundraising concerts, two Murder Mysteries – with dinner, quizzes, our PCC ‘Away’ Day, etc. all took place in the lower hall and/or church. What has turned into an annual Dog Show (which last year included a delicious cream team) utilised both our hall and garden. We celebrate the use of our halls, our contact with the users – and the income they bring.

Elaine Hoey and Sara Bolton



Health and Safety Report

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT COVERING PERIOD 1 APR 24 – 1 APR 25

PREPARED FOR APCM ON 11 MAY 25

The PCC reviews and approves the St Wilfrid's Health & Safety (H&S) Policy each January; a copy of the policy is on display in the Church Foyer.

During the period 1 Apr 24 – 1 Apr 25 I received five Accident Report Forms. Two were raised on children who had fallen over toys or ran into doors etc whilst attending the Toddler's Group, one kitchen accident caused by an oven glove failure and two separate incidents of a lady falling in the car park and another in the lower hall – both were taken to QA Hospital by ambulance. No further action was necessary on any of the reports.

The contents of the First Aid boxes situated in the vestry, rear of the church, kitchen, and upper hall kitchenette are checked every March to ensure the contents are in date.

An annual review of the fire risk assessments for the church and halls is conducted every March. The assessments (12 in number) are kept in the Fire Log / Risk Assessments / Test Certificates Folder.

I am not aware of any other H&S issues.

Allan BRAWN
H&S Officer

FABRIC & MAINTENANCE REPORT COVERING PERIOD 1 APR 24 – 1 APR 25

PREPARED FOR APCM ON 11 MAY 25

The following improvements and maintenance have been undertaken during the period 1 Apr 24 – 1 Apr 25:

- Last June Milton Glass replaced the badly fogged-up double-glazing panels in the church main door. The cost of this work was donated.
- During August 2024 the external church and halls fascia and gable boards, first floor window frames, the bellcote and four sections of guttering and four downpipes on the church south elevation were redecorated.
- New roof felt was fitted to the car park garden shed in January.
- On 14 January our inspecting church architect, Tim Sage, conducted a Quinquennial inspection. Tim's report is eagerly awaited.
- On 21 January DM Electrical Contract Services Ltd (they are a sub-contractor for the Diocese) inserted a 3mm earthing cable from No 2-lightning conductor (NE corner of lower hall) to the main distribution board in the main switchboard. This followed a recommendation from Cutting Lightning Protection Ltd.
- Also, in January, a defective church central heating valve was replaced.
- The lift has undergone two expensive repairs in November last year and this February. It is now fitted with LED lights which also act as emergency lighting.
- In February, Uni-Guard Fire Protection Ltd replaced our 16 smoke detectors, 2 heat detectors and the non-conforming mains isolator (manufacturers recommend that detectors are replaced every 10 years).
- Last November the PCC approved the installation of LED lighting in the lower hall. The Archdeacon has now approved the replacement of the fifteen existing fluorescent tube fittings with twenty 600mm x 600mm LED lighting panels. The Diocese grants panel have awarded us a grant of £1,000 towards this work. It is hoped work will commence shortly.
- The Archdeacon has also approved work to re-render the south facing interior wall and part of the west wall of the Priest's Vestry and, at the same time to remove one coping stone from the vestry roof to check for signs of water ingress and replace on completion. It is hoped this work will finally alleviate the long-standing dampness problem. G&C Property Services (Southern) Ltd [they are a sub-contractor for the Diocese] are scheduled to start this work on 31 March 2025.

A variety of other tasks from cleaning out gutters and drains to mending broken doors, replacing defective light fittings and plug sockets have been completed.

Standard Maintenance Items

In addition to the above the following standard maintenance tasks remain extant:

- The (8) lightning conductors are tested every 2½ years, their next test is planned for November 2026.
- The fire alarms, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers are in date for their respective six-and twelve-monthly checks by Uni-Guard Fire Protection Ltd; the Maintenance Manager also checks them every two months.
- The two central heating boilers and the kitchen domestic hot water boiler are serviced every September by All About Gas Heating & Plumbing Services Ltd. A gas safety certificate is issued.
- The dishwasher and cooker are both serviced every February by Acorn Services. A gas safety certificate is issued.
- The lift is serviced every April and October by Stannah Lift Services Ltd.
- Our portable electrical items (currently numbering 97) are checked every September by UK Safety Management Ltd.
- The organ is covered by an annual extended guarantee and is serviced every March by Makin Organs Ltd (Church Organ World).
- All external ground floor windows and the old sanctuary windows are cleaned every 3-months and the upper hall windows every 12-months.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have assisted me with the maintenance of the building and environs.

Allan BRAUN

Maintenance Manager



AV Team Report 2024

The AV group consists of a small number of individuals liaising with the clergy/lay clergy to manage the creation of content (songs/liturgy/images/video) for each 11am service and for other 'special' services and events – Christingle, Nativity Service, Easter, Baptisms, Concerts, etc. throughout the year and ultimately the displaying/projecting of these elements during the services.

The team consisted of 4 regular operators but has reduced to 3 and efforts are planned to recruit more to the team if at all possible.

The laptop used for projecting the texts and images/video was replaced earlier in 2023 year and the projector is from 2017 and is also of lower resolution than is really required for the graphics to be displayed adequately.

The presentation software currently in use is from 2005 and progress is being made on looking into a replacement software package. A new package is currently being trialled (Presenter).

The most urgent items of the planned upgrade to the audio system have been completed during

the year, including a new mixing desk.

Progress to address other equipment replacement/upgrade and the trialling of up to date software is ongoing and changes and improvements should become apparent throughout 2025 with the ultimate goal of a more permanent installation which would improve the set-up time and also ensure the hardware does not incur damage/wear and tear due to the constant moving/unpacking/packing that the equipment currently endures.

Mark Moncreaff



Worship Services report for the APCM 2025

We continue to have our two worship services on Sundays at 9am and 11am as well as our mid-week service on Thursdays at 10:30am. The 9am is our weekly communion service using a variety of worship booklets based on the different times and seasons of the Church of England. We continue to have our voluntary organist David who plays at least once a month. The 11am service is our informal worship and covers informal communion, all age worship and Sunday club activities. Occasionally we have had joint services at 10am to celebrate Easter and Remembrance Sunday and that I hope will continue throughout the year.

It has been a joy to keep on introducing other services throughout the year such as Thirst our new monthly service on Friday nights. I and Polly on occasion join the music group to play either guitar or bass and it has been a joy to play. We have had a theme going through all our All-Age services based on the Lord's Prayer and included more bible readings from the Old Testament as well as from the New Testament on a more regular basis at the 9am.

My own thanks go to all those involved in all our worship services because each one of you do a sterling role in supporting, leading and serving whether that's at the back with the AV or bringing someone up for communion, leading our intercessions or reading our bible readings or playing music and leading our services. It was lovely to have a workshop with our intercessors and readers in the autumn term who I hope enjoyed themselves and learnt a few things during that time together.

In terms of our mid-week services this still continues on Thursdays at 10:30am and continues to grow with the amount of people attending. Again, like the 9am Sunday service (but without music) the midweek service continues to use the various booklets based on times and seasons of the church.

In terms of Life events by which the church now means baptisms, funerals and weddings. During the year we had two baptisms but sadly no weddings. We had around nine funerals either at church or at a crematorium as well as interment of ashes in our garden of remembrance.

**Reverend Chris
March 2025**

Welcome Team Report

The number of people available to welcome us at the 9 o'clock service has become fewer as people have moved away. It would be good to recruit more people.

The 11 o'clock teams are very flexible and organise themselves to ensure that a warm welcome is always available.

The roles of the teams include giving out whatever is needed for the service (e.g. hymn books, notice sheets, prayer diaries etc.) as well as counting the people and counting the money and tidying up after the service. Churchwardens are there to give help and support as needed.

If you would like to be part of this important group of people, please do let us know.

A big thank you to those who help already.

Jan Smith March 2025

Pastoral Care Report

Just as it should be, most Pastoral Care is carried out informally – with people in the church family caring about (and for) each other. We ask each other for updates on health or family concerns that we know about; we may telephone or even visit personal friends who are from church as well as our personal friends who used to come to church before they became too frail.

There is, however a Pastoral Care Team which meets at intervals to try to ensure that our caring is fully inclusive – we don't want anyone to be missing out.

The team undertook a course of training some years ago and that team, for a number of reasons is now much smaller. We were all invited to join a new Training Course, led by Emily and Rev Chris Spencer. The course is EXCELLENT and was offered to anyone in our Deanery. Numbers attending are relatively few but we pray that Pastoral Care will be shared among the church family, so that everyone will know that they are loved and cared for, not only by God, but also by their brothers and sisters here at St Wilfrid's.

Jan Smith 2025.

Organist Report

Over the last 12 months I have had the privilege of playing at a number of 9am Holy Communion Services, usually once or twice per month. For those Services the number of hymns sung has

been increased to four, and in addition parts of the Communion Service are sung to the setting by David Thorne.

As over the last few years my role also includes making hymn suggestions for each 9am Service. I continue to use the RSCM publication Sunday by Sunday to source ideas, in conjunction with reference to the Bible readings for each Sunday as given on the rota. I sometimes also refer to the suggestions lists at the back of the hymn book. Each month I submit my suggestions to members of the Ministry Team for vetting - and occasional changing.

The organ itself continues to function well generally, with scope for plenty of variation in tone colour and volume level. There has been the occasional power failure to the subwoofer, normally caused by the plug fuse needing to be replaced. The subwoofer is the large chest at ground level in Church, situated near the piano and font. It is there to enhance the organ bass sounds, and the general tone gets rather "flat" (not in pitch) without it.

The Church is aiming to recruit a new, permanent organist in the long term; I shall continue to enjoy playing for the foreseeable future until someone is appointed.

David Wiseman



Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) Report

2024 was a very difficult year for me and I want to thank all my church family friends for their support, love and prayers. I am now moving forward living, once again, on my own, this time by choice. I praise and thank God for his faithfulness to me as I endured lots of heartache and distress, at times, during the year.

As I reported last year, I have stepped back from leading and preaching as I feel lead more to the Anna Chaplaincy Ministry, which I love doing. (See seperate report). I remain a LLM/reader (Licensed Lay Minister) with PTO (Permission to Officiate)

The other areas of Ministry that I'm involved in at present are, helping with Sunday Club, Pastoral Care, Community Coffee Cup, Prayer Ministry, Home Communion and Anna Chaplaincy.

In January 2025, I was able to join with other Diocesan LLMs and readers at the annual conference, thank you to the PCC for funding this. This year we were able to stay in luxury and I really valued the time away to reflect and be creative about my life and ministry.

I thank God for all the support and encouragement I have received over the many years, that I have been a LLM (reader), at St Wilfrid's Church.-

Elaine Davenport



1. The Prayer Chain

Known as a "chain" from the olden days when prayer requests were passed along by letter or telephone, from one person to another, the prayer chain is now virtually instantaneous and works primarily through email. Anyone who would value prayer for a particular person or situation can contact Joy Day joyday1411@gmail.com (07963194709) who will forward the request to those who have opted to undertake the role of prayer warrior. Please let Joy know if you would like join the prayers. Those receiving prayer requests will treat any information as strictly confidential. We have given thanks for many answers to our prayers.

2. Day of Prayer

The first Wednesday of each month is designated "a day of prayer" and there will normally be suggestions of prayerful activities, sometimes a prayer walk and usually a prayerful get-together in church at 7.30pm which we call "Connect in Praise".

3. Prayer Diary

A prayer diary is provided for each calendar month inviting prayer for members of our church family. If you notice any omissions, or have suggestions of other items to include, please do contact Jan.

4. Intercessions

Intercessions on Sundays are usually led by lay people. We were pleased to be offered helpful suggestions for leading intercessions at a workshop led by Emily and Polly in November 2024. If you would like to join the team, please do speak to Rev Chris.

5. Prayer Ministry

Prayer ministry refers to the times when people pray for each other, often, though not necessarily, after services. There is a team of people who have been trained to offer this ministry; please do contact a member of the clergy if you would like prayer for any matter that is concerning you.

6. Easter Experience/Thy Kingdom Come/Advent Experience

Occasional, seasonal "Prayer Stations" will appear in church, encouraging us to come and pray; we give special thanks to Rev Chris and Rev Polly for setting these up.

7. Personal Prayer

Thankfully, this is the most prolific prayer in our church. Let's keep on praying. God loves to hear us.



Curate Report **Rev Derek Johnston**

On 20th June 2024 Bishop Jonathan informed me that I had completed the necessary assessment requirements of curacy. In his letter, Bishop Jonathan mentioned that I was ready for a further appointment. However, I have not had to move as my current licence permitting me to minister at St. Wilfrid's expires on 25th June this year. I am at present waiting to have a meeting with the Archdeacon to discuss my future ministry.

My formal training therefore ceased as per Bishop Jonathan's letter above. However, in ministry, as in life itself, one is always learning. I conducted two weddings this past year, a baptism and a number of funerals. Rev. Polly and I also jointly lead a session at a PCC Away Day. This is in addition to leading, preaching and celebrating Holy Communion at St. Wilfrid's and attending ministry meetings, deanery synod meetings, clergy chapter meetings and doing a certain amount of pastoral and hospital visiting.

My report would not be complete if I didn't mention how grateful I am to you all for the love, support, prayers and encouragement you have given me on my 'curacy journey'.

Thank you. Thank you too to the wider ministry team at St. Wilfrid's. You have all been great. Rev. Chris has also been a great training incumbent, vicar, pastor and friend, for which I am grateful.

But most of all, I thank God for giving me this opportunity to serve and minister in the parish and community of Cowplain. It has been such a joy.

For the record, I am a non-stipendiary priest and my working days have been Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays



Curate Report **Rev Polly Honeychurch**

On 29th June I was ordained deacon at Portsmouth Cathedral and started serving here at St Wilfrid's. Whilst I have only been with you for 8 months in many ways it feels like I have always been with you, which is a testament to the warm welcome I have received from all of you. Thank you.

I am extremely grateful for the way you have welcomed me and allowed me to share my gifts and service with you. Even though I am 'only the curate', as one of our lovely young people likes to remind me, you have allowed me to grow in my ministry in so many ways.

Thank you to everyone who has come along to 'coffee with the curate'. I love drinking coffee and having time to chat. I will continue to offer regular sessions and am also always happy to meet anyone on a 1:1 basis for coffee and a chat.

It has been a joy to share my love of the Bible with you through Sunday teaching as well as the Bible Course which over 30 of you took part in before Christmas.

It has been great to work alongside Reverend Chris in school's ministry supporting the RE curriculum, leading assemblies and hosting the schools in church for services and lessons.

We have just completed our Alpha course, and it has been a joy to work alongside Reverend Chris and the rest of the dedicated team. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the journey.

Thank you to those who have joined me on the first Wednesday of the month to pray for our community as we walk together. I would love to have more of you joining me. If you can't walk and pray with me, why not do your own prayer walk and then come and join us at Pause and Pray in church at 7:30 pm?

Thirst started in September, and it has been a joy to meet each month to spend an evening worshipping our God. Whilst the style of worship may not be to everyone's tastes I am grateful for everyone who has come along to try it out. I continue to be thirsty for more of God. Thank you to Stephen and the rest of the group for working with me on this new service.

There is so much more I could share with you about my time with you. I am grateful for all of the opportunities I am being given to grow in my ministry. I have been privileged to take part in baptisms and funerals, to carry out pastoral visits, to administer home communion, to visit house groups, to host a light party and a pancake party, to become part of the Messy Church team and so much more. I can't believe how much I have fitted into my short time with you and look forward to so much more in the coming years.

I am looking forward to being ordained priest at 4pm on Saturday 28th June. You are all invited to join me at Portsmouth Cathedral for this service. It will be lovely to have my church family supporting me.

My prayers and blessings go with all of you. Please hold me in your prayers.



Ministry Team Report for the APCM 202

Let me start in sharing with you this scripture from 1 Peter 4:7-11

Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—encores to the end of time. Oh, yes! (The Message)

Peter is urging us the church to take nothing for granted, to pray, love and live, so that God's presence will be evident in everything. I have found this to be very true of the ministry team that we study together every Tuesday, we pray for each other and we walk alongside each other in the ministry.

I am so grateful for this team so thank you to you all. The team itself has since some changes over the year as Julie left to go to pastures new across at Southsea but we welcomed Polly.

Throughout the year we have studied together the gospel according to Mark and discussed the many ministries that happen in the church. We do the rota, drink coffee or water and God ministers to the team through tears and laughter, sorrow and celebration, challenge and support which shows me that the Spirit is with us. I continue to see God through the action of the ministry team whether that's hospital visiting, bereavement visiting, visiting people in their homes, art group, funerals, baptisms, special services, schools work, Christmas events and so much more.

My hope for the team in the future is to continue to be guided by God, to ministry in his kingdom, to find opportunities to grow and strengthen our life together and to explore how best to lead and serve the church here at St. Wilfrid's. I close with these words from 1 Peter 4:10: 'As each one has received a special gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.'

Reverend Chris March 2025



Havant Deanery Synod report for the APCM 2025

The June meeting took place on Thursday 13th June at St. Faith's Church Havant. The meeting started with prayer, worship and welcome from Reverend Andrew Sheard the Area Dean. The main focus of the meeting was the Strategic Programme Manager (SPM) for Portsmouth Diocese as well as the vision for the Diocese. There was further news from the deanery as well as the appointment of a new lay Chair, Deanery Treasurer and Diocesan Synod representatives. Finally, the deanery was told about the up-and-coming ordinations where six would be placed within the deanery.

The November meeting took place on Tuesday 12th November at St. Clare's Church, Warren Park. The meeting started in prayer and welcome from Reverend Kate McFarlane the Assistant Area Dean. Reverend Andrew Sheard spoke about the recent headlines and the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The main focus of the meeting was the work of Anna Chaplains within the deanery, updated information from around the deanery and new funding from the SMMI bid to develop a Christian community in Horndean, Leigh Park and St. Faith's. There was also a presentation about Net Zero Carbon from David Cain and how we care for God's creation.

The March meeting took place on Tuesday 12th March at Hart Plain Church, where the meeting welcomed everyone. Acting Archdeacon Reverend Bob White, thanked Andrew and Kate for all that they had done over the last five years and licensed our new Area Dean Reverend Emma Racklyeft and new Assistant Area Dean Reverend Jonathan Jeffrey. The main focus of the meeting was the diocesan vision and strategy based on Revive, Revitalise and Renew. The presentation included these questions under the three headings:

Revive – how can we be spirituality revived as the people of God?

Revitalise – how do we revitalise or replicate (that which is bearing fruit) what we have already in our parishes and schools?

Renew – blue sky – church plants? New models? New worshipping communities? Even new buildings...

Deanery Synod representatives: Reverend Chris Spencer, Reverend Derek Johnston,

Reverend Polly Honeychurch, Elaine Hoey and Catherine King

March 2025



Tea and Coffee Makers

We are blessed to have refreshments available to us after every morning service at St. Wilfrid's. Our grateful thanks go to all those who provide this service for us – and welcome to anyone who would like to join in.

Jan Smith

March 2025



Community Coffee Cup

We have slowly been building up our team again, since losing quite a few of our volunteers due to moving away and illnesses. We are very grateful to them as we could not run this outreach without them.

Since telling you last year that Hampshire County Council Prad Bains gave us a grant for £1000, things have changed. We were to have 6 sessions with Play Rangers from Y Services, but Havant Borough Council told us we had to hire the green adjoining Westbrook Hall, Sadly it took so long for them to decide what to charge that we had to abandon due to Winter approaching. Since then we have with the help of notably Councilor Antonia Harrison and our Will McGannan managed to get it on the Councilors agenda. We had been told this year we would have to pay £400 p.a just to use the green, plus £175 per activity. This of course made the whole idea prohibitive and we would not even be able to afford the Y services . As I write the councilors have taken the whole idea of charging the community for community events to the Executive Officer and we await the outcome.

We celebrated our 11th birthday In February 2025 with a visit from the Mayor Councillor Peter And Mayoress Janet Wade. The Mayor also organised a Cake Bake in favour of his charity...and the winner Elaine Davenport! Well done Elaine. The cakes were auctioned for charity. Jax , the Community Officer from ASDA visited at Christmas and gave us several boxes of Mince Pies which were very gratefully received.

Community Coffee Cup continues to be a blessing to the community. We are trying to involve more families and in conjunction with Lesley at St Wilfs and held another Litter Pick which was a great success involving more families.

Our thanks as always to our wonderful volunteers, Yo, Steve, Elaine D, Elaine and Stan, Barbara, Jane, Jean , Will, David , Jeanette.

Dave and Val Strutt



Home Groups

During the past year home groups have continued, as before, but we are aware of more people wishing to join in. For this reason, after the Lent Groups have finished, it is hoped that 2 new groups will start up. These groups will both be face-to-face, as others have been in the past. Currently 2 of the Connect Groups, who meet regularly, continue to meet via Zoom. The groups offer opportunity for Bible Study, fellowship, prayer and, for some, shared meals or outings together. We pray that new groups will meet the hopes and prayers of all those wishing to participate at the moment, and that other groups will form as needs arise.

Jan Smith

March 2025



CMS Missionary Link Alison Giblett

We are very pleased to have been able to keep in touch with our CMS Missionary Link, Alison Giblett who lives in Kyiv in Ukraine. St Wilfrid's Church is committed to supporting Alison financially and individual members of our church also support Alison through CMS or City Hope Church.

On Saturday evenings, Alison joins a number of representatives, by Zoom, from Churches in England who support her prayerfully and financially. Alison gives us news from her Church in Kyiv (Tabernacle of the Living God) and news of their outreach to several groups of people – their chaplains to soldiers serving on the front line and those in hospital, mission visits to widows and grieving mothers, and special visits to bring encouragement and fun to groups of children. Lots of travelling is involved and miraculously none of the members of the church has been killed or injured despite the dangerous circumstances surrounding them. Alison's hopes to re-establish Genesis Groups in Kyiv continue, but the work to bring God's healing to those in the grip of addiction has been on hold for a while, for lack of suitable and willing leaders – a need for our continuing prayers.

Alison spent some time in Australia and Papua New Guinea (where she grew up) in 2024 and in 2025 she has followed up on an invitation to take Genesis Ministry Training to South Africa. Between those visits Alison spent time in England, and we were delighted that she was able to speak to us here at St Wilfrid's at the 2 services on 9th February and share lunch with us afterwards.

We know well that the dangers of living in Kyiv persist but Alison's commitment to serving God there is unfaltering.

It is a great blessing to Alison that every week her needs can be shared with members of the congregations supporting her through CMS – she is most appreciative of our prayers. She is an inspiration to us all.

Jan Smith and Keith and Alice Atkins

We currently don't have an eco church team but some of the work continues thanks to enthusiasts!!

Someone completed the energy footprint tool.

The solar panel subgroup met throughout the year and made good progress.

Graham Foyle and Dave Strutt took care of the bird boxes.

The Messy Church team delivered Messy Green Week.

Yolanda & Lesley collected art work from Nurseries and uniformed groups and with the help of Catherine's artistic skills, put together a Children's Gallery for Green Week. The Wombles Nursery School added a visit to the Gallery into their planning, and we had the pleasure of welcoming them and showing them around their Parish Church and gardens.

Lesley organised swap events, fairtrade events, plastic free picnic & litter picks and brought together a programme of events for the Great big Green Week. She continues to maintain our partnership with Havant Climate Alliance.

There was an eco service in July.

In September the diocese sent out a very exciting 'Save the Date' for the first ever NCZ Conference to be held in our diocese on January 18th at the Cathedral. Woohoo!!

Derek & Lesley celebrated 30 years of Fairtrade at a service held at St Mary's in Portsmouth in September.

Lesley made a successful application for a grant of £1000 towards the hall lighting.

In November St Wilfrid's hosted a meeting of the Diocesan Environmental Advisory Group and Derek B dusted off the Church model to deliver a presentation and Q's & A's on the progress of the solar project.

We do need to up our game as we're struggling to maintain our silver award. Onwards & upwards!

Lesley Baker

The purpose of the group is to provide a time and space for anyone who has been bereaved to come and meet with others who are experiencing similar feelings, supporting each other, through

talking and listening, to work through their grief. It is open to anyone not just members of the church. Numbers vary over the months as required by the participants, usually in single figures.

Those who have attended during the past year have really appreciated these meetings. Everything is completely confidential. Things spoken about are not discussed outside the meeting. Nor do we reveal the names of those attending. Everyone's journey through grief is different, we are not judgmental and respect where everyone is on their individual journey.

The group continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month in the upper hall at 2pm.

We are ready to support anyone who wishes to attend whether you are a member of the congregation or not. You do not need a special invitation, you may contact the office to say you are coming, or you can just turn up on the day.

Revd Ruth Loveman. Group leader.



Anna Chaplain's Report April 2024 - March 2025

Bishop Jonathan made care for older people one of his two main priorities, in his presidential address at the April 2022 meeting of our Diocesan Synod, aiming to create a network of Anna Chaplains across the diocese. They are named after Anna, the widow and faithful older person who – together with Simeon – recognised the infant Jesus as the Messiah in the temple at Jerusalem. The plan is to have an Anna Chaplain in every parish, benefice and cluster in our diocese.

The Anna Chaplain for St Wilfrid's is Elaine Davenport. Elaine was licensed as an Anna Chaplain in November 2022. Julie Brown supports Elaine as an Anna Friend.

Anna Chaplains minister to older people in the community. These may be older people who have a faith, little faith or no faith at all. Elaine visits the Borrow Centre (Age Concern) lunch club and also helps at their Social Afternoon. Recently a couple from the Social Afternoon have started to attend St Wilfrid's.

Elaine has been approached by a couple, who attend the Thursday Lunch Club, to recognise their 74th wedding anniversary and bless a new wedding ring as the ladies original wedding ring has been lost. What a privilege to be asked to perform this service for such a beautiful elderly couple.

Along with Julie, Elaine also visits Nightingale Court Nursing Home, Woodlands Nursing Home and Bayith Rest Home. We take a service once a month at each of the homes and always conclude by praying for each person individually, if they want us to. The visits seem to be valued by all.

In February, Elaine and Julie attended the Anna Chaplains Network Day at the Cathedral and Bishop Jonathan lead a service of re-commissioning at the Candlemas service in the evening.

In 2024 Elaine lead the Remembrance Day Service at Age Concern, with several people attending.

Elaine Davenport



Christmas Day Lunch 2024

Every year we wonder

- Will anyone wish to come to St Wilfrid's for their Christmas Day Lunch?
- If they do, will there be enough people to prepare and serve the meal and look after our guests?

Once again we were blessed by many willing and generous helpers (not all from within the church family) and nearly 40 diners had a very happy day.

Hosts kindly provided all the food and drinks and gifts and entertainment, and guests contributed more than £270 in support of St Wilfrid's chosen Christmas Charities – the Rowans Hospice and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service.

Who knows whether there will be a similar event this year? God does. Circumstances change from year to year and those who helped in 2024 may not be available to help in 2025.

I believe it's a very happy day for hosts and guests alike and trust that this year there will be even more blessings in abundance.

Again I give very many thanks to all those who helped in any way in 2024.

Jan Smith – coordinator.



Shoebox Appeal 2024

Our thanks to everyone for your support and thanks to you we received and sent off 411 shoeboxes from St Wilfs. We were joined by even more schools this year, which was great.

I believe some 11.9 million shoeboxes were packed worldwide during 2024 collection from 11 countries. They were sent mainly to African and Eastern Bloc Countries, including Ukraine, Malawi, West Africa, The Balkans, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Moldova, Albania and Nigeria.

More than 9,000 shoebox gifts were packed in the UK.

With our special interest in Ukraine through Alison it is good to hear Samaritans have been supporting Ukraine also with food, water, medical, care, and other relief supplies, working with local churches and partners to deliver these resources. Samaritans are there for the long term.

We thank God for their dedication and through Him, all those who have supported Samaritans in their work, giving the children some bright moments to cherish and above all, knowing that God loves them.

We look forward to another shoebox collection in November, and a visit in September from David Gibbons, our Samaritans Regional Manager.

Val and Bob



Sunday Club Report 2024/25

In 2024, Sunday club continued to run. usually twice each month, with sessions led, planned for and taught by Deb Adam and Lisa Kernot. As well as assisting in the sessions, Elaine Andrews led Safer Recruitment.

The session dates are planned by Chris Spencer to run alongside half of the services when there is not an all age worship service. For this reason, we are no longer following a set date format of Sunday club happening every second and fourth Sunday. We have continued to break during the Christmas, Easter and Summer breaks, and to continue to run during half term holidays.

Sara Bolton has continued to be part of the team as an additional leader on a regular basis, and has assisted in sessions in both planning and delivering Sunday club sessions alongside Lisa and Deb.

Natalie Pettit also joined the team this year and has assisted in sessions on a monthly basis.

We have had on average 8 children attending each session, with some having as many as 10-12 children.

In addition to this, we also have three 'Sunday club buddies' who are young people of a senior school age who assist with the youngest members of the team during our Sunday club sessions. These young people are always working with the leaders and assistants during the sessions and are never left alone with other children.

Lisa Kernot



St Wilfrid's Art Group (SWAG)

St. Wilfrid's Art Group continues to thrive despite a slight reduction in our membership. 2024 was a period of adjustment for us as our long-standing Secretary, Val Strutt, stood down. Our thanks go to Val for all her hard work and support over the years. It was decided to split the role into three smaller units, Membership Secretary, Meetings and General Correspondence and responsibility for arranging visiting artists. Brenda Boyer kindly took on the role of Membership Secretary and the Meetings and Correspondence has been absorbed by the existing Committee Members. Visiting Artists proved more problematic, partly because they can be expensive and difficult to find.

For this reason, we did not engage any visiting artists last year. However, we managed to compensate for this by arranging a session whereby as a group we all painted the same image

using our various preferred mediums and skills. It was amazing and enlightening to see the different interpretations and styles.

Happily for us, Val has volunteered to arrange our visiting artists in 2025 and we already have two in place over the coming months.

Each year our accounts are audited by the eagle-eyed Norma and our thanks go to Norma for her hard work on our behalf.

In October, in conjunction with the Want To Paint Art Group, we held our most successful Art Exhibition to date, raising £961.22. With a small addition from SWAG funds, we were able to donate £500 each to our two chosen Charities, St. Wilfrid's Church and the PSPA (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association – which supports those with this life limiting progressive neurological disease).

The Art Exhibition weekend is always fun. (plus a bit of hard work!) In 2024 our Artists sold 19 Pictures but the majority of the money raised comes from sale of refreshments and items donated for the tombolo, raffle and art materials stall. The donations keep our expenses to a minimum. The annual Exhibition also provides an opportunity for St. Wilfrid's Art Group and Want To Paint to come together as a team and work towards a successful Exhibition and making as much money as we can for the Charities.

We're looking forward to another year of painting, chatting and hopefully improving our skills!

Grace Willcox – Treasurer

St. Wilfrid's Art Group



Want to Paint

Although we've missed our Japanese friend Tomoko and Elizabeth Pearn who left us for a new busy life after ordination, we've been delighted to welcome new members during the course of the year. Some have returned after a break, some seeking friendship and one adventurous first timer from TLC; how lovely to field new members and this year our numbers have risen to nineteen.

Last year Liz Kelly's Van Gough workshop was so popular that we were pleased to invite her back and everyone, including Veronica's two granddaughters, very successfully recreated Monet's regatta at Argenteuil.

Although we have beginners as well as experienced artists and it's quite a challenge to keep an eye on everyone's needs, it all seems to work well with everyone supportive and interested in each others skills.

We all enjoyed last year's visit to Staunton Park and now we're planning a repeat of a 'sketch out' to West Dean Gardens. This term we've been getting back to basic pencil skills and drawing with the right side of the brain and are presently exploring the differences between watercolours and acrylics. Already we're looking forward to our joint October Exhibition with SWAG and the Young Photographer's Club.

We're all indebted to Pam Hunt who has stepped back from four years as our faithful Treasurer, now passing the baton to Lorraine Pearce. We're delighted that Hilary Mizen has offered her services as Secretary and my thanks go to all the committee, Jane, Veronica and Chris for their help and support. Grateful thanks to Graham Foyle who, though having moved away remains as our independent Examiner.

Soon WTP will be looking for a model to sit for us!

Sonia Passingham



School Report 2024/25



Once again it has been a busy year for the different schools in our community and indeed across the whole nation, in coping with a wide range of issues, impacting the whole school community in many ways.

I am very grateful who to everyone who is involved in school ministry and it is great to see so many people involved in different aspects of school's work from listening to children read to serving as a school governor. We continue to engage with all three local primary schools of Padnell Infants, Padnell Juniors and Queen's Inclosure Primary School.

It is a joy to be able to host lots of school events like Easter Experience or church services for Harvest as well going into the various primary schools and conducting school assemblies on a variety of different topics and themes all linked to the Bible and concluding with a prayer.

It has been great to work alongside Reverend Polly in school's ministry and supporting the RE curriculum and offering school lessons such as Advent. We continue to pray regularly for the schools and I hope to build upon the work and find new opportunities to work together and help children, young people and their families to deepen their understanding of faith in Jesus Christ.

So please continue to pray for our schools and its community, the parents and carers, for all of the teachers and all of the volunteers and for all those who teach there. Please do continue to pray for peace, joy and hope for all of the children, parents and staff in all areas of the schools over the coming year and that we would see new people come to faith.

Reverend Chris and Reverend Polly



Messy Church



Christ Centred, Creative & All Age, a Celebration with Hospitality

At Messy Church we are blessed to have such a strong and gifted team who are passionate about what we do. We continue to demonstrate a love for Jesus and are driven by our desire to share our faith with the families through actions and words. Our monthly services are based on BRF's publication 'Get Messy', which provides plans that can be used as they are or tweaked to suit the

needs of our Messy Church families.

We are playing our part in Eco Church and are committed to making sustainable choices in Messy Church, especially in developing an appreciation of the world that God created.

Messy Church celebrated its 20th birthday in April 2024 and BRF hosted an international meet up on Zoom. How extraordinary to think that it all began here in Cowplain, and how God has blessed it and used it all over the world.

If you would like to know more about Messy Church please speak to a Church Warden who can signpost you to a member of the team.

Messy Church Team



Toddler Group Annual Report 2024/25

St Wilfrid's Toddler group run during term time, twice a week in the Upper Hall, on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We welcome all ages from newborn babies to pre-school children. The success of these sessions has allowed us to donate regularly back to the church and we hope to continue this if future funds are sufficient.

Our aim is to provide a welcoming, safe and social environment for the children, parents/grandparents or carers giving them the opportunity to meet each other, play with their children and to have fun whilst mixing with others.

The sessions could not run without our team of amazing Church volunteers who set up and then pack away this fantastic play space each session, interact and engage with the children and their respective adults, giving an amazing insight into our beautiful church. The Friday sessions also offer a weekly craft which is loved by both the children and their adults.

These morning sessions are very popular, and we see it as a valuable opportunity to build and grow our links with young families and our local community. We use our St Wilfrid's Toddlers Facebook group to interact and promote church events. As a result, we see some families attending Messy Church, special events and Church on a Sunday and this is an area we seek to grow. We always endeavour to send a message of God's love and link in with the Major Christian festivals, Easter and Christmas. We encourage worship and prayer through our story and music time.

Summer Term 2024

- Busy summer of play, we gifted bibles to our school age leavers. Bob, Sharon and Helen stepped down from their roles at the end of the term.
- All the toys were sorted and deep cleaned ready for the new academic year.

Autum Term 2024

- Hazel took over leadership of both sessions, Lisette joined the Friday team, and Alice and Jeanette joined Wednesday team in a job share.
- Many thanks to Colin whom mounted wheels and created trollies to make set up/ packing away easier.

- An interactive Christmas service ended the term. Thank you all that helped.

Spring Term 2025

- We said goodbye to Chris Foyle whom relocated to Somerset.
- Toy cupboard moved to next to the WC.

As of September 2025, I will be stepping down on Wednesdays, so there will be no leader to run the sessions, without this role, the Wednesday sessions will have to close. This will be a great shame to lose as really does benefit both the community and the church. If this is something you feel you can help with or if you would generally like to volunteer for a session, please do speak to me. We are always looking to grow our team.

We thank God for the building, for those on the toddler team who give up their time to help and for all those coming along to the sessions, that they may not only enjoy their time with us but sense something of God's love for them

Much Thanks to all the Toddlers Team!

Hazel Watson



TLC (Tea and Lovely Cake) 2024/25

TLC- Tender Loving Care and Tea and Lovely Cakes meets on a Sunday afternoon every fortnight. This year our numbers have increased to over 30. Many of our numbers have been left without a partner for various reasons so we find that there is a grieving number of lonely people who enjoy these Sunday afternoons. Along with homemade cakes, tea and coffee we serve up a quiz (some would say too difficult)! But it is impressive just how much people really do know. We also have fun games e.g., bingo, beetle, pub names etc., with small prizes for the winners. We would like to thank all our members for their continued support and wish all a good year ahead. Many thanks to all our regular helpers without which we should be unable to run.

Brenda Mizen and Sarah Canham



Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces is held during November, December, January and February on a Thursday from 12:00 until 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome and can partake of three different soups accompanied by rolls and butter. People often have up to three bowls of soup followed by a cup of tea and occasionally cake or biscuits and there is time to chat amongst the group. Each week three of St. Wilfrid's congregation provides a different soup. This means 20 people have made delicious soup this year! Any donations given are forwarded to the food bank to assist with their invaluable work within the community.

Brenda Mizen (and 20 cooks)

Accounts



Annual Report and Financial Statements

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid Cowplain

Registered Charity No. 1130601

APCM 2024

**Annual Report of
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid,
Cowplain (Registered Charity No. 1130601)
From 1st January 2023 to April APCM 2024**

Administrative information

The parish of St Wilfrid is situated in Cowplain. It is in the Deanery of Havant, the Archdeaconry of Portsdown and the Diocese of Portsmouth.

PCC correspondence: c/o The Vicarage, Padnell Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO8 8DZ

Website: www.stwilfridscowplain.co.uk

PCC members who have served from the APCM in May 2023 until this report are:

Priest in Charge	Reverend Christopher Spencer (Chair) from September 2023
Curates	Reverend Julie Jackson Reverend Derek Johnson
Churchwardens	Steve Day Jan Smith (Vice Chair)
Representatives to the Deanery Synod	Catherine King Elaine Hoey (PCC Secretary / Electoral Roll Officer)
Elected members	Sara Bolton (Until 2026) Derek Baker (Until 2025) Helen Couper (Until 2025) Margo Farmer (Until 2026) Denise Williams (Until 2026) Maria McGannan (Until 2024) Yolanda Cawdeary (Until 2026) William McGannan (Until 2026) Jo Mead (Until 2025) Sonia Passingham (Until 2024) Hazel Watson (Until 2026) Shirley Rumgay (Died December 2023)
Co-opted Members	Colin Mason (Treasurer) Val Strutt (Safeguarding Officer)
Independent	Allan Brawn Sue Rodgers

Day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Incumbent and Churchwardens, the Parish Administrator, Mrs Maria McGannan and Mrs Sara Bolton, assisted by Mrs Valerie Strutt, Treasurer Mr Colin Mason ACMA and the many other volunteers who willingly give of their time.

The PCC thanks them all for their time and dedication.

Banking: Barclays Bank PLC, PO Box 6, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO6 3DH
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PCC Report for the APCM January – September 2023

During the months January – June 2023, the PCC met 5 times (including the section 11 meeting) with an average attendance of 12 people.

Jan Smith (Vice Chair) chaired the meetings and Elaine Hoey (Vice PCC Secretary) kindly recorded the minutes and dealt with correspondence.

Our agenda inevitably included factors relating to the vacancy – electing our Representatives, agreeing the advert, and groups developing our Parish Profile.

The Archdeacon, Jenny Rowley, attended the Section 11 Meeting and Andrew Sheard, Area Dean had let us know that he was able to advise us as needed.

We took the documents from our Re-Connect meeting in February to create an outline for a Mission Action Plan.

A group, led by Derek and Lesley Baker, took the lead in planning the Centenary Celebrations.

Other usual activities for the PCC continued, with reports from Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Maintenance Manager and the eco team, at each meeting, with other reports coming to the meeting when appropriate.

The APCM took place in church on 21st May. This was the first time that St Wilfrid's had met for an APCM on a Sunday, and with 59 attendees, it was deemed a success.

There was no need to meet between our June PCC meeting and the arrival of our new Priest-in-Charge, Chris Spencer, in September.

Steve Day and Jan Smith – Churchwardens

September to March 2024

This report covers the time from September 3rd 2023 – the date of my licensing up to now.

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) has held 6 full meetings during 2023/2024 in September, November, January and March. The Churchwardens had led these meetings whilst in the vacancy of a priest in charge. There is one sub-committee that reports to

the PCC (Finance) each meeting, together with a variety of further reports from Deanery Synod to Community Coffee Cup. The variety of teams present a report and carry out the activities in and around the church. For matters which require a full PCC decision, these groups bring reports with proposals to the meeting. Each church member can read what happens at each PCC meeting from the minutes that are published and placed in the church.

The biggest challenge throughout my time has been the PCC structure and governance. My hope is to rebuild the structure. God gave me a picture of a vine and trellis to rebuild the trellis to support the vine and to allow it to grow. For me it feels that we need to develop new ways of working together, especially listening more to each other and listening more for God's guidance, during our PCC meetings as well as shortening the meetings.

I have already seen glimpses of God at work in prayers of unity, love and growth in PCC meetings, where recruitment has taken place and where others' needs and concerns have been thought about, thus enabling the PCC and St Wilfrid's Church to move forward.

Moving forward the PCC needs to be restructured as this is not a good model we practise and not one I think is sustaining so I have started to change the PCC by introducing cards for voting, a timed agenda and food at meetings. This has helped but the PCC structure needs to be replaced and so the PCC went on an away day to change the way we do governance at St. Wilfrid's Church.

Administrative Information

St. Wilfrid's Church is situated on Padnell Road, Cowplain. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The registered charity number is 1130601

Governance

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules dated in 2020. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives

The PCC of St. Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building and grounds.

Reverend Chris

March 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England, a registered charity and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC. PCC members are required to undertake safer recruitment procedures such as DBS and confidential self-declaration forms and relevant training. New members are encouraged to attend an induction course provided by the Diocese. Representatives of the PCC are asked to attend other relevant training events, report back to the PCC as a body and disseminate printed information where appropriate.

Sub-committees

The PCC operates one sub-committee (finance) which meets between full meetings of the PCC and oversees the general finances of the church and makes recommendations to the PCC.

Attendance at Services:

St. Wilfrid's Church attendance has fallen by 40% due to people not returning back from church from the pandemic, many people becoming to frail and the fewer people being committed to coming every week. A review of attendance during January supports this observation.

Comparing attendance at St Wilfrid's in January 2022, January 2023 and January 2024

The total number of people who attended at least once during the month

	2022	2023	2024
Adults	124	127	*130
Children	14	23	*30

*Including the

Christingle Service

Average attendance at individual services during the month

	2022	2023	2024
9.00 Sunday	30	30	29
11.00 Sunday: excluding those who had already attended at 9.00 (usually 3-5 people)	36	39	36
Children	10	10	10
10.30 Thursday: including those who had already attended on Sunday	23	28	27
10.30 Thursday: excluding those who had already attended on Sunday	14	20	16

Some people, as we see here, attend more than once a week – Sundays and Thursday

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals held in 2023

Baptisms:	3 compared with	2 in 2022
Confirmation:	0 compared with	0 in 2022
Marriages:	1 compared with	2 in 2022
Funerals in Church:	3 compared with	3 in 2022
Funerals at Crematorium:	8 compared with	9 in 2022

Electoral Roll

At the APCM in 2023 there were 158 names on the Church Electoral Roll, compared with 179 in 2022.



Priest-in-Charge (Vicar's) Report for the APCM 2024

God is doing something new in His church. This is evident in our very own parish, and more widely across our Diocese and in the Church at large. Change is seldom comfortable. Especially when it is imposed upon us. We have had several changes that we have had to adapt to. For many, that change took place from September 2023 when I was licensed.

For me, I have seen God at work and whilst there has been some necessary pruning (and there will be more to come), there has been plenty of planting, and already we are seeing green shoots of new life; I am reminded of Paul's words: 'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.' (1 Corinthians 3:6)

There is no doubt that we are entering a new era, where mission, maintenance and ministry have a part to play in the daily life of the church. What has been so inspiring throughout my time here already is the way in which people come together to engage in the life and ministry of the church. Yes, it has been a journey, yes, some people tell me that they are tired but there have been elements of joy, hope, peace and love in this community too.

During these initial stages of ministry, I find myself developing relationships with others. I have changed things where I felt God call me such as the way the ministry team, which formerly met monthly, now meets every week on Tuesday mornings; this has been such a good time of bearing fruit and growing together as a ministry team. It was such an honour in October 2023, to celebrate with you the 100 years since the consecration of our church. It was great to give thanks to God for all that has happened in the last hundred years, and we continue to pray for boldness and vision for the next hundred!

Similarly, I attend meetings, spend time with individuals as well as groups, lead and present at PCC meetings and invite people to come to the vicarage or visit them in their own homes. My usual Sunday worship pattern is to be present, to lead and serve the church, so I split the rota with two people either preaching or leading as well as sometimes doing both. We have had guests to come and lead in our worship or preach for special services throughout the year, as well as already introducing special services during the year.

One key development has been to introduce a more informal all age service on the first

Sunday of each month and we have focused on different themes including harvest, epiphany and the Lord's Prayer. I continue to review how all the services are going and recently decided to implement the new liturgy for Lent and beyond.

This is not to replace the white booklet for the 9am and mid-week communion services but to enhance our worship together using creative liturgy with Church of England seasonal material.

Our church has sought to step out into the wider community with the love of Jesus. I see lots of hard work and preparation by the church members and it is something I want to make a specific mention of and saying thank you to all those who serve others in this place. It is great to already see a few changes happen where the church has hosted great events for the community whether as a choir venue, Christmas fayre, school visits, prayer meetings or pancake parties but I know there is much more to do as we have been blessed with a good building to host community events in. These events create opportunities for engagement with our wider community so conversations can take place about people's faith and their own journey with God.

The biggest challenge throughout my time has been the PCC structure and governance. My hope is to rebuild the structure. God gave me a picture of a vine and trellis to rebuild the trellis to support the vine and to allow it to grow. For me it feels that we need to develop new ways of working together, especially listening more to each other and listening more for God's guidance, during our PCC meetings as well as shortening the meetings.

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As we all move forward, I am grateful to so many who have done so much, mostly quietly behind the scenes, to serve God, this church and the communities in which we find ourselves. I am especially grateful to our churchwardens for their support, to my colleagues in the parish as well as colleagues in the wider diocese, for their prayers, support and encouragement.

None of this is possible without each other, those who come and contribute so much to this place. We truly have a God who is alive, is awesome, holy and life giving. So, thank you all for being part of this amazing church, for your patience, your love, your generosity and your willingness to journey together.

Reverend Chris Spencer March 2024

Churchwardens' Report for APCM 2024

January 2023–March 2024.

We (Jan and Steve) were elected to the roles of Churchwarden in 2022, shortly before Rev Ian Snares announced his intention to move to Holy Trinity, Frome. We were re-elected at the APCM in 2023.

The roles and responsibilities of Churchwardens during a vacancy were many and varied and we were helped and supported by advisers in the deanery (with constant reference to “The Church Representation Rules”) and documents provided by the diocese.

Just as importantly we were supported by the many teams within our own church.

Our Ministry Team, Ruth, Clive, Derek and Elaine (Julie was on maternity leave) ensured that all the services (including seasonal and special services) happened just as they should, for the whole time, and Ruth took responsibility for the organisation. Thank you to you all – especially Ruth. We appreciate too, those who have ensured that the 11 o'clock service is an all-age and we give special thanks to the team who lead Sunday Club twice monthly.

Other teams of volunteers came forward, especially volunteers from within the PCC, so that we completed all the formalities for recruiting a new incumbent – including creating the Parish Profile, and our special thanks go to Sara and Catherine, as well as Maria and Mollie-Ann.

2023 was, of course Coronation Year, and a team of people came to ring our bell and listen to Steve's “proclamation”.

The Foundation Stone for the building of St Wilfrid's Church prompted us to choose 2023 as a time to celebrate our Centenary, and Derek and Lesley took responsibility for leading us brilliantly, partly by taking up people's offers to arrange activities and events, to involve us all, culminating in the Centenary Celebration Service - HOWEVER, before that event, there were interviews and an APPOINTMENT and we were delighted that **Rev Chris Spencer** was licensed to the post of Priest-in-Charge at St Wilfrid's on 3rd September.

It was great to welcome Chris, Emily, Chloe and Leah to our church and they, of course, were very much part of the centenary celebrations, when we enjoyed the company of many former members of our clergy team, and parishioners going back to the 1950s, as well as Bishop Jonathan and the Archbishop of Canterbury. We intend to produce a record of the momentous Centenary Celebrations.

All the practical preparations – preparing the church and the grounds and the vicarage for the forthcoming events, were willingly undertaken by a whole range of people and we are grateful to each one of them. The diocese provided refurbishment of much of the vicarage (an indirect benefit of our Parish Share) and Derek and Allan and others completed the work; Janet continued her care of the memorial gardens and John kept

the orchard garden ready for use by groups (and the dog show). Jan and Kim continued to keep the halls, kitchen and stairways in good order, despite the health concerns that they have experienced. Derek and Allan also undertook decoration and restoration in the church buildings (please see Allan's report). Teams of people continue to come in to clean the church. We are much blessed.

During the whole period, Colin continued in his role of Treasurer, Norma as Planned Giving Adviser, Val as our Safeguarding Officer and Allan as Maintenance Manager, Acting Verger and Health and Safety Officer; Maria kept the admin side of St Wilfrid's going, even after she was appointed to her new post in Emsworth. Elaine's dual role as Electoral Roll Officer and Secretary to the PCC ensured that she too was kept very busy and we thank her for all that she continues to do.

Our eco group has continuously supported us in discovering ways and means to enable us to work together to protect God's amazing creation – globally and locally; our grateful thanks to all members of that team too. We are also grateful to all those people and the others who stepped up to take on roles and responsibilities behind the scenes.

As well as through social and fund-raising functions, our outreach continues through the very popular Toddler Groups on Wednesday and Friday mornings and Bob and Sharon and Clive and Sue have worked with a great team of assistants; we have met families from Toddlers at Messy Church, at special services and at social events.

Messy Church has extended its programme to include even more topics relating to outdoors and eco projects. Messy Church membership includes families who come to other services, as well as people for whom it is their main church. Our sincere thanks go to Lesley and the whole Messy Church Team.

During the vacancy and still continuing, a number of families and others attend the twice monthly Community Coffee Cup at Westbrook Hall, though it tends to be just adults who attend Tea and Lovely Cakes and Warm Spaces at St Wilfrid's. Again, we express our gratitude to Val and Dave and the teams at CCC, Brenda, Sarah and Sonia at TLC, and Brenda, Margo and Martyn at Warm Spaces and all the many, many other people who lend a hand (or two!) who provide hospitality on behalf of us all, to those who come to these social groups.

Our Fundraising Spring and Christmas Fayres took place again this year, with our thanks going to the organisers, including Jo and Niall, and those who supported them by manning stalls, arranging refreshments, welcoming on the door, and raffles. In addition we had a number of Centenary Concerts organised by Steve, Sonia and a small dedicated team, the proceeds of which enabled us to donate to the church as well as significant sums going to the RNLI and other national and local charities.

Pastoral Care, including Home Communion continued and so did PRAYER. Prayers for the vacancy were included at every service and had their own "slot" on Tuesday Mornings on Zoom.

Our Trinity Windows have gone for restoration and we shall look forward to their return at the end of February 2024; in the meantime we are enjoying Sonia's temporary installation of windows depicting the life of St Wilfrid. Not every church is blessed with an artist in residence, as we are.

We give thanks to God for His response to our prayers.

Steve was in hospital in the summer and Jan in the winter – in these cases we give personal thanks for everyone's prayers and for God's gracious response to them.

It has been a period of "life in the fast lane" but we look forward to a relatively peaceful time as we discover more of God's plans for St Wilfrid's and our roles in them, as we support Chris and his family, and the whole family of St Wilfrid's Church, in the coming months and years. Thank you for the privilege of having been a part of this Church in recent months.

Jan Smith and Steve Day, Churchwardens.



Ministry Team Report for the APCM

January 2023 until September 2023.

The ministry team met monthly on 1st Thursday each month. The main topic of these meetings was to discuss the service rotas and anything problems which we encountered which might impact on the smooth running of the church during the interregnum.

We invited the wardens, Jan and Steve to our meetings so that we could support each other during this time, by listening to each other's concerns and praying into any of the situations in which we found ourselves.

We are grateful for the support of the following people who came to help us fill the rotas during the interregnum.

Revd. Sandra Beavis, who took on one midweek service every month.

Revd. Judy Henning who came for one midweek service.

Revd. Michael Beaver for presiding and preaching at 9am

Revd, Max Millett, Revd. Nick Ralph, who both presided and preached whenever the need arose, often for both morning services.

From the ordinands,

Jan Fuller, Kevin Jones, Polly Honeychurch, who kindly preached for us, some on more than one occasion

Rev Ruth Loveman

September 3rd 2023 – the date of my licensing up to now. The first thing to mention is how grateful I am to all those who went out of their way to make me feel so welcome and so quickly becoming part of the church family here at St. Wilfrid's church. Secondly, thank you to you all who did so much during the vacancy, which includes the ministry team here and to all those who do so much to enable the life of St. Wilfrid's church in all its varied and many ways. When I started the ministry team met once a month. This changed back in November so that we could gather together every week. On Tuesdays we meet as a team and that team is Clive, Ruth, Julie, Derek, Elaine, Kate and myself. We pray for each other, talk, fill out rotas, drink coffee or water, study the bible in which we are focusing on Mark's gospel and discuss matters concerning ministry. I have felt very blessed with this change and my hope is that the team feel valued and supported.



Thirdly, I witness the gentleness of God's Holy Spirit within the ministry team at this time. Already I have witnessed tears and laughter, sorrow and celebration, challenge and support. Gentleness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit which shows me and hopefully others that we are moving together as one team. However, that team has changed throughout my time already. We will welcome Polly Honeychurch as our third curate into the team who will start later in 2024 as an assistant curate but we also said farewell and goodbyes to Reverend Clive and Sue Williams during February. Personally, I have felt so blessed in knowing them both for a short while and I know here in church just how much they have blessed each one of us throughout the many years of inspirational ministry support, challenge, prayerfulness and loyal service.



Fourthly, over my many months of being installed as priest in charge here I see people's generosity in the way they give their time, energy, effort, resourcefulness and so on to God's kingdom. I have seen God through the action of the ministry team whether that's hospital visiting, bereavement visiting, visiting people in their homes, art group, funerals, baptisms, special

services, schools work, Christmas events and so much more. My hope for the team in the future is to continue to be guided by God, to ministry in his kingdom, to find opportunities to grow and strengthen our life together and to explore how best to lead and serve the church here at St. Wilfrid's. I close with these words from 1 Peter 4:10: *'As each one has received a special gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.'*

Reverend Chris

March 2024

Curate Report

I was on leave from 'obligation and responsibility' for the majority of 2023 (maternity leave) but not on leave from being part of the church family and community.

I want to thank you all for loving us, encouraging us, challenging us and spurring us on during this time as we would anyone else who is part of the church community.

Thank you all for welcoming me back in a leadership role in November 2023. This is an exciting time for us as a family but also a sad one as my time at St Wilfrid's draws to a close. My license ends at the end of June 2024 (it should have been June 2022 but two maternity leaves gave me two years longer with you all).

We're currently exploring what next. I don't feel at this time in my life with a young family that I want to go into a Priest in Charge/Vicar role. God has given me a heart for children and families and parents to support and encourage them to catch who Jesus is and to journey with him in the everyday highs and lows of life.

In January I started a year-long national course called the Growing Faith Strategic Leadership Programme. Growing Faith, headed up by Lucy Moore, is the movement that exists to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church.

It involves churches, schools and households working together to help children, young people and families have life in all its fullness. My heart is especially for the household element, empowering and equipping parents to grow faith in the everyday home environment.

I'm currently exploring what this might all look like in terms of a job.

We're also looking for somewhere to live, a school for Noah to attend as he starts in September this year and a church community that we can be part of. Please do pray for us as we discern these next steps.

We've all loved being part of St Wilfrid's. Thank you for all the ways you've loved us all. I've grown in so many ways since I joined you all back in June 2018 and I'm so grateful to you all for the part you've played in that. We will all be sad when it is time to say goodbye. St Wilfrid's is such a special place.

My prayer for you all is that you would know you are loved unconditionally by a God who doesn't have favourites. I pray that you would continue to grow in love for him, for others and for yourself and pursue his Spirit wherever and however it might take you.

Rev Julie Jackson

Assistant Curate Report

On the 20th of March 2024 I will have been an assistant curate at St. Wilfrid's church for two years. The time seems to have gone by very quickly. Rev. Ian Snares was

initially my training incumbent, then when he left, Rev. Canon Karina Green became my supervisor and now Rev. Chris Spencer is my training incumbent. We've been through an interregnum, Rev. Julie Jackson is looking for a new post, Rev. Clive and Sue Williams have left and Polly Honeychurch will be joining us as an assistant curate at the end of June. Life is certainly not dull at St. Wilfrid's!

But the best part of being at St. Wilfrid's is all you lovely people. Thank you for always being so encouraging and supportive. I must also express my grateful thanks to all those involved in any sort of ministry at St. Wilfrid's, much of it behind the scenes and out of the public eye. You are such an inspiration to the rest of us, thank you.

But most of all, I thank God for giving me this opportunity to serve and minister in the parish and community of Cowplain. What a joy to serve in such a place and it is with great excitement that I'm sure we are all looking forward to what God has planned for the future. After all, mission is finding out what God is doing and then joining in.

Being an assistant curate, my focus is, by necessity, on my training and I have attended a number of training sessions during the last year. Some of the topics have been, moving on, holiness, generosity, giving, and stewardship, church law and church buildings. However, my training does not only take place in the classroom but is also 'hands on' in the parish.

Having been in an interregnum meant that I had many opportunities to minister, both as part of the ministry team and individually. I've enjoyed the challenge of preaching, leading and celebrating communion at the different services. During the past year I also assisted Rev. Ruth at a number of funerals and now have the privilege of conducting funerals on my own. I did a baptism at St. Cuthbert's church in Copnor and conducted a service at St. John's in Purbrook. I have been to Nightingale Nursing home a number of times with Elaine Andrews to see Anna Chaplaincy in action. Anna chaplaincy is such an important area of ministry, and it has been wonderful to see how people have reacted to the singing, the talks (which Elaine always makes so interesting) and the prayers. Matthew 25:40 says,

"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me."

It was also encouraging to see Julie being licensed as an "Anna Friend" in December and now taking on a greater role in helping Elaine.

Most probably the biggest challenge for me has been doing the schools work in the absence of an incumbent. I had only done a few school assemblies assisting Rev. Ian and then all of a sudden, there I was, facing all those school children (a few hundred) on my own at both Padnell Infants School and Padnell Junior School. Having grandchildren certainly helped! However, the participation, interaction and inquisitiveness of the young boys and girls was a reward in itself. This certainly stretched me, not only spiritually but, at times, physically as well! I also had the privilege of conducting a Christmas service for the Infants school and easter services for

both schools.

In addition, I attended ministry meetings, deanery synod meetings, chapter meetings, church warden's meetings and lit meetings, as well as doing a certain amount of pastoral and hospital visiting.

It is my prayer that all of us will, in the coming year, run with passion into His abundance so that we may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called us to fulfil and wants us to discover.

To God be all the glory.

Rev. Derek Johnston

Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) Report

During the above period, I have preached at the 9am service 10 times. I have led the 11am service 6 times and have preached at 11am service 9 times.

I feel very privileged to have had this ministry at St Wilfrid's Church as many LLM's (reader) are not afforded that privilege at their home churches.

I've also been involved in many other areas of ministry, Sunday Club, Pastoral Care, Community Coffee Cup, Prayer Ministry, Home Communion and Anna Chaplaincy.

In January this year I reached the age at which I had to make a decision, whether to remain as an LLM (reader) with Permission to Officiate (PTO) or to relinquish my licence. After much prayer and discussion with Revd. Chris Spencer, I decided to accept PTO status. I have also decided that my main area of ministry should be as an Anna Chaplain, so you won't see as much of me leading and preaching at services.

The Anna Chaplaincy is such a vital area of ministry in the community and it is where I want to use my energy most, please refer to the separate Anna Chaplaincy report for more details of this area of my ministry.

I thank God for all the support and encouragement I have received in the last 20 years, that I have been a LLM (reader), at St Wilfrid's Church.

Elaine Andrews



Pastoral Care Report for APCM

Pastoral Care and Home Communion

The Pastoral Care Team has received very few "formal" referrals, but members of the team have attempted to be aware of the needs of individual members of our church and have responded accordingly.

During 2023, 35 visits by lay members of the church were made to people in their homes or care homes for the purpose of sharing Holy Communion. There have been several more visits so far this year. This is a ministry that offers a sense of great privilege to those who represent the church and is much appreciated by those who receive the sacraments.

Jan Smith

Pastoral Assistants

As reported at the last APCM, the Pastoral Care Team has been greatly diminished, with a lot of the original team needing pastoral care themselves.

We have met we together, incorporating with the Strategic Development Team (People).

Several of the team met with Revd Chris Spencer recently. To talk about how best to support the pastoral care needs within the congregation and are hoping that a new model might be developed soon.

We acknowledge that pastoral care happens informally through groups of friends meeting and supporting each other, home groups/connect groups, through hospital visiting, TLC, CCC and many other ways.

I still hold the Pastoral Care phone and this has been very useful for anyone to contact us when there have been any pastoral issues, although these contacts have been very few and far between.

My prayer is that each person at St Wilfrid's will feel cared for, as Jesus, the shepherd, cares for his flock.

Elaine Andrews – Leader

Anna Chaplaincy

Bishop Jonathan made care for older people one of his two main priorities, in his presidential address at the April 2022 meeting of our Diocesan Synod, aiming to create a network of Anna Chaplains across the diocese.

The plan is to have an Anna Chaplain in every parish, benefice and cluster in our diocese. They are named after Anna, the widow and faithful older person who – together with Simeon – recognised the infant Jesus as the Messiah in the temple at Jerusalem.

The Anna Chaplain for St Wilfrid's is Elaine Andrews. Elaine was licensed as an Anna Chaplain in November 2022. Julie Brown supports Elaine as an Anna Friend. Sadly, just after Shirley Rumgay was licensed as an Anna Friend too, she passed away. Shirley was helping Elaine at Woodlands Nursing Home and was well loved by all there.

Anna Chaplains minister to older people in the community. These may be older people who have a faith, little faith or no faith at all. Elaine visits the Borrow Centre (Age Concern) lunch club and also helps at their Social Afternoon.

Along with Julie, Elaine also visits Nightingale Court Nursing Home, Woodlands Nursing Home and we are about to start visiting Bayith Rest Home. We take a service once a month at each of the homes and always conclude by praying for each person individually, if they want us to.

The visits seem to be valued by all

In 2023 Elaine lead the Remembrance Day Service at Age Concern too.

Elaine Andrews

Bereavement support group

The group is led by Revd. Ruth Loveman and Mrs Shirley Henley.

The purpose of the group is to provide a time and space for anyone who has been bereaved to come and meet with others who are experiencing similar feelings, supporting each other through talking and listening and working through their grief. Those who attend really appreciate this time which is in complete confidence, and things spoken about are not discussed outside the meeting.

The group continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month in the upper hall at 2pm. The numbers attending fluctuate month by month as the needs of those attending vary. Usually in single figures, these people are from within the congregation and from outside of the congregation.

We consider this to be a worthwhile support group and are ready to support anyone who wishes to attend. You do not need a special invitation, you can contact the office to say you are coming or just turn up on the day.

Revd Ruth Loveman. Group leader.



Safeguarding Report for the APCM

This report covers the time from September 3rd 2023 – the date of my licensing up to now. St. Wilfrid's takes safeguarding very seriously and it appears on every PCC meeting alongside a safeguarding report from both Reverend Chris and Val Strutt (Parish Safeguarding Officer) as well as Val and Chris meet together on a regular basis.



The first thing to mention is how grateful I am to Val for all that she does as our parish safeguarding officer and for all the hard work she does within the role.

We can report that we are up to date with all our safer recruitment and are very grateful to everyone who has co-operated with us to achieve this result. We have also worked hard on the safeguarding dashboard and are pleased to say we have achieved 100% at level 3. We cannot be complacent however, as it is subject to constant change. and once again our thanks to you all.

Val, Reverend Chris and Sonia attended the Safeguarding Conference back in October 2023 and we heard from different speakers. The first keynote session was about thinking differently about safeguarding: Neurodiversity and church led by Ann Memmott and Fiona MacMillan. These two women were very inspirational as they helped us all to understand the Neurodiversity paradigm, on thinking differently about neurodiversity and safeguarding and being aware of safeguarding risks for neurodivergent people. The second keynote session was about from unconscious Bias to Conscious Inclusion led by Dawn Lewinson. This session helped us all to recognise what bias is and how it plays out, understanding the impact of bias and how we mitigate the effects of bias in our churches. We split into various sessions during the morning and afternoon. As part of the conference, we heard about the new diocesan spiritual abuse guidelines. The document is needed because of the recent (December 2021) spiritual abuse guidance and so our diocese has considered the national guidance and put it into the local context. The working group recognises that the term spiritual abuse is a growing subject.

Val continues to go to safeguarding meetings either online or in person or on a webinar which discusses a range of safeguarding issues. In November the PCC updated our safeguarding policy, which is in place and follows the Diocese of Portsmouth guidelines. In November we updated our Safeguarding policy statement, as well as our ex-offender's policy and adopted the domestic abuse policy.

We all have safeguarding training for the various roles we do in our church. Reverend Chris has completed some of that training since his arrival and Val and Chris go through the training log to make sure that everyone is up to date with their training in this area of ministry. When it is required to update ourselves with safeguarding training, please let Val or Reverend Chris know that you have completed that particular course.

Alongside training is we need leaders and helpers for various roles within the church and we regularly require DBS checks. Val and I also complete the safeguarding dashboard which helps us to review and record safeguarding issues.

I end with this prayer

Lord,

Look with favour on us your children,

We ask for your tender care,

That you uphold us as we become Christ's witnesses in our world.

Allow us to create an environment where both children and adults can flourish and minister to each other in a spirit of light, love and joy.
We remember those who have been hurt and those who are hurting so that they may know your healing source of strength.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reverend Chris
Val Strutt

March 2024



General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Report for Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 21st, 2024

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are a legal requirement but the appetite for compliance at St Wilfrids is very low. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) accept we are not currently compliant.

As a PCC we have a duty to protect all data we hold relating to not only our internal teams and people but also external people who share their data with us for any reason. Any loss or breach of data will result in a reputational damage and loss of confidence in our church to manage data. Should this occur, it is likely to have a significant impact at a personal level for those data has been compromised, for example identity theft.

Currently we do have:

- We have agreed data consent forms available to all for:
 - o Childrens groups
 - o Adults attending church and church affiliated groups
- A privacy notice which is available on the website

There is currently a database holding permissions (created in 2022) for all those who have provided data consent forms however this is now eighteen months out of date. We also have the beginnings of a data inventory log. To complete this we need to understand where our data is held.

There has been no action towards compliance during 2023.



Havant Deanery Synod report for the APCM

This report covers the time from September 3rd 2023 – the date of my licensing up to now.

The November meeting took place on Thursday 16th November at 7:30pm at St. John's Church, Rowlands Castle. The meeting started with pray and worship led by the deanery band. A brief welcome was given including our new priest in charge Reverend Chris Spencer.

The main focus of the meeting was the Eco-Church presentation by Will Hughes and Rachel Houlberg. We were reminded that we as Christians are stewards of God's creation (Genesis 1-3) so we are to love, value and protect what God has made. More recently the Church of England in 1996 introduced the 5 marks of mission in which a priority for the church is to look after the world. The resources are based on AROCHA see website for more information: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>. The awards are from diocesan level to parish level and go from Bronze, Silver and Gold in which all churches will now be told that they must work towards. St. Wilfrid's Church is on silver award. There are three questionnaires to fill in. The main questionnaire covers 5 categories. These categories are Worship and teaching, buildings, land, global engagement and lifestyle. The hope is that churches will be carbon neutral by 2030. There has been national church funding increase to £30 million to give out grants to help out churches based on the questionnaires.

There was some brief news about the Deanery was that two areas have gone into vacancy Rowlands Castle with BCI and Hayling Island. The synod prayed for them. Next was the Diocesan news which focused on SMII projects which have been or about to be applied for and our deanery has applied for Berewood Pioneering post and Horndean.

At the church meeting we acknowledged the debate on LLF and we prayed for the situation especially for unity, God's grace and help in guidance for the future.

The previous Deanery Synod took place at Christ Church, Portsdown Hill on 21st June. Canon Dr Anthony Rustell, the Diocesan Director of Ministry and Mission gave a presentation on how to make training that enables all people to grow in vocation and discipleship. Commissioned Ministries (e.g., Pastoral, Anna Chaplains), could be taught in, eg, eight weeks.

Licensed Readers, Pioneer Ordained Ministers can be trained more flexibly.

Commissioned: Ministries discerned In the Parish. Training through the Deanery that enables people to be commissioned to their Parish. This has been done in the Isle of Wight and Petersfield Deaneries.

Non-Commissioned, e.g., Servers, Choir and Band members, those who read and lead Intercessions, Flower Arrangers, Vergers etc. How could these people be supported?

Lay Readers, Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA), Lay Worship Leaders (LWL) Lay Preachers (LP) and Anna Chaplains.

The March Synod was very much taken up over the last 3 years, with discussions on the issues of potential reorganisation of the way churches work together, with the aim of providing both better missions, and more efficient mission, given shortages in clergy numbers and resources faced across the Church nationally and locally.

Deanery Synod representatives: Reverend Chris, Reverend Derek, Reverend Julie, Elaine Hoey, Catherine King

March 2024



Health & Safety Report

1st January 2023 – 1st March 2024

The PCC reviews and approves the St Wilfrid's Health & Safety (H&S) Policy each January; a copy of the policy is on display in the Church Foyer.

During the period 1 Jan 23 – 1 Mar 24 I received nine Accident Report Forms, eight of which were raised on children who had fallen over toys or ran into doors etc whilst attending the Toddler's Group. No further action was necessary on any of the reports.

On 28 Apr 23 a member of the Havant Borough Environmental Health Department conducted a routine inspection of the kitchen. There were no issues raised by the inspecting officer.

The contents of the First Aid boxes situated in the vestry, rear of the church, kitchen, and upper hall kitchenette are checked every March to ensure the contents are in date.

An annual assessment of the fire risks in the church and halls is conducted every March. The assessments (12 in number) are kept in the Fire Log / Risk Assessments / Test Certificates Folder.

I am not aware of any other H&S issues.

Allan Brawn
H&S Officer

Fabric & Maintenance Report

1st January 2023 – 1st March 2024

The following improvements and maintenance have been undertaken during the period 1 Jan 23 – 1 Mar 24:

- In January 2023 woodworm was discovered in some of the cupboards in the choir vestry. Following an extensive wider survey involving the church architect, Tim Sage, there were signs of woodworm in the old sanctuary, namely, in the priest's stool and the back of the smallest pew. All affected areas were treated with a woodworm killer; the badly affected cornice at the top of the robe's cupboard and the long cupboard above the altar frontal box were removed and destroyed.
- There has been a problem for many years with dampness in the priest's vestry which has got worse over the last two years. Following discussions and visits by the church architect, the following has been undertaken to try and alleviate the problem:
 - A 7m long, 200mm wide and 400mm deep trench has been dug in front of the vestry wall and filled with pea gravel to act as a soak-away.
 - The Archdeacon approved the installation of a new 100mm extractor fan in the vestry. During this work, the defective extractor fan in the vestry toilet was replaced and the obsolete wall mounted heater was disconnected and removed.
 - Plaster has been removed from the internal south facing and adjoining wall to expose bare brick, and a section of breezeblock has been replaced with house bricks. G&C Property Services (Southern) Ltd [they are a sub-contractor for the Diocese] removed two courses of brickwork approximately 1.5m long and cleared the cavity of debris and dirt to a depth of 200mm before inserting a damp proof course (DPC). Work remains ongoing.
- On 5 April 2023 the external protective glass on the centre Trinity window was shattered by an object. During its replacement it was seen that the stained glass in all three windows had bowed inwards at the bottom. On the recommendation of the church architect, Dan Humphries (Stained Glass Ltd) was employed to report on the state of the windows; this concluded that repair work was required to stabilise the stained glass and avoid a catastrophic failure. The PCC accepted his report and Dan was duly employed to carry-out the work identified in his report. On 2 Feb 24

the three windows were removed for renovation in his workshop, and in their place three murals, painted on polycarbonate by Sonia Passingham, were fixed.

- During September 2023 all external ground floor windows and doors of the church and lower hall were re-painted; renovation of the church main doors continues.
- I would like to record my thanks to Derek Baker for his advice and hard work in helping to achieve all the above.
- The upper hall carpet was cleaned in 2023; this was paid for by the Toddlers Group.
- Also, last September Milton Glass replaced two of the foyer's large double-glazed windows which had become badly fogged. Additionally, Mclean Carpentry replaced the rotten foyer cross passage and lady's toilet window frames with new bespoke frames and double-glazed glass units.
- In November 2023, a Stannah lift engineer assessed a problem with the lift, this resulted in the replacement of two defective relays which together with a call out charge was an expensive and unbudgeted event.

A variety of other tasks from cleaning out gutters and drains and sweeping up leaves to mending broken table legs and making repairs to the upper hall Velux windows have been completed.

Standard Maintenance Items

In addition to the above the following standard maintenance tasks remain extant:

- The (8) lightning conductors are tested every 2½ years, their next test is planned for May 2024.
- The fire alarms, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers are in date for their respective six-and twelve-monthly checks by Uni-Guard Fire Protection Ltd; the Maintenance Manager also checks them every two months.
- The two central heating boilers and the kitchen domestic hot water boiler are serviced every September by All About Gas Heating & Plumbing Services Ltd; a gas safety certificate is issued.
- The dishwasher and cooker are both serviced every February by Acorn Services; a gas safety certificate is issued.
- The lift is serviced every April and October by Stannah Lift Services Ltd.
- Our portable electrical items (currently numbering ninety-three) are checked every September by UK Safety Management Ltd.
- The organ is covered by an annual extended guarantee and is serviced every March by Makin Organs Ltd (Church Organ World); the church piano was tuned last April by Intune (Mark Mulholland).
- All external ground floor windows and the old sanctuary windows are cleaned every 3-months and the upper hall windows every 12-months.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have assisted me with the maintenance of the building and environs. A special thanks must go to Janet Andrews and John Hill: Janet recently stood down after more than twenty years of looking after the borders of the Memorial Garden and advising on what flowers and shrubs should be planted and then looking after them with tender loving care, and John who is also stepping down has kept the Orchard Garden neat and tidy for the last ten years. I am pleased to report that Helen Couper and Stan Hoey have taken up the gauntlet.

Allan Brawn - Maintenance Manager



St Wilfrid's
Cowplain

Planned Giving Report –

1st January to 31st December 2023

Dear Friends

I am the Planned Giving Organiser for St Wilfrid's Church. My duty to the church is to record the Regular planned giving and claim the Gift Aid which equates to an extra 25% on all donations made by taxpayers on behalf of St. Wilfrid's Church.

In order for Gift aid to be claimed on your behalf for the church. I would only need your name and address and for you to acknowledge that you are a tax payer. I do not need to see any proof of earnings or tax payments.

If you are not a tax payer and donate to the church, St Wilfrid's can still claim Gift aid against your spouse's tax, again I would only need their name and address and confirmation that they are a Tax payer.

Thank you to all who donate through planned giving to St. Wilfrid's Church and if we are currently claiming Gift aid against your donation. Please let me know if you No longer Pay tax.

If anyone would like to talk to me about planned giving, I usually attend the Sunday, 9 O'clock service and am in the hall until the start of the 11 O'clock Service. If I am not around, please give your phone number to one of the wardens and I will get back to you.

Norma White
Planned Giving Organiser

Parish Giving Scheme

Donations Received	£13,854.62
Gift Aid Received	£3,425.62
Total	£17,280.24

Regular Planned Giving Scheme –Including one off donations – Tax Payers	
Donations Received	£44,216.00
Gift Aid Received (includes 93p interest)	£11,054.93
Total	£55,270.93

Regular Planned Giving Scheme –Including one off donations – Non Tax Payers	
Donations Received	£5,155.00

All Planned Giving Donations received including Gift Aid are allocated to the General fund.

= Total **£77,706.17**

The number of planned giving members has decreased this year from 82 in 2022 to 72 members at the end of this year.

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)- Donations from the weekly collection plate

Total GASDS Claimed for year ending 31st December 2023	£8,165.77
Total Gift Aid received	£2,041.47
= Total	£10,207.24

This Donation is added to the General Fund giving a Total Including Gift Aid £87,913.41 (Last Year £95,924.07) Reduction of £8,010.66

Total of All Donations received	£71,391.39
Gift Aid	£16,522.02
Total	£87,913.41
Total Received for Year End 31st December 2022	£95,924.07
Total Reduction for Year End 31st December 2022 -	£8,010.66

Norma White
Planned Giving Organiser – May 2024

Music Group and Organist's Report

Music Group Report 2023/24

As a group, it has been our privilege to be able to lead the congregation in worship every Sunday throughout this year and over that period we continued to ask God to guide us on the best ways to assist people to worship him.

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians we are reminded that we should be;

“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.
Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord”
Ephesians 5:19

Our prayer for the coming year is that using the gifts that God has provided us, he will continue to lead people to sing and make music from their hearts to himself and that our worship will be acceptable to him.

There have been many highlights across the course of the year;

Outside of our normal service pattern we have had a number of special services throughout the year, including Chris' licencing, our 100th Birthday Celebrations with the Archbishop of Canterbury and our celebrations around Christmas and Easter.

It has been great to work more closely with David on some organ-music group collaborations for some of our joint and special services. I really appreciate the time that David has given and look forward to continuing this into the new year.

We had an opportunity this year to review our 'core song' list. Through this process has introduced a number of new songs to our congregations as well as reintroducing some songs that we have not sung in a while. We believe that with an extended core song list we have a great balance of songs that we can use throughout the year.

Despite the many highlights, we were, of course, shocked and saddened by the loss of one of our members this year on Christmas Day, Shirley Rungay. Shirley has been an integral part of the group over many years and I wish to acknowledge the huge contribution that Shirley brought to the worshiping life of the church across the full spectrum of our congregation. Her commitment over the years to both new and old styles on piano or organ across our Sunday services was immeasurable and she is remembered fondly and missed hugely.

I am very grateful for the continued support of Lesley, Mark, Sacha and Chris for the amazing gifts that God has given them and their prayerfulness as we continue to ask God to guide us in how we can help our wider congregation know more about and come closer to God.

Stephen Bolton.

Organist's Report

It has been my privilege to play the organ for 9a.m. Holy Communion services both before and since covid lockdown. During some combined services recently, such as at Christmas, we have combined organ and music group for some the "major" hymns. This has worked very well and as far as I know has been balancing successfully. Organ volume can be adjusted quite easily, so do let me know if you think this is needed.

Since covid the format has been for two hymns to be sung – one towards the start of the service and one towards the end, with the organ (or sound system) being used to play a hymn tune as background music at the Offertory. From time to time we have also sung the Gloria.

It is possible that the musical content will be increased in due course, with perhaps another hymn and/or music over Communion and/or a regularly sung Gloria. A case of watching this space!

The other task I undertake regularly is to submit suggested hymns for the following month. I try to choose reasonably well known, singable hymns, referring to the suggestions in the back of the hymn book, which are listed Sunday by Sunday according to the Church's year. The RSCM "Sunday by Sunday" magazines from previous years are another source; the Church is no longer affiliated to the RSCM so we do not receive these any more.

In addition to the sung hymns I look for a middle one as an organ "solo" (or sound system if there is no live organ), also two for the start & finish of services (four in all) as substitutes for organ voluntaries when needed.

My last job is to check my selections against my list of recorded accompaniments that we have in respect of those Sundays without organ and make changes if need be. Once this is complete my list is submitted to clergy/ministry team for vetting/making changes as they see fit!

David Wiseman

Worship Services report for the APCM

This report covers the time from September 3rd 2023 – the date of my licensing up to now. For me personally music is a key part of worship at St. Wilfrid's and to that end we have a volunteer organist who helps and our music group that leads our 11am service. It is so lovely to hear congregations singing and encounter the presence of God whatever the type of music being played live or pre-record, traditional or contemporary, individual musician or group of musicians.

Our Sunday worship services continue to be at 9am and 11am. The 9am is our weekly communion service using the white booklet setting for that service. In the future there will be more variety of liturgy focused on a particular liturgy such as Lent, Advent, Kingdom etc. My hope is to employ an organist to help at the 9am service.

The 11am is our informal worship which also covers informal communion, all age worship and our children's Sunday Club activities. Occasionally we have had joint services at 10am to celebrate something in the liturgical year such as Christmas, Harvest, Remembrance and my hope is that will continue throughout the year.

It has also been a joy in introducing other services throughout the year such as Armistice Day. It has also been joyful to have on occasion more reflective services in which occasionally I have joined the music group and played.

I also introduced during the year more bible readings so we now have an Old Testament reading, a New Testament reading and a Gospel reading to help us study more of God's word together.

My own thanks go to all those involved in all our worship services because each one of you do a sterling role in supporting, leading and serving whether that's at the back with the AV or bringing someone up for communion, leading our intercessions or reading our bible readings or playing music and leading our services.

In terms of our mid-week services this still continues on Thursdays at 10:30am and continues to grow with the amount of people attending. Again, like the 9am Sunday service (but without music) the midweek service continues to use the white booklet but moving forward will use a more liturgy focused on particular themes such as Lent, Advent etc. like the 9am service.

In terms of Life events by which the church now means baptisms, funerals and weddings. Since September the church has baptised two children but sadly not conducted any weddings. We have had around 10 funerals either at church or at a crematorium as well as interment of ashes in our garden of remembrance.

Welcoming/Sidespeople

We are most grateful for the team of people who take time to welcome the people attending church; more team members would be very much appreciated.

Jan Smith

AV Team Report 2023

The AV group consists of a small number of individuals liaising with the clergy/lay clergy to manage the creation of content (songs/liturgy/images/video) for each 11am service and for other 'special' services and events – Christingle, Nativity Service, Easter, Baptisms, Concerts, etc. throughout the year and ultimately the projecting of these elements during the service.

The laptop used for projecting the texts and images/video was replaced earlier in 2023 year although the projector is now several years old. The software used is from 2005 and we are actively looking at replacing the laptop and projector having previously tried some large flat screen displays in the church to get the congregation's feedback. This requires significant outlay and is not a decision that we will rush into as the current setup is workable for now.

The priority is to upgrade the audio which is suffering numerous issues and noticeably affects the ability of people to hear the service.

Significant progress to start addressing the issues and upgrade/replace faulty equipment has begun and changes and improvements will become apparent during 2024.

Steve Day



**St Wilfrid Cowplain
With Hart Plain
2023**

MESSY CHURCH IS

ALL-AGE



**CHILDREN CAN LEARN FROM ADULTS AND
ADULTS CAN LEARN FROM CHILDREN.**

WE ALL LEARN HOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER
AND TO LOVE GOD BY SPENDING TIME
TOGETHER, WORSHIPPING GOD TOGETHER,
BEING A MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP FOR
OTHERS AND LETTING OTHERS BE MODELS
FOR US.

Christ Centred, Creative & All Age, a Celebration with Hospitality

At Messy Church we are blessed to have such a strong and gifted team who are passionate about what we do. There are plenty of challenges thrown our way but we share a love for Jesus and are driven by our desire to share our faith with the families through actions and words. We're delighted that many St Wilfrid's Wednesday and Friday toddler families have become regular attenders at Messy.

We are playing our part in Eco Church and are committed to making sustainable choices in Messy Church, especially in developing an appreciation of the world that God created.

In May we held 'Messy Coronation', celebrating the crowning of King Charles and in October it was Messy Centenary to mark the 100th birthday of St Wilfrids. We look forward to another birthday celebration as Messy Church is 20 years old in April 2024.

Messy Church Team

Toddlers Annual Report 2023-March 2024

St Wilfrid's Toddler group meets in the Upper hall on a Wednesday and Friday morning during school term time. Ages range from new born babies to pre-school children. Our aim is to provide a welcoming, safe and social environment for the children, parents/grandparents or carers giving them the opportunity to meet each other, play with their children and to have fun whilst mixing with others.

It is run by an enthusiastic team of Church volunteers who interact and engage with the children and adults. These morning sessions are very popular and we see it as a valuable opportunity to build and grow our links with young families and our local community. Due to its popularity we use Eventbrite on-line to ensure numbers attending do not exceed our limit and we use our St Wilfrid's Toddlers Facebook group

to interact and promote church events. As a result we see some families attending Messy Church or Church a Sunday and this is an area we seek to grow.

Craft table sessions link in with the major Christian festivals Easter and Christmas.

October 2023 Toddlers helped decorate the Church the Centenary service.

November 2023 the team undertook a 2 hour Paediatric First Aid duty of care course in the Upper Hall.

December 2023 Clive and Sue Williams who had been involved with toddlers for a number of years stood down.

February 2024 Farewell Meal at Red Lion, Horndean for Clive and Sue.

The Toddler fund helps support the up keep of the Church and between January 2023 and March 2024 £1000 was transferred into the General Fund.

We are always looking to grow our team of helpers and if you feel God is calling you to this area of ministry please do speak to me.

We thank God for the building, for those on the toddler team who give up their time to help and for all those coming along to the sessions that they may not only enjoy their time with us but sense something of God's love for them.

Bob Wheeler

Sunday Club Report for St Wilfrid's church - APCM 2023 - March 2024

In 2023, Sunday club continued to run twice each month, with sessions led, planned for and taught by Deb Adam and Lisa Kernot. As well as assisting in the sessions, Elaine Andrews led Safer Recruitment .

In September 2023, Sara Bolton joined the team as an additional leader, and has assisted in sessions, and in both planning and delivering Sunday club sessions alongside Lisa and Deb.

In January 2024, Dan Jackson joined the team as an assistant. Natalie Pettit has also just completed her DBS process and will be joining us once she has completed the relevant online courses.

We have had on average 6-8 children attending each session, with some having as many as 10-12 children. In January 2024, our new Sunday Club rota did not continue running on the second and fourth Sundays of each month as previously. It will instead run on those Sundays when all-age worship services are not being held, which means that the dates when Sunday club sessions run will vary month to month but will typically be held on two or three times a month (excluding Christmas, Easter and the



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Summer school holidays). Families whose children attend Sunday club have been sent details of these changes of dates and arrangements.

Lisa Kernot



School Work report for the APCM

This report covers the time from September 3rd 2023 – the date of my licensing up to now. The first thing to mention is how grateful I am to all those who went into the various schools and respond to help our school community. It is great to see so many people getting involved in different aspects of school's work from listening to children read to serving as a school governor.



Since I have arrived, I have continued from what has gone before me and engaged now with the three local primary school of Padnell Infants, Padnell Juniors and Queen's Inclosure. I have had the delight of welcoming the children from both Padnell Junior and Infants to St. Wilfrid's, to learn about what the church is and about what happens inside them. They have come also for special services and for Christmas performances.



I also go into the three primary schools and deliver once a term school assembly on all various topics including caring for animals, Christmas, advent and on the theme of respect which is based on a Christian story from the bible and concluding with a prayer. There are a number of ways we could add onto this ministry alongside taking assemblies like supporting the RE curriculum, governance, going into class rooms, Prayer spaces, Open the Book assemblies etc. but we need people to build a school's work team to help alongside me as I can't deliver all of this on my own.



My hope for the future is to continue the excellent links with these schools and continue to build links with further primary schools in the local area as well as the secondary school at Cowplain. If we are going to be present in more schools than we need people to get involved in different ways such as being governors, leading assemblies, reading with children) and my other hope is for St. Wilfrid's church to be a place where children, young people and their families can encounter and deepen their understanding of faith in Jesus Church, be available to them by being there in our community and encourage every child, staff and parent who comes to church or the

church goes to them to experience something of God for themselves.

Reverend Chris

March 2024



School Work report for the APCM

As you will notice from my assistant curate's report, the biggest challenge for me during the past year was doing the schools work in the absence of an incumbent. I had only done a few school assemblies assisting Rev. Ian and then all of a sudden, there I was, facing all those school children (a few hundred) on my own at both Padnell Infants School and Padnell Junior School. Having grandchildren certainly helped! However, the participation, interaction and inquisitiveness of the young boys and girls was a reward in itself. This certainly stretched me, not only spiritually but, at times, physically as well! I also had the privilege of conducting a Christmas service for the Infants school and easter services for both schools.

My aim, during the interregnum, was to maintain the strong links between St. Wilfrid's and both schools, thereby building on the excellent work that had been built up in the past.

Reverend Derek March 2024



Social Events

100th Centenary Events Report

We prepared for the centenary by inviting the congregation to write down their ideas as to how we might celebrate our big birthday, and to pop their ideas in the building fund brick collection box. Danny and Lyn from the 11am service came up with the great idea that we should challenge ourselves to do 100 wonderful things in our centenary year.

We began with acts of kindness, taking gifts to every business in the parish. Sonia's artwork was chosen as our centenary logo and a large version was created for display on the front of the church. We served lunches, teas, fair trade breakfasts, and

Christmas Day dinners. We supported Havant Climate Alliance's warm homes campaign, held sales, picnics and Brenda & Sarah's wonderful dog show. We were treated to some brilliant music concerts, from dear friends Dragonfly, Achoired taste, Folks in Harmony and Deck & Fo'csle. We sang hymns, drank Pimms and prayed 100 prayers of thanksgiving. We held an exhibition of children's artwork called 'Down With Plastic' as part of Big Green Week, alongside a magnificent Arts Weekend. During Big Green Week we undertook a litter pick (in a heatwave☀) whilst our swishing and give & take event took centre stage at Havant's Green Harvest Fair. We walked the Cowplain Cow Trail, built a bug hotel, planted native flowers, installed bird feeders & bird boxes, spent most of the summer counting butterflies and achieved both our bronze and silver Eco Church awards. Elliott Bolton became one of our Eco Warriors and won a Blue Peter Eco Badge. Eco Warrior, Lilly Coats designed and made supersized greetings cards for the congregation to sign collectively as her contribution to our Silver Award. We dug deep to find photos, newspaper cuttings, magazines, books and objects of interest to create 'Memory Lane', an exhibition documenting 100 years of history and life of St Wilfrid, Cowplain. Messy Church held Messy Centenary, Messy Coronation and Messy Big Green Week...

and in our hundredth year we welcomed our new Vicar and his family woohoo!!☺

We received a visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury who celebrated communion in our building. Our Centenary Celebration Service on October 15th was attended by the Bishop of Portsmouth, along with past and present clergy and congregation and we cut and shared a huge celebration cake featuring Sonia's logo... and breathe!!

Parishioners of St Wilfrid Cowplain

Fundraising

Two Fayres were held in 2023:

- Easter Fayre 1 April 2023 – Profit £1017
- Christmas Fayre 18 November 23 – Profit £2094

Both events were well supported by volunteer helpers and a good variety of stalls with quality products were available. Without the on-going support of these volunteers the Fayres would be impossible to organise and run.

The attendance for the Easter Fayre was significantly reduced by the bad weather on the day – but those who did have an (reported) enjoyable experience.

The Christmas Fayre (the first under Reverend Chris' management) was a great success. Extra effort was put into advertising using all available media channels; for reasons unknown the Ratepayer was published with an incorrect date, but this only acted to highlight the correct date. We will look to improve our advertising exposure in 2024 in an attempt to widen our attendee appeal and bring more people into St Wilfrid's.

The Fayres continue to have two key components:

1. Outreach

Simply getting more new attendees into our lovely church (and then advertising our services and commitment to the community).

2. Fundraising

By offering quality at a reasonable price and stalls that attendees want to see.

The Fundraising Team look forward to seeing everyone (both volunteers and attendees) at the next Fayre on Sat 18 May 24.

Jo, Colin, Trudy & Niall
Fundraising Team



Connect Group Reports 2023/2024

Monday Evening (meet online) – Leaders Mark & Teresa Moncreaff

Our group consists of eight regular participants and we have been watching the series 'The Chosen' and studying these programmes with the aid of the accompanying study guides which have proven both very interesting and challenging.

We have so far completed The Chosen, Season 1 and are now studying The Chosen Season 2, again with the accompanying study guide, which we expect to complete around Easter. We have found the format of The Chosen to suit us as a group and plan to start on Season 3 after Easter.

The Chosen programmes are watched beforehand and we meet to discuss and share what we have seen. The study guides are very comprehensive and give some interesting facts and insights besides the supporting readings and questions. Generally the content for each episode is discussed over 2 weeks as there is usually far too much to cover in one session.

We meet generally every Monday evening (depending on shift patterns) and do so via Google Meet (similar to Zoom) since the account we use is not time limited.

We have also had two face to face 'socials' – one in summer and the second at Christmas to really 'Connect'!

Mark and Teresa Moncreaff

Tuesday Evening (in person) - Leader Denise Williams

We started the year with six people in our house group. We meet physically not online and that is our preferred option.

We have most recently looked at Romans, and then 'the bible course' – a Bible Society course with half hour of DVD to watch each session, taking an overview of the whole Bible with five weeks on the Old Testament, and three on the New Testament. With time left for discussion, prayer and fellowship. We are all enjoying this and finding it informative and helpful.

Sadly our house group is ending at Easter. One of our members died at the end of last year and two more will be moving away in the spring. The three remaining members are therefore available to join another group after Easter if there is any availability.

Denise

Tuesday evening (meet online) – Leader Elaine Hoey (with help from Jan Smith)

This group began in Lent 2021, as due to successive lockdowns and people being unable to meet in person, some of us felt that it would be really good if people could meet via Zoom. Once the Lent Study was completed, those who were able, continued to meet on Zoom.

A group of seven of us have done many studies, including one on Peter, written by Jan Smith; more recently we have learned lots about Women in the Old Testament.

We pray together and enjoy fellowship as we chat about all sorts of things – some of them related to our studies.

We meet in person for breakfast at Barnards, at least once a term. Something that we all look forward to, and enjoy.

Elaine Hoey

Friday afternoon (in person). Led by Sonia and Graham, Chris, Marion, Judith, Brenda and Sarah.

During 2022 we had begun to take turns to host our midday meetings and are continuing to share lunch and a wide variety of seasonable Bible studies, prayer and hymns. Occasionally other members of the group take a turn at leading and we all feel a strong commitment to our small Family group.

Sonia. March 1st. 2024

Community Coffee Cup

APCM Report - 2023/2024

We find meeting 2nd and 4th Saturdays is easier for us to have enough volunteers. We have lost a few volunteers this year but we do now have Jane back again. Looking to the future I think we will have to ask for more volunteers to come forward. Amongst our visitors, we average about 20 adults each time, mainly people from the community, and a few children. We do need to build up our numbers of families.

We were given a grant of £150 from County Councillor Prad Bains to buy some more leaflets and posters, toys and refreshments. Prad has just agreed to us having another grant of £1000. This will enable us to work in partnership with Y Services for Young People. From this grant we will help to resource two youth workers who aim to bring pop up activities on the green, subject to permission from the council. This will be monthly from April to September as they are outdoor activities. We can then evaluate how it went and may repeat next year if possible. It will be good to welcome young people and families and work in partnership. Y Services have identified a need for helping young people in the Westbrook area.

Our rent has gone up £1 per hour but we still wish to provide a free service, being a blessing to the Community. So we are grateful to those who help us to continue.

We celebrated our 10th birthday on Feb 10th and welcomed Paul and Margaret, and Cynthia and Patrick, whose vision it was to start Community Coffee Cup. In the evening we held a fundraising Fish and Chip Quiz at St Wilfs and had over 80 people, raising over £400 (after expenses) We had a lot of positive feedback from people within the community and church. Our thanks to Tony as quizmaster. We have been asked "When is the next one!!!"

As always our thanks to the amazing volunteers who give up their Saturday mornings to bring a real sense of wellbeing into the community, and most importantly, we thank God for all His blessings which have allowed us to continue.

Dave and Val Strutt.

Parish Upper and Lower Hall Report for APCM

During term-time, our Upper Hall has been regularly used in the mornings by our own Toddler Groups and a dancing school. Both our art groups, SWAG and Want to Paint used it in the afternoons, as did two Pilates groups. After school – we had two Rainbows and one Brownies group.

Two Saturday mornings a month, it was used by Havant and Waterloo Child Contact, and Sunday Club took place on the second and fourth Sunday mornings.

Our Lower Hall was used on Tuesday mornings by Weightwatchers and on Tuesday evenings (term-time) by a second Brownies group. We also hosted Guides on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The Tuesday Guiding group has only just started using our halls and we were delighted to welcome them.

During the winter months, our Thursday Holy Communion services were held in the Lower Hall, followed by teas and coffees as well as Warm Spaces. We try to keep this hall free on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for Funerals; at various other times in the week both halls are needed to be available for cleaning. Another requirement was to ensure that Messy Church could take place every second Thursday in the month during term-time. This is made easier by its taking place on the same day as Holy Communion and PCC meetings.

The Lower Hall has been in full use on Sundays, both for teas and coffees after the Church Services and by TLC on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons. I am surprised by the number of party requests I receive for the use of this hall on Sunday mornings!

Our halls were also used for parties, rehearsals, concerts, a King Charles Coronation party, a 'Thanksgiving for the life of Vicki Turner', a Centenary Garden Fete, Hymns and Pimms, and external events, as well as our own Spring and Christmas Fayres. Other social and fundraising concerts, quizzes, PCC 'Away' Day, etc. all took place here. Our gardens even held a Dog Show. In prior years our Lower Hall has been used for Lent Lunches and Lent Courses.

We celebrate the use of our halls, our contact with the users – and the income they bring.

Elaine Hoey

TLC Report for APCM

After church on a Sunday, the afternoons can be very lonely and so Vicki Turner started TLC (Tea and Lovely Cakes) on every other Sunday afternoon during the winter months. Sadly Vicki died in 2023 after a long illness. Talking to her I had asked if we could restart this and Vicki was delighted and came herself to see us all with her husband John. Since her death, Sarah Canham and I have run the "Club", Sarah being the cake maker (we only have home-made) and quiz master. A voluntary donation helps to pay towards the cakes. We also have a game for all each meeting. Many of our house groups have helped by serving teas and chatting. The laughter is amazing and we now run this, fortnightly, all year round for between twenty and thirty people. We hope that Vicki is looking down on us and laughing too.

Brenda Mizen (St Wilfrid's) and Sarah Canham (St George's Church)

Warm Spaces Report for APCM

Warm Spaces started this year at the beginning of November and ended at the end of February, though as I speak we feel as if we should have carried on for another month as we are back in cold weather!

This year we have had many offers of soup makers for each Thursday. This has meant that we could offer a choice of three different home-made soups each week with rolls and butter and a cup of tea. We have had a clientele of about eighteen each week, most of these from our church members plus a few from outside, which is what we hoped for.

Each day, a basket for voluntary donations is put out and so £426 has gone to the food bank over the four months.

Thank you to all our soup makers who have also helped to serve piping hot bowls of soup (many of our customers had one of each soup each week!) We also had a chat with all our clients and had many laughs. We will miss seeing them, but will look forward to November's Warm Spaces.

Brenda Mizen and Margo Farmer

Art Groups Report for APCM



Want to Paint 2023/Easter '24

A new year found us increasing our three terms from ten to twelve weeks each and, as always, trying out different media. It's easy to get into a rut and give ourselves too tight a rein but most rewarding when we cut loose, start experimenting and enjoying new challenges.

We suffered a great shock at the loss of our great friend and WTP secretary Gill last March-her blunt good humour and common sense, as well as her treasured friendship are still hugely missed. Thanks to our committee - Pam, Jane, Chrissy, Veronica and with Graham to audit our accounts, we march on.

We spent a wonderful day at West Dean College in the summer, enjoying the gardens and sketching the scenery, sheep and chicken. Lunch was pretty good too.

We shared the annual Exhibition with SWAG of course, this time in June which covered the weekend of Fathers' Day – maybe that's why our numbers seemed down. We look forward to an October weekend for the Exhibition in 2024 when folk come with Christmas present buying in mind.

On a personal note, I have been delighted that Lorraine who is a talented calligrapher has taken on the task of writing the names of departed friends in the St Wilfrid's Garden of Remembrance Book. It just doesn't seem right using a laptop for those cherished names so it's good to have her use her wonderful gift for us.

In February this year, members really enjoyed an afternoon recreating one of Van Gogh's landscapes with some pretty good results – another loosening up exercise!

We've had some requests to all go sketching at Staunton Park – but I think we'll wait until it warms and dries up a bit!

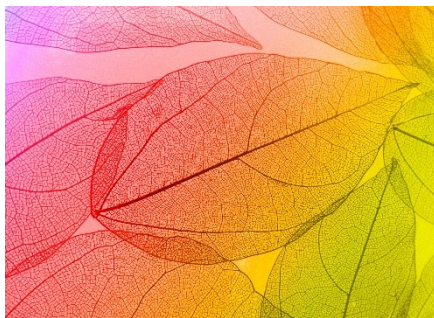
Happy Painting everyone. X

Sonia Passingham

Want to Paint:

Thursday 1.30 – 3.30pm St Wilfrid's Upper Hall- Welcome!

St Wilfrid's Art Group (SWAG) - APCM Report 2023-2024



We are still meeting in the upper hall where the light is better, and easier to heat. It also has the advantage of being still warm from the morning activities and the sun helps us to not so often need the lighting nor heating.

We have enjoyed visits from Liz Kelly who has instructed us in acrylics, inspired by Old Masters.. These were much enjoyed. Our own Sonia taught us about different watercolour techniques which served as a reminder to some of us who have been painting longer than we care to remember, and very useful to our newer members.

We experimented by trying to paint the same image of flowers in different mediums. It was interesting to see all the different interpretations.

We will be holding our AGM next week and will be inviting Rev Chris and our auditor. Grace our treasurer does an amazing job behind the scenes and we are very grateful.

If you wish to join us then do contact me. We are a very welcoming group to adults of all ages and abilities.

We enjoyed another successful art exhibition with crafts, which was a joint venture between SWAG and Want to Paint. We were delighted to be able to give £1000 divided between our two charities, St Wilfrid's Church and Unique. Unique is a little known charity which aims to provide support and information to families affected by rare chromosomes and gene disorders

We are currently working towards our next exhibition weekend 19th/20th October,. Please save the date!! It promises to be a great exhibition.

Val Strutt

SWAG Secretary



It's nearly four years since Lesley joined TerraCycle and began to prepare and install boxes for the successful recycling of waste products, otherwise difficult to process.
Much has changed!

Now it's easy to find supermarkets equipped to receive items like squishy plastics and sweet wrappers; at last everyone can take **personal responsibility** for recycling those while out shopping.

You must have noticed a different look to our re-cycling corner; we have introduced new blue recycle buckets for those items more difficult to re-home.

We're looking to introduce the capability of taking broken toys and games as part of the Hasbro Recycling Programme. Not only does this help families de-clutter crowded rooms but raises funds for schools and charities.

It's also been good to see visitors to the car park unloading unwanted clothes and shoes into the big mauve Heart Radio charity collection bin.

We have been delighted to host the Diocesan Eco meeting and hear stories from our neighbouring parishes.

In answer to a request made at PCC, a meeting with another solar panel installer was arranged between Lesley and Derek Baker, Allan Brawn and electrician Gary Baker. This was very useful and included the positioning of panels and battery storage. We now have costings and look forward to presenting plans to the Borough and the Diocese and pulling together to raise sufficient funds. Our next step means drawing a knowledgeable team together to move the dream on to reality. Please speak to Chris or Derek if you feel you can offer practical help and advice with this.

Eco Church: Thanks to Lesley's spade work and promptings we have been awarded both Bronze and Silver by A Rocha but would draw your attention to the diverse paths taken by A Rocha UK and The Church of England.

Our Money: Graham is currently researching our Carbon Footprint 2023 and suggests that we should check out <https://good-with-money.com/2024/02/19/top-5-least-ethical-banks-and-w> You may well be shocked.

Our Land : When the new estates were built on Hazelton Wood in the 1960s, bluebells and wood anemones were just two of our native wildflowers lost under concrete and tarmac. We look forward to re-introducing some of these plants in the green. Dave Strutt began forking over some shaded soil so that we can introduce suitable plants for those areas.

We're encouraging members to donate unwanted plants when they re-jig their gardens in preparation for spring.

There are about twenty REALLY useful and important responsibilities just calling out for someone, maybe a family, to take on-please do ask.

Elliott has received a Blue Peter Badge for his letter describing his Eco Warrior work, Lilly continues using her art work for us and Leah has been busy with Elliot creating some small new windows for the crèche area.

Our Cathedral is now Silver Awarded, has Solar Panels to its roof, and has formed a team of Deanery Eco Representatives, one of which I am delighted to say is our own Lesley who will be working with the team to work the way ahead.

You will no doubt have noticed and enjoyed the Fairtrade Breakfast and Spud Lunch, both supporting the Endangered Aisle's underlying message of the Climate Change dangers to the foods we take for granted.

Many blessings for your efforts to save water and power and for your recycling.

Don't forget that we're always open to your ideas for spreading the Eco Message!

Sonia, Lesley and the Team (Which is each and every one of us).



St Wilfrid's
Cowplain

IT Team Report

The IT team met on a few occasions during the past year to look at a number of IT processes.

We were required to change our Internet provider and so now have BT providing both our Wifi and telephone services.

During the year the team has provided the technical ability to live stream services on line using zoom. Our biggest challenge was streaming Chris's induction service where we integrated our church AV system with a multi camera and audio zoom meeting to a number of churches in Wales. We have also live streamed a number of funeral services.

We are part of the Diocese trial for digital giving and so you may have noticed the white digital collection tin being used at our services. We are also making more use of the digital Sum Up card reader at our events.

There is a long term plan to upgrade our 2016 website to bring it more in line with current website design and make it more user friendly with our modern types of digital devices.

Steve Day

Publicity Report

During the last year, the need to publicise our events at St Wilfrid's almost doubled with our parish profile, centenary plans and summer concerts.

Getting our message out to the community can take many forms from the simple A4 weekly notice sheet to producing video content for the parish profile and we try to utilise them all. During this year we have produced 2 25min videos, a full colour parish profile, numerous A3- A4 posters for display both in the church notices boards and the local area, targeted Social Media, Facebook and Website posts but also by word of mouth. So you all play an important part in informing everyone about our events.

If you are organising an event for St Wilfrid's please think about how you are going to tell everyone and what publicity content you would like produced for it.

If you want posters etc produced then, if possible, we would like an 8 week run in to your event which breaks down as follows

8-6 weeks before Initial ideas to produce and agree poster designs etc

6-4 weeks before Designs confirmed and sent to printers. Social media content produced

4- event Posters put out. Social media content posted

If you have any ideas for an event and it's publicity please don't hesitate to give the office a call and we will be glad to help you.

Steve Day

Website Report

Our church website which was created in 2016 is slowly undergoing revision to ensure the information is correct. The long term plan is to eventually give it an upgrade which will bring it more in line with current website design and make it more user friendly with our modern types of digital devices.

Maria and myself attended the diocese webmaster's training course during 2023 and having learnt a few tips have been able to apply them to the website.

With our new incumbent in place we will be looking to increase our stock of images for use on the site and to replace some of the current ones.

Steve Day

Mission Report for APCM

Ukraine Link

As mentioned in our previous Annual Report, our CMS Link, Alison Giblett spent time with us in December 2022 and since then we have kept in touch with her through weekly Zoom prayer meetings attended by Alison and others in Ukraine, as well as by people from other supporting churches in the UK. At the beginning of 2024, Alison went to Australia for a few weeks and we are delighted to know that she is likely to come to the UK with Pastor Valery and his wife Olga in April. The tragic situation in Ukraine continues and our prayers are valued for matters relating to the war and its victims; HOWEVER, mission and evangelism and support for the whole community continue in significant ways in Pastor Valery's church, The Tabernacle of the Living God, and we give thanks and praise as we pray for all the members of the many teams at TLG, who are very tired after such a long time of striving to do God's work – they are exhausted physically, emotionally and spiritually. Let's continue to hold them in our prayers. St Wilfrid's church members have responded generously to appeals made by TLG, especially in response to the need for money for a generator - to continue their role in supporting the community in Kyiv.

Our Missionary Partners

Please see the Treasurer's report on donations made to a number of Missionary Societies; these are, of course, in addition to donations made by individual members of our church.

The Leprosy Mission

On both Sunday Services on 26th March, Chris Strata from TLM talked about supporting communities where there is still a prevalence of leprosy, and £599.70 was donated to the Mission from St Wilfrid's members. £317 was received via TLM's 'Sum up'. £257.80 from our loose plate collection and the rest from two other donations.

Jan Smith

Sadly I only took the sum of £35.18 in Leprosy donations for the year 2023. This is due to the high cost of living, people feeling that they cannot afford to support, and also sadly people passing away.

There has been a new local manager appointed nearer to us in Southampton and her name is Gabby North who would very much like to visit us at St Wilfrid's.

Margo Farmer

Prayer Report for APCM

Day of Prayer

On the first Wednesday of each month, members of St Wilfrid's Church are offered resources which they might use during the whole day, or part of the day, as they spend time with God.

Connect in Praise

Parishioners are invited to come to St Wilfrid's for an hour once a month for an hour of informal Prayer and Praise.

Pause and Pray

A monthly ecumenical opportunity to pray for the many aspects of life in the Borough of Havant.

New Wine Celebration

During 2023 a number of Christians, mainly from our Diocese, and including a few from St Wilfrid's, met at the Church of the Good Shepherd for worship and prayer on the first Sunday evening of each month. This celebration will continue on a termly basis in 2024.

Morning Prayer

During lockdown daily services of Morning Prayer on Zoom were started. These services were reduced gradually to three times a week until they ceased at the end of November 2023.

During the time of our vacancy, Tuesday mornings focussed almost entirely on recruitment of our new Priest-in-Charge. We praise God that those prayers were answered so graciously.

Jan Smith

Prayer Cascade

Over the last year the prayer cascade has received many requests for prayer and also quite a few updates on requests. I don't keep count on the number of requests, suffice to say that there are several or more every month.

As soon as a request for prayer arrives in my inbox I send it out to the prayer cascade (sending Bcc) as soon as I possibly can.

Currently there are 62 people who receive the prayer requests. I am always willing to add more people to this list if they wish to be added.

Joy Day, Co-ordinator for Prayer cascade.



Christmas Day Lunch 2023 – Report for APCM 2024

Our most grateful thanks to the team, including:

Colin and Trudy, Chris, Emily, Chloe and Leah, Mark, Teresa and Bex, Charles, Sonia, Helen and Pat.

31 guests enjoyed a delicious 3 course Christmas lunch, followed by games and afternoon tea.

The event was fully funded by donations from the church family and from the team who provided, prepared, cooked and served all the food - and cleared away. One meal was delivered to a person in her own home.

Donations from guests enabled us to bolster the church's Christmas offerings by £227.80 for the Rowans and Sophie's Legacy.

Decorations were put up and taken down and Chris provided accompanying music to this happy event.

We are pleased that St Wilfrid's is able to offer this opportunity for people to come together year by year in celebration of Jesus' birthday and in fellowship with us all. A number of people present said they would like to come along again in 2024.

We thank the PCC for offering to underwrite the cost.

Jan Smith – a guest on this occasion.

Approved by the PCC 21st April 2024
and signed on their behalf by Rev Christopher Spencer (PCC Chairman)



Annual Financial Report and Statements

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid, Cowplain

Registered Charity No. 1130601

Year ending 31 December 2023

Financial Review

2023 saw a return to a more normal pattern of services after two years of Covid-19 adverse impacts; however this was not fully reflected in our finances. Additionally, much of 2023 was spent in a Vacancy/Interregnum and this negatively affected attendance levels for services, whilst unprecedented Utility price rises significantly increased overall expenditure.

Total receipts to the General Fund were £103,985 (a decrease of £13,365 or 11.4% on 2022), of which £87,155 (a decrease of 1.8%) was unrestricted voluntary donations, including £16,723 tax recoverable on the two forms of Gift Aid.

Planned-giving through blue envelopes, banker's orders and PGS was materially reduced (£8,493 or 12.4%) on 2022 - following a similar (albeit smaller) reduction in 2021, this is a worrying trend! Loose plate collections decreased by £164 or 2.8% on 2022 figures. Normal donations decreased materially by £1,120 or 26.3% on the 2022 figure, but there was an extraordinary anonymous donation of £1000 to cover the cost of advertising for a new priest-in-charge.

Income from hall lettings was £9,209, a decrease of £8 or 0.1% on the 2022 figure: In view of this, PCC agreed no increase in hire charges for 2024. Income from fees for funerals and weddings was £1751, an increase on 2022 of £71 or 4.2%. Aggregate gross income from the May and Christmas Fayres was £3111, a decrease of £1,588 or 33.8% when compared to 2022 - much of the reduction was due to bad weather for the Easter Fayre which adversely affected attendance, nevertheless, well done the Fundraising Team. Other Events in 2023 generated nett income of £1607 - there was no Event Income recorded in 2022.

£115,394 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Wilfrid's Church, an increase of £5,691 or 3.4% on 2021. This included fully meeting our contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share of £81,904 (that was the same as for 2022) which largely provides the stipends, pension contributions and housing for the clergy. [Note: The sum that the churches in the deanery must find is shared between them according to a formula that is based primarily on headcount (average weekly attendance) of the congregations, but also dependent on the relative assumed wealth of the whole parish population, ie not just the congregation.] The sum we must pay in 2024 is £86,000, an increase of £4,096 (or 5%) against 2023. [Note: The Diocese has promised to undertake a review of the Parish Share Formula in 2024 - the outcome is awaited with interest.]

The overall nett result for the year was a loss of receipts over payments of £10,909 in the General Fund balance at 31 Dec 2023 versus a gain of £8,849 in 2022. Nett change to aggregate balance on all Designated Funds (after income, expenditure and inter-fund transfers are taken into account) is an increase of £64,315 - mostly due to receipt of a legacy into the Legacy Designated Fund. The amount held in Restricted Funds remained static throughout the year at £27,136 (of which £22,000 is locked into the value of the Orchard Garden). The total nett increase across all Funds was £53,406 or 90%.

The balance carried forward at 31 Dec 23 on Unrestricted and Designated Funds was £107,794 of which £71,624 is held in the Legacy Designated Fund for approved projects and major maintenance items, £3,177 has been set aside for the Evangelism Fund (used, for example, to fund the Alpha and Restore courses), £16,756 for the Growth Fund (to be used to update and upgrade our Information Technology and Audio Visual capabilities) to better support our administration, services and any new mission initiatives which

hopefully will be enjoyed by existing members of the congregation and at the same time impress any visitors and those seeking a vibrant welcoming church to join and £695 for Community Coffee Cup. Any new/further projects may need additional specifically targeted fundraising, application for any applicable grants or be funded from the Legacy Designated Fund (subject to PCC approval).

Reserves policy

It is a longstanding PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on the Unrestricted General Fund which equates to at least three months payments on unavoidable (non-discretionary) running costs. Based on both the average monthly spend in 2023 and the 2024 Budget this would amount to some £27,450. This balance would smooth out fluctuations in cash flow (expenditure versus receipts) and meet emergencies, eg the lift requiring further major repairs without which the Upper Hall would be largely un-usable. The Unrestricted General Fund balance on 31 Dec 23 was £8,177, only 30% of target (down from 72% at 31 Dec 2022). Whilst the overall balance on all Funds at 31 Dec 23 was £134,930, £27,136 (of which £22,000 is the value of the Orchard Garden) or 20%, is held in Restricted Funds can only be used for their legally defined purpose, with a further 74% (£99,617) held in Designated Funds where the PCC has varying discretion over how the funds are expended. Therefore, the monthly management of receipts and expenditure in the General Fund should be regarded as “hand to mouth” where one month’s income is necessarily used to pay some or all of that month’s expenses. It remains the PCC’s intention to increase the General Fund over time. Scope for increasing income from investments are being investigated, especially from the legacy received in 2023. Going forward, the overall monthly situation of receipts and payments against the General Fund must be regarded as being in decline; any unanticipated material decrease in income or increase in expenditure will have significant consequences in both the short and medium terms.

A potential loss to the General Fund amounting to some £16,700 is projected for the end of 2024 – based on forecast further changes in utility prices and general inflation factors affecting everything we purchase. As always, we remain unendingly grateful to all who contribute to St Wilfrid’s finances, both through regular giving and in supporting our various fundraising efforts.

Charitable giving

Charitable giving through the church totalled £6881. This is equivalent to 6.6% of gross receipts to the General Fund income. This is an increase on previous years but remains below our target of 10%. [Note: This calculation only considers gross income to the General Fund. Additionally, no account is taken of either discounted Hall Rental Charges for users with charitable status or the Parish Share which directly accounts for some 79% of income.] Furthermore, if a nett income figure were to be used as the comparator (ie gross income minus the obligatory Parish Share) then the result is 31% of nett receipts.

**St Wilfrid's Church Annual Report for the year ended 31st December
2023**

**2023 Accounts
of the Parochial Church
Council of St Wilfrid's
Church, Cowplain**

Explanatory notes to the accounts

1. The accounts are being reported on a receipts and payments basis as agreed by the trustees at a full PCC meeting on 26th November 2015. The accounts are presented in accordance with guidance in the 5th edition of "PCC accountability" which conforms to The Charities Act 2011 incorporating SORP 2015.
2. A budget for 2024 is included in the accounts. This was accepted at the PCC meeting in Nov 23. All finance projections are based on the final figures for 2023 and/or known costs.
3. Assets are still declining and an expected big spend in the Growth Fund on a new audio-visual system will significantly reduce the holding in the bank accounts and therefore our overall liquidity.
4. The liabilities (£2,150) shown in the statement are due to transactions in the "Agency post boxes" (money that passes through the church bank accounts but must not be counted as church funds) that could not be completed in the financial year. The significant items are £1,211 owed to the Diocese for 2023 Q4 fees, £313 to the RBL Poppy Appeal, £175 to the Christmas 23 Appeals, £138 to Waterloooville Foodbank.

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts:						
Voluntary receipts	87,404.84	66,634.51	—	—	154,039.35	99,766.72
Income from church activities	4,962.44	793.65	—	—	5,756.09	4,918.77
Other trading activities	10,792.63	—	—	—	10,792.63	11,797.30
Investments	102.23	—	—	—	102.23	47.46
Other income	722.82	2,431.36	—	—	3,154.18	6,725.46
Total income	103,984.96	69,859.52	—	—	173,844.48	123,255.71
Payments:						
Raising funds	161.97	—	—	—	161.97	2,056.13
Costs of church activities	114,703.96	4,096.80	—	—	118,800.76	111,034.73
Other expenditure	527.74	947.8	—	—	1,475.54	4,313.12
Total expenditure	115,393.67	5,044.60	—	—	120,438.27	117,403.98
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	-11,408.71	64,814.92	—	—	53,406.21	5,851.73
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	500	—	—	—	500	7,688.63
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	-500	—	—	-500	-7,688.63
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	-10,908.71	64,314.92	—	—	53,406.21	5,851.73
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	19,085.76	35,302.37	27,136.10	—	81,524.23	75,672.50
Total funds carried forward	8,177.05	99,617.29	27,136.10	—	134,930.44	81,524.23

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
6430 : Land	—	—	22,000.00	—	22,000.00	22,000.00
6431 : Organ	(976.19)	1,356.19	—	—	380.00	380.00
Total	(976.19)	1,356.19	22,000.00	—	22,380.00	22,380.00
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : Barclay's Bank current account	(54,905.18)	126,094.30	8,723.49	—	79,912.61	30,160.12
6502 : Lloyd's Bank current account	61,381.86	(31,878.00)	(12,920.68)	—	16,583.18	13,013.65
6503 : CAF cash account	(5.00)	5.00	—	—	—	—
6505 : Virgin Charity deposit account	1,137.56	3,309.46	13,757.92	—	18,204.94	18,102.71
Total	7,609.24	97,530.76	9,560.73	—	114,700.73	61,276.48
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	2,150.29	—	2,150.29	2,132.25
Total	—	—	2,150.29	—	2,150.29	2,132.25
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
6601 : Loans received	(1,200.00)	(730.34)	1,930.34	—	—	—
Total	(1,200.00)	(730.34)	1,930.34	—	—	—
Net total assets	7,833.05	99,617.29	27,480.10	—	134,930.44	81,524.23
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	8,177.05	—	—	—	8,177.05	19,085.76
Designated - CCC	—	694.85	—	—	694.85	910.84
Designated - CommSupp	—	3,177.20	—	—	3,177.20	3,177.20
Designated - Cowtrail	—	191.33	—	—	191.33	191.33
Designated - Eco	—	1,417.19	—	—	1,417.19	760.18
Designated - Evangelism	—	3,842.16	—	—	3,842.16	3,994.68
Designated - Growth	—	16,755.66	—	—	16,755.66	16,755.66
Designated - LegDes	—	71,623.78	—	—	71,623.78	8,052.27
Designated - Toddler-2	—	1,796.51	—	—	1,796.51	1,341.60
Designated - Youth	—	118.61	—	—	118.61	118.61
Restricted - Larteh	—	—	138.23	—	138.23	138.23
Restricted - VDF	—	—	300.00	—	300.00	300.00
Restricted - WMgarden	—	—	4,343.20	—	4,343.20	4,343.20
Restricted - Whitbread	—	—	22,354.67	—	22,354.67	22,354.67
Total	8,177.05	99,617.29	27,136.10	—	134,930.44	81,524.23

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	<i>01 January 2023 31 December 2023</i>	<i>01 January 2022 31 December 2022</i>
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts:			
Voluntary receipts			
Planned Giving - Bank		45,978.00	51,101.00
Planned Giving - Envelopes		435	3,570.00
Other planned giving (PGS)		13,854.62	14,089.76
other voluntary receipts		—	418.79
Loose plate collections		5,781.11	5,945.27
Donations appeals etc		4,383.55	4,592.37
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		16,722.56	18,352.45
Non-recurring one-off grants		250	1,500.00
	<i>Total Voluntary receipts</i>	<i>87,404.84</i>	<i>99,569.64</i>
Income from church activities			
May Fayre		1,016.94	2,189.14
Christmas Fayre		2,094.11	2,510.01
Easter Lilies		—	30
Easy fundraising		100.16	189.62
Income from Events		1,751.23	—
	<i>Total Income from church activities</i>	<i>4,962.44</i>	<i>4,918.77</i>
Other trading activities			
Rummage sales etc		—	900
Fees for weddings and funerals		1,584.00	1,680.00
Church hall lettings - objectives		9,208.63	9,217.30
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>10,792.63</i>	<i>11,797.30</i>
Investments			
Dividends		—	47.46
Bank and building society interest		102.23	—
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>102.23</i>	<i>47.46</i>
Other income			
other income		444.82	1,016.33
Insurance claims		278	—
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>722.82</i>	<i>1,016.33</i>
Total receipts:		103,984.96	117,349.50

Payments:

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events

161.97

2,056.13

Total Raising funds

161.97

2,056.13

Costs of church activities

CMS Alison Gilbet

900

900

Advertising

1,091.34

143.67

Children & Youth Resources

—

29.2

IT Subscriptions

602.99

774.97

Portsmouth Foodbank

240

416

Parish Share

81,924.01

81,924.04

Assistant clergy expenses

87.88

692.78

Office manager

3,463.95

3,689.40

Working expenses of incumbent

98.24

—

Travelling expenses

114.57

104.4

Parsonage house expenses

206.77

—

Water rates - vicarage

86.04

286.28

Vicar's telephone

—

206.64

Education

14.78

36.26

Parish training and mission

364.85

17.93

Insurance

1,397.61

1,270.55

Performing rights license

538.28

485.32

Telephone

19

67.36

Organ / piano tuning

810

450

Church maintenance

2,237.50

1,768.67

Church Cleaning

4,812.40

4,484.20

Lift maintenance

960.53

230.48

Caretaker salary

—

1,950.00

Administration

301.62

239

Sacristy supplies

496.86

331.32

Printing

178.49

95.23

Hospitality costs

122.46

125.62

Stationery

328.56

—

Postage

12

14.68

Data Developments

150

150

Computer costs

—

84.99

Visiting speakers / locums

439.28

—

Electricity

5,192.08

2,200.67

Gas

5,762.55

1,900.27

Bookstall costs

—

176.1

Hall supplies

358.21

59.11

Phs supplies

35.23

406.06

Water-church/Hall

718.48

113

Governance costs examination/audit fee

50

25

Fire check

503.4

132

Electrical testing

84

83.99

Total Costs of church activities

114,703.96

106,065.19

Other expenditure

Miscellaneous expenses

527.74

1,581.31

Total Other expenditure

527.74

1,581.31

Total payments:**115,393.67****109,702.63**

Excess of Receipts: over Payments:

-11,408.71

7,646.87

Transfers to/(from)

500

1,201.68

Brought forward balance

19,085.76

10,237.21

Total carried forward balance**8,177.05****19,085.76**

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General - General fund	19,085.76	103,984.96	115,393.67	500	—	—	8,177.05
Sub-totals	19,085.76	103,984.96	115,393.67	500	—	—	8,177.05
Designated							
CCC - Community Coffee Cup	910.84	467.2	683.19	—	—	—	694.85
CommSupp - Community Support	3,177.20	—	—	—	—	—	3,177.20
Cowtrail - Cowtrail fund	191.33	—	—	—	—	—	191.33
Eco - Eco Fund	760.18	1,170.81	513.8	—	—	—	1,417.19
Evangelism - Evangelism fund	3,994.68	—	152.52	—	—	—	3,842.16
Flowers - Flower Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GM - Ground Maintenance (Formerly WMGF)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Growth - Growth Fund	16,755.66	—	—	—	—	—	16,755.66
LegDes - Legacy (Designated)	8,052.27	66,484.51	2,913.00	—	—	—	71,623.78
Organ - Organ fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restore - Church restoration fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robin - Robin Jones studies fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toddler-2 - Carers & Toddlers - 2	1,341.60	1,737.00	782.09	-500	—	—	1,796.51
Youth - Youth Work	118.61	—	—	—	—	—	118.61
Sub-totals	35,302.37	69,859.52	5,044.60	-500	—	—	99,617.29
Restricted							
Choir - Choir fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kitchen - Kitchen fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Larteh - Larteh fund	138.23	—	—	—	—	—	138.23
Legacy - Legacy fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Library - Library fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toddlers - Carer's and toddler's fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
VDF - Vicar's Discretionary fund	300	—	—	—	—	—	300
WMgarden - White memorial garden fund	4,343.20	—	—	—	—	—	4,343.20
Westbrook - Westbrook church fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whitbread - Whitbread fund	22,354.67	—	—	—	—	—	22,354.67
Sub-totals	27,136.10	—	—	—	—	—	27,136.10
Totals	81,524.23	173,844.48	120,438.27	—	—	—	134,930.44

Note: The Whitbread Fund Balance includes £22,000 for the purchase value of the Orchard Garden.

Charitable Giving 2023			
Source	Recipient	Amount	
Rev C SPENCER Induction + Centenary Celebration	Bishop's Discretionary Fund	879.58	
Church Funds	BRF - Christmas Collections	432.14	
Church Funds	Childrens' Society - Christingle	54.91	
Church Funds	City Hope Church - Ukraine Generator	1,922.60	
Church Funds	CMS - Alison GIBLETT	900.00	
Event	Dragonfly Cancer Trust	250.00	
Church Funds	Leprosy Mission	278.70	
Event	RNLI	250.00	
Event	Rosemary Foundation	290.00	
Church Funds	Tearfund - Collections 29 Oct 23	192.26	
Event	Traidcraft	102.00	
Church Funds	Waterlooville Foodbank	1,328.78	
	Total:	<u>6,880.97</u>	

Notes:

1. The Total figure does not take into account the discounted Hall Rental Fees charged to other Registered Charities, eg The Brownies and Girl Guides or to those on the Electoral Roll.
2. The congregation also made a significant but uncostered contribution to Samaritan's Purse in the form of filled Christmas boxes and in providing all the food and drink for the Christmas Lunch at no cost.

Receipts and Payments to the General fund (Budget 2024 calculations)

General Fund - Final Budget for 2024 (Using M12 23 & Actual Figures)

	2023		2024			2023		2024	
RECEIPTS (GROSS)	Budget	Actual	Basis	Budget	PAYMENTS	Budget	Actual	Basis	Budget
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>									
Planned Giving/envelope scheme	54671	46413	= 2023 Less	44163	Missionary and charitable giving	1300	1140	Budget	1140
PGS	14090	13855	= 2023 Actual	13855					
Gift Aid Income tax refund	18352	16723	= 2023 Less	16172					
Sub-Total	87113	76990	=Sum Above	74189	Parish Share	81904	81924	Actual	86000
Church collections	5945	5781	= 2023 Actual	5929	Clergy, organist and office manager	7650	4497	= 2023 + 40%	6295
Donations and appeals	4760	4384	Mid Point	4572	Cost of Raising Funds / Events	2300	144	= 2023 + 8%	156
Other voluntary receipts	300		Mid Point	150	Parish Training	100	380	= 2023 + 45%	550
Diaries	0		Zero	0					
Legacy	0		Zero	0	<i>Church running expenses</i>				
HCC grant	0	250	Zero	0	Cleaners & Window Cleaner	4900	4812	= 2023 + 10%	5294
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					Gas and Electricity	12500	10955	See Note 5	8000
Other income	950	723	Mid Point	836	Water rates	350	718	= 2023 + 5%	754
Easyfundraising	190	100	= 2023 Actual	100	insurance	1398	1398	Actual	1419
Easter Fayre	2190	1017	Estimate	2000	CCLI + RSCM	485	538	= 2023 + 5%	565
Christmas Fayre	2500	2094	= 2023 Actual	2094	other running/admin expenses	2000	1643	= 2023+10%	1807
Income from events	0	1751	See Note 8	0					
tea/coffee, other fundraising	0		= 2023 Actual	0					
<i>Other trading activities</i>					Church maintenance (incl Lift & Tests)	3700	4235	Budget	4247
Hall lettings	9200	9209	= 2023 Actual	9209					
Fees weddings and funerals	1945	1584	Mid Point	1765	Church/Hall running costs	1200	890	= 2023+10%	979
Recycling	0		Zero	0					
Investments	50	102	See Note 6	100	Miscellaneous	1000	428	= 2023 Actual	428
car park	0		= 2023 Actual	0					
Total	115143	103985		100944	Total	120787	115394		117634

2024 Projected Excess of Income over Expenditure: -16690

Notes:

- All figures are based on a prudent approach that disregards extraordinary and exceptional income and expenditure. Further, 2023 has been used as the base-year where appropriate.
- 2023 Actuals are based on M12 Actuals and known actual costs for 2024, eg Insurance and Parish Share. Where NOT an appropriate assumption, prudent estimation has been employed (at no additional cost!).
- The 2024 Parish Share has been confirmed as being £86,000, ie 2023 + 5%. The Diocesan review of the Parish Share Calculation Formulae remains outstanding.
- The Real Living Wage £12.00 ph (increased by 10% from £10.90 in 2023/24) has been used for salary costs (including cleaners) from 1 Apr 24.
- Utility costs are based on current information re rates and assumed consumption equal to average 2021-23 using the Utility Forecasting Model.
- The Maintenance Budget figure excludes items that it has been assumed will be funded from the Legacy Designated Fund.
- There has been no information re Events in 2024 to support a Budget entry, therefore zero income is forecast.

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Independent Examiner's Report – Year Ending 31st December 2023

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

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Andy Forbes

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My approach was to check the audit trail between the source documents and the Summary Trial Balance. To do this I converted the Detailed Trial Balance into an Excel file using OCR software to which I added and linked the Fund Movement by Type and Fund Receipts Payments reports as separate spreadsheets in one workbook which I have sent to the Treasurer.

Although this was a major exercise it enabled me to reconcile and cross reference the three files and highlight a random selection of entries in the Detailed Trial Balance that I agreed and cross referenced to the supporting invoices and expense forms.

Since completing my work, I have learnt that the Trial Balance can be downloaded as an Excel file as well as a pdf and this should make the work easier next year.

As Neil Blanchard noted last year there were no statements for the Virgin Bank Account. I understand they should be available next year as the account transactions are now held online instead of being recorded in a passbook.

I also noted that there are still several designated and restricted accounts and I wondered if any had been merged after Neil questioned the number of funds last year.

I could find no supporting documentation other than the reference in the 16 November minutes for the legacy of £66,484.51 from the estate of Ken Urry without which there would have been a deficit for the year of £13,078. The treasurer has informed me that he is aware of this shortfall which he projects to get worse if ways to increase income or reduce costs and expenses cannot be found.

I have not identified any discrepancies in the reports I was given apart from some apparent misallocations between Unrestricted and Designated Funds which I have highlighted in the combined workbook.

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Accounts



Annual Report and Financial Statements

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid Cowplain

Registered Charity No. 1130601

Year ending 31 December 2022

**Annual Report of
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St Wilfrid, Cowplain (Registered Charity No. 1130601)
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Administrative information

The parish of St Wilfrid is situated in Cowplain. It is in the Deanery of Havant, the Archdeaconry of Portsdown and the Diocese of Portsmouth.

PCC correspondence: c/o The Vicarage, Padnell Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO8 8DZ

Website: www.stwilfridscowplain.co.uk

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent The Rev Ian Snares until 06.09.2022

Curates The Rev Julie Jackson
(on *Maternity leave from September 2022*)

The Rev Derek Johnston (from March 2022)

Churchwardens Allan Brawn (until APCM 2022)

Bob Wheeler (until APCM 2022)

Jan Smith (from APCM 2022)

Steve Day (from APCM 2022)

Deputy Churchwardens Elaine Hoey (until APCM 2022)

Jo Mead (from September 2022)

Deanery Synod Representatives Denise Williams (from APCM 2019)

Amanda Sim (until her ordination in July 2022)

Licensed Reader Elaine Andrews

Elected Members

Until APCM 2022: Colin Mason (Treasurer)
Val Strutt (Safeguarding Officer)
Sue Williams

Until APCM 2023 Steve Day (became Church warden in 2022)
Elaine Hoey
Jan Smith (became Church warden in 2022)

Until APCM 2024 Maria McGannan
Sonia Passingham

Until APCM 2025 Zoe Manley (resigned November 2022)
Helen Couper
Jo Mead (Compliance Officer)
Derek Baker (from December 2022)
Catherine King (from December 2022)

Co-opted Members Colin Mason (Treasurer)
Val Strutt (Safeguarding Officer)

Day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Incumbent and Churchwardens, assisted by our Deputy Wardens, the Parish Administrator, Mrs Maria McGannan assisted by Mrs Valerie Strutt, Treasurer Mr Colin Mason ACMA and the many other volunteers who willingly give of their time.
The PCC thanks them all for their time and dedication.

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Independent Examiner: Mr Neil Blanchard, 3 Rosemary Way, Cowplain,
Waterloo, PO8 9DG

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England, a registered charity and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC. PCC members are required to undertake safer recruitment procedures such as DBS and confidential self-declaration forms and relevant training. New members are encouraged to attend an induction course provided by the Diocese. Representatives of the PCC are asked to attend other relevant training events, report back to the PCC as a body and disseminate printed information where appropriate.

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Members: Rev. Ian Snares (until September 2022) Rev. Derek Johnston (from September 2022), Jan Smith, Steve Day and Colin Mason.

Finance Committee:

Supports the Treasurer's work, oversees the general finances of the church and makes recommendations to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Wilfrid's PCC is required, as stated in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, to cooperate with the minister, The Rev'd Ian Snares and the Churchwardens in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. That mission is carried out through St Wilfrid's Church. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for St Wilfrid's church building, halls and the grounds surrounding them.

St Wilfrid's Vision Statement:

Our vision for St Wilfrid's is to be the heart of our community.

Disciples who make disciples

In 2022, the PCC met 8 times, with an average attendance of 10 people. Our curate, Rev. Julie Jackson commenced her maternity leave in September and Rev Derek Johnston joined us as a self-supporting curate in March and was priested in July. Amanda Sim was ordained deacon in July and left us to commence her curacy at Catherington church.

Ian Snares left us in September to become Vicar of Holy Trinity Church in Frome.

General objectives continue to be met by the provision of a broad range of services, meetings and groups for different ages and interests at St Wilfrid's Church and through engagement with the wider community. The clergy have visited schools, provided occasional offices (funerals, weddings and baptisms) for parishioners, and laity and clergy have visited homes to offer prayer, pastoral care and support.

Many volunteers have made an enormous unquantifiable contribution to the work of St Wilfrid's Church, the equivalent of many hundreds of hours given in the form of cleaning, gardening, catering, fundraising, visiting, leading youth and children's work, Community Coffee Cup, prayer ministry, flower arranging, printing, maintenance, leading groups, leading worship, preaching, administration, finances, etc. The PCC thanks all who so willingly give their time and skills.

Plans for 2022

Ian wrote last year *"2022 started with Covid restrictions and concerns still remaining. However, the enforced changes gave us the chance to reflect on our purpose and even consider why we exist. This has meant that this time of Covid has not been wasted. We have seen God at work despite the challenges and are now asking what it means for St Wilfrid's to be the Parish Church for Cowplain (plus parts of Horndean and Waterloooville) in the new post-Covid world we are about to enter"*.

And our stated aims and objectives for 2022 were as follows, with comments below each one on the outcome

- Continuing to develop our worship through *Sunday and Thursday services* – and what else? We need to think and pray about the best way ahead for *Messy Church*.
Our 11am service, our Thursday Service and Messy Church have grown in the numbers attending each one; there is a sense of excitement.
- Return of a full Easter service programme, including *Messy Good Friday* and *Easter Sunday Sunrise Service*.
Happily these were achieved, along with breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt! We missed our Walk of Witness.
- Continuing to build our network of *Connect Groups* aiming to grow involvement and numbers, helping one another to grow as Jesus' disciples and witnesses.
Connect Groups have been maintained with evangelistic opportunities taken especially by the Monday Zoom Group.
- Prayer at the heart of all we do – building upon *Days of Prayer* and encouraging all to take time with God each day to pray (and read the Bible). Our February sermon series on prayer will also include *Connect Group studies*.
The Prayer Sermons were excellent, supported by a really helpful booklet entitled Prayer, the Beating Heart of Faith.
- Looking towards *Confirmations* (and *Baptisms*) as more come to faith –
Baptism and Thanksgiving Services have occurred throughout the year; Confirmation of Mark, Jonathan and Annabelle, Sabrina, Mollie-Ann and Karen AND two Ordinations.
We praise the Lord.
- Supporting all who are part of St Wilfrid's, including through our *Pastoral Care Team*, *Home Communions* and informal networks.
These teams have continued to support frail, lonely and poorly people.
- Our *Bereavement Support Group* meets monthly – *this continues to play an important role.*
- Looking at how we might relaunch men's and women's ministry, starting with a *Men's Curry Night*.
There have been a number of social events – including a Women's Curry Night.
- Developing our art groups and holding our *Art and Craft exhibition*.
Another great Art exhibition created an opportunity for fellowship and giving thanks for God-given talents, as well as raising funds, generously donated to St Wilfrid's Church
- Growing our links with Padnell schools, including relaunching *Prayer Spaces in Schools*.
Prayer Spaces was arranged in 2022 for implementation in 2023.
Links through School Assemblies and visits from school to church were valued.

- Launching *Alpha Online* and relaunching evangelistic events – *please see below: Alpha was launched by the Monday Connect Group. Parenting for Faith and other evangelistic courses were well supported.*
- Continuing to run excellent *toddler groups*, supporting local parents (and providing great opportunities for mission and evangelism).
Please see below – we are delighted that people from our Toddler Groups often join Messy Church.
- Looking at growing the impact of *Community Coffee Cup*. *CCC has remained popular.*
- Developing our work with children and families, for example with *Community Coffee Cup*, *Messy Church*, *Sunday children's work* and how we build support networks.
We observe links between the people attending the various groups and their delight at meeting each other in different places.
- ALPHA January 2022 saw the start of our first ever Alpha online course with 10 participants. This was a convenient way to engage with families with children who would have had difficulty attending in person having to arrange babysitters. Following on from the course we continued to meet via Zoom as a Connect group which naturally came to an end in the later part of 2022. Each member of the course still has connections with St Wilfrid's through our Toddler groups, and Messy Church.
- Building links in the community, not least through holding our *Spring and Christmas Fayres*. People particularly enjoyed Santa's Grotto.
- As in previous years St Wilfrid's was a drop off point for Christmas shoeboxes in aid of Samaritans Purse. Just over 200 boxes were donated by members of the congregation, toddler groups, local schools and those in the community to bless disadvantaged children.
- Growing the work of our *Community Support Fund*.
The Community Support fund has not been used so far
- Lent lunches to return! *There were too few people able to ensure lunches for every Saturday in Lent*
- Running a *Queen's Platinum Jubilee* event for the local community.
This was a great success – thanks to Yolanda Cawdeary and her team
- Developing our *Eco strategy*, including holding an Eco weekend including *Eco Fayre* and Sunday service. *Please see below*
- We still would love to work with *CAP*, possibly running their Money Course. *c/f*
- Developing our communications based on a robust strategy – it's time for a new website! *c/f*
- Playing our part in developing the Havant Deanery Plan and building our links with neighbouring parishes – where and how is God leading? *c/f*
- Completing our AV and PA upgrade. *c/f*
- Continue to pray and work for growth – in depth, impact and number. *c/f*

There were, of course, events that were not planned for, nor foreseen.

Rev Ian Snares, our Vicar, informed us, shortly after the APCM that he had been appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity, Frome and that he and the family would be leaving us in August. Ian's official last day with us was on 7th September; his last Sunday service was on 31st July and his last Thursday Service on 4th August

On the day of Ian's service of welcome to his new church in Frome, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 11 died and at that service, Ian was among the very first to proclaim allegiance to the King.

When Ian left, the Deanery lost one of its Area Deans and we lost our Toddler Groups' Leader as well as our Verger, since Jo, Ian's wife had undertaken both of these roles. Padnell Junior School also lost one of its Governors, another role that Jo had undertaken.

Happily, there were people able and willing to take on responsibility to ensure that one of the Toddler Groups could continue, and soon after there were offers to reopen the second group. Both groups are very popular and we are most grateful to those who ensure that they can continue.

The Churchwardens were well supported by many people in responding appropriately to the news of the death of Her Majesty, e.g. in setting up a Book of Remembrance and offering opportunity for people to attend church and participate in a relayed Funeral Service; bell ringing and a formal "Proclamation" were other aspects of joining in with national and local responses to the situations as they unfolded.

Earlier in the year, in June, we had enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Anniversary.

Also in June our ECO Fair took place. The exhibitors enjoyed meeting and talking to us and to each other and taking advantage of a networking opportunity. There were relatively few members of the church, and members of the public present.

Also on hold has been our Mission Action Plan; we met in February – the whole church was invited – for a Re -Connect meeting, but with all the changes going on, the thoughts and suggested plans recorded on the day were never published. However, those notes have been really helpful in producing a tentative Mission Action Plan, which we trust will be useful to our new Priest-in-Charge, when appointed.

Bishop Jonathan made care for older people one of his two main priorities, in his presidential address at the April 2022 meeting of our Diocesan Synod, aiming to create a network of Anna Chaplains across the diocese.

The plan is to have an Anna Chaplain in every parish, benefice and cluster in our diocese. They are named after Anna, the widow and faithful older person who – together with Simeon – recognised the infant Jesus as the Messiah in the temple at Jerusalem.

The Anna Chaplain for St Wilfrid's is Elaine Andrews. Elaine was licensed as an Anna Chaplain in November 2022.

Anna Chaplains minister to older people in the community, Elaine visits the Borrow Centre (Age Concern) and Nightingale Court Nursing Home.

A beautiful Book of Remembrance, created by Sonia Passingham, has been most gratefully received.

Services throughout Autumn and Advent and Christmas followed our usual pattern, and the constraints of Covid are disappearing. It is very noticeable, however, that despite constraints being

lifted, numbers of people participating in events has dropped noticeably – not just at St Wilfrid's Church, but across all churches as we understand.

Our being in vacancy brought forth the need to be engaged in a whole new series of activities

We were blessed that Rev Ruth Loveman undertook the role of arranging the service rota and all services have continued – we are most grateful to our team.

Rev Derek Johnston joined us as curate in March and was ordained Priest in July and he and his wife Shirley have brought their many gifts (as well as a number of friends on occasions) to the parish.

Amanda Sim was ordained deacon in July and has joined the parishes of Catherington and Clanfield as their curate: we miss her.

Rev Julie Jackson (our curate) commenced her maternity leave in September (we were delighted to hear of Hope's arrival on 25th September, baby sister for Noah).

Preb Clive Williams, as well as his retired-from-lay-ministry, wife Sue have supported us throughout the year.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our Clergy and to Elaine, our Lay Reader and Anna Chaplain (please see above).

And we have had the responsibilities associated with recruitment:

As a church family we have produced a prayer for the vacancy and during 2022 made a very good start on our Parish Profile

We have greatly appreciated the support offered by the Archdeacon and Area Dean

And, finally, on December 27th we had the opportunity to meet Alison Giblett our CMS Link who works in Kyiv, to hear first-hand about life in war-torn Ukraine and all that God is enabling Alison and her colleagues to do.

We give thanks and praise for her and continue to pray for her mission and her safety.

So, what shall be our plans for 2023?

- Recruit a new Priest-in –Charge
- Implement Warm Spaces
- Celebrate our 100th birthday
- With our Safeguarding Officer and Anna Chaplain's guidance, work to becoming a dementia & neurodiversity friendly church
- Continue through the levels of the Safeguarding Dashboard
- Having achieved the bronze award work towards the silver A Rocha eco church award
- Work towards installation of our solar panels
- Work towards becoming a carbon neutral church
- Celebrate Easter and Christmas with opportunities for everyone to be included
- Continue Messy Church
- Continue Toddlers
- Engage in a wide range of Prayer Activities
- Develop our Pastoral Care
- Keep an eye on our patterns of services
- Maintain our links with the local schools
- **Continue CCC and TLC**
- Engage with other churches to explore deanery and ecumenical links
- Sustain our evangelism
- Review our Mission Action Plan and identify key concerns

Attendance at Services

Occasional Offices 2022

Baptisms:	7	compared with 2	in 2021
Confirmation:	0	compared with 0	in 2021
Marriages:	2	compared with 2	in 2021
Funerals in Church:	8	compared with 3	in 2021
Funerals at Crematorium:	4	compared with 9	in 2021

Electoral Roll

At the APCM in 2022 (held on 19th May, by Zoom and in person), there were 179 names on the Church Electoral Roll, compared with 176 in 2021.

Financial Review

2022 saw a return to some form of normality after two years of Covid-19 adversely impacting our finances. Additionally, forecasts for 2023 are significantly dependent on the return to something approaching pre-Covid activity and attendance levels for the church/church hall and assumptions about inflationary pressures on individual giving and church expenses.

Total receipts to the General Fund were £117,350 (an increase of £10,255 or 9.58% on 2021), of which £98,069 (an increase of 1.08%) was unrestricted voluntary donations, including £18,352 tax recoverable on Gift Aid.

Planned-giving through blue envelopes, banker's orders and PGS was materially reduced (–£1,916 or 2.71%) on 2021– given a similar reduction in 2021, this is a worrying trend. Loose plate collections increased by £3,451 or 238.37% over 2021 figures, reflecting the return of regular Thu and Sun services in church, but this is some £2000 below the 2019 figure. Donations decreased materially by £1,137 or 19.85%.

Income from hall lettings was £9,217, an increase of £4,056 or 78.59% on the 2021 figure (income was £12,605 in 2019). In view of this, no increase in hire charges is proposed for next year. Income from fees for funerals and weddings was £1,680, an increase on 2020 of £148 or 9.66%. Aggregate gross income from the May and Christmas Fayres was ££4,699, an increase of £1,212 or 34.67% when compared to 2019 – well done the Fundraising Team.

£109,703 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Wilfrid's Church, an increase of £3,603 or 3.4% on 2021. This included fully meeting our contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share of £81,904 (that was £281 or 0.34% more than 2021) and largely provides the stipends, pension contributions and housing for the clergy. [Note: The sum that the churches in the deanery must find is shared between them according to a formula that is based mainly on headcount (average weekly attendance) of the congregations, but also dependent on the relative assumed wealth of the whole parish population, ie not just the congregation.] The sum we must pay in 2023 is £81,904, so neither an increase nor decrease against 2022. This reflects the Diocesan understanding of the pressure on church finances and its preparedness to accept greater risk in its own finances. [Note: The Treasurer has written to the Diocese re the proportion of income taken to pay the Parish Share which, when all other essential expenditure is met, leaves little for the pursuance of Outreach and Christian Ministry within the parish.]

The overall nett result for the year was a gain of receipts over payments of £8,849 in the General Fund balance at 31 Dec 2022. Nett changes (after income, expenditure and inter-fund transfers are taken into account) for the aggregate balance on Designated Funds is a £3,964 increase – due mainly to transfers to the Legacy Designated Fund and Community Support Fund. The amount held in

Restricted Funds decreased by £6,961 due to transfers to Designated Funds approved by the PCC. The total nett increase across all Funds was £5,852 or 10.9%.

The balance carried forward at 31 Dec 22 on Unrestricted and Designated Funds was £54,388 of which £3,995 has been set aside for the Evangelism Fund (used, for example, to fund the Alpha and Restore courses), £16,756 for the Growth Fund (to be used to update and upgrade our Information Technology and Audio Visual capabilities) to better support our administration, services and any new mission initiatives which hopefully will be enjoyed by existing members of the congregation and at the same time impress any visitors and those seeking a vibrant welcoming church to join and £911 for Community Coffee Cup. Any new/further projects may be funded from the Legacy Designated Fund or need additional specifically targeted fundraising.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on the Unrestricted General Fund which equates to at least three months payments on unavoidable (non-discretionary) running costs. Based on the average monthly spend in 2022 this would amount to some £27,450. This balance would smooth out fluctuations in cash flow (expenditure versus receipts) and meet emergencies, e.g. the lift requiring further major repairs without which the Upper Hall would be largely un-usable. With the effects of Covid on the General Fund balance during 2020/21 having been largely reversed in 2022 the Unrestricted General Fund balance on 31 Dec 22 was £19,086, 72.15% of target. [Note: The significant increases in utility charges introduced in Q4 2022 and continuing through 2023 will have a significant negative impact on the General Fund balance.] Whilst the overall balance on all Funds at 31 Dec 22 was £81,524, £27,136 or 33.29% (of which £22,000 is the value of the additional land behind the Memorial Garden is held in Restricted Funds) can only be used for their legally defined purpose, with a further 43.3% (£35,302) held in Designated Funds where the PCC has varying discretion over how the funds are expended. Therefore, the monthly management of receipts and expenditure in the General Fund should be regarded as “hand to mouth” where one month’s income is necessarily used to pay some or all of that month’s expenses. It remains the PCC’s intention to increase the General Fund over time. Scope for increasing income from investments (i.e. the Virgin Savings Account) is limited due to low interest rates and the relatively small balance in the account – but this situation is being reviewed as interest rates are now increasing. Overall, the monthly situation of receipts and payments against the General Fund must be regarded as one of fragile stability; any unanticipated material decrease in income or increase in expenditure could have significant consequences in both the short and medium terms.

A potential loss to the General Fund amounting to some £11,000 is projected for the end of 2023 – based on forecast further increases in utility prices and general inflation factors affecting everything we purchase. As always, we remain unendingly grateful to all who contribute to St Wilfrid’s finances, both through regular giving and in supporting our fundraising efforts.

Charitable giving

Charitable giving through the church totalled £6116. This is equivalent to 5.21 of total receipts to the General Fund income. This is a significant increase on previous years but remains below our target of 10%. [Note: These calculations only consider gross income to the General Fund. Additionally, they take no account of either discounted Hall Rental Charges for users with charitable status or the Parish Share which directly accounts for some 70% of income]. In addition, £350 from the Community Support Fund was used to provide Easter Hampers to Age Concern.

Policies and Risks

The PCC has identified major risks, and procedures have been established to manage them, as follows.

Finance: A detailed budget is prepared and agreed by the PCC each year. The Treasurer provides an update comparing the current situation to the budget at each PCC meeting (with additional detailed monthly updates to the Finance Sub-Committee to ensure the

General Fund remained solvent whilst payment of our Parish Share was maintained), and action is agreed as necessary in order to reduce costs or increase income.

Most of our reserves are invested through Virgin Money in order to bring in a market rate of interest and mitigate some of the effect of inflation. Reserves are intended to cover any deficit on the year, major repairs, replacement of larger items of equipment and special projects.

Health and Safety: Our Fire, Health and Safety Policy was reviewed and approved at the 20 January 2022 PCC meeting. All groups using our premises are expected to be familiar with this policy and comply with it. Risk assessments are made for new and one-off activities. The lift is checked and serviced every six months. The fire alarm, extinguishers, emergency lighting and portable electrical equipment are tested regularly and inspected in accordance with current regulations. Although the kitchen has not been inspected, action continues to be taken to maintain these facilities to a high standard and ensure good health and hygiene practice for those who use them.

IT Policy: The IT Policy was drafted in October 2014.

Insurance: The PCC is fully insured through our Ecclesiastical Insurance Parish Plus policy.

Safeguarding: The PCC's Safeguarding Policy Statement was reviewed and renewed throughout the year by reference to the safeguarding dashboard; this has taken account of the ongoing changes to national and diocesan safeguarding guidelines. However, further National Church changes will impact our policy, practice and training.

Mrs Val Strutt is our Safeguarding Officer and reports regularly to the PCC. All adults who offer to work as volunteers with children and/or vulnerable adults are required to undergo the safer recruitment procedure, and where relevant including a Confidential Self -Declaration Form and also obtain the necessary DBS clearance before they take up the role. All such volunteers are required to read the diocesan guidelines and attend appropriate training courses provided by the diocese. Groups using the church premises are made aware of our safeguarding policy and are asked to ensure that their own policy and checks are fully up to date.

Conclusion

We praise God that he continues to bless St Wilfrid's, so that we can bless others - locally in our community, in Havant Deanery, Portsmouth Diocese and in many places further afield. We give thanks for all that has been given and shared, for worship and witness, for prayer, fellowship and faithful service to the glory of God. We look forward to the exciting future that God has in store for us!

We are greatly indebted to every single member of our churches who voluntarily gives of his or her time, practical skills, spiritual gifts and money to build up our fellowship in the Spirit, grow our discipleship in Christ, and enable us all to continue to play our part in God's mission of love to the world in Jesus Christ. *Thank you so much for all you do!*

**Approved by the PCC 20th April 2023
and signed on their behalf by Jan Smith (Deputy PCC Chairman)**

2022 Accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Explanatory notes to the accounts

1. The accounts are being reported on a receipts and payments basis as agreed by the trustees at a full PCC meeting on 26th November 2015. The accounts are presented in accordance with guidance in the 5th edition of "PCC accountability" which conforms to The Charities Act 2011 incorporating SORP 2015.
2. A budget for 2023 is included in the accounts. This was accepted at the PCC meeting in Dec 22. All finance projections are based on the final figures for 2022.
3. Assets are still declining and an expected big spend in the Growth Fund on a new audio-visual system will significantly reduce the holding in the bank accounts and therefore our overall liquidity.
4. The liabilities (£2,132) shown in the statement are due to transactions in the "Agency post boxes" (money that passes through the church bank accounts but is not for church funds) that could not be completed in the financial year. The significant items are £462 owed to the Diocese for 2021 Q4 fees, £417 to the BRF, £497 to Waterloo Foodbank, £600 held on deposit for a forthcoming wedding.

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts:						
Voluntary receipts	99,569	97	100	—	99,766	106,534
Income from church activities	4,918	—	—	—	4,918	2,485
Other trading activities	11,797	—	—	—	11,797	6,693
Investments	47	—	—	—	47	43
Other income	1,016	5,709	—	—	6,725	1,710
Total receipts:	117,349	5,806	100	—	123,255	117,468
Payments:						
Raising funds	2,056	—	—	—	2,056	1,281
Costs of church activities	106,065	4,969	—	—	111,034	109,199
Other expenditure	1,581	2,531	200	—	4,313	1,372
Total payments:	109,702	7,501	200	—	117,403	111,853
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	7,646	(1,695)	(100)	—	5,851	5,614
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,201	6,486	—	—	7,688	1,605
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(828)	(6,860)	—	(7,688)	(1,605)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	8,848	3,963	(6,960)	—	5,851	5,614
Net movement in funds	8,848	3,963	(6,960)	—	5,851	5,614
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 January 2022	10,237	31,338	34,096	—	75,672	70,058
All assets at 31 December 2022	19,085	35,302	27,136	—	81,524	75,672

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2022

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
6430 : Land	—	—	22,000.00	—	22,000.00	22,000.00
6431 : Organ	(976.19)	1,356.19	—	—	380.00	380.00
Total	(976.19)	1,356.19	22,000.00	—	22,380.00	22,380.00
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : Barclay's Bank current account	(33,195.04)	58,449.59	4,905.57	—	30,160.12	29,917.66
6502 : Lloyd's Bank current account	51,026.66	(28,548.21)	(9,464.80)	—	13,013.65	7,251.32
6503 : CAF cash account	(5.00)	5.00	—	—	—	—
6505 : Virgin Charity deposit account	1,035.33	3,309.46	13,757.92	—	18,102.71	18,055.25
Total	18,861.95	33,215.84	9,198.69	—	61,276.48	55,224.23
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	2,132.25	—	2,132.25	1,931.73
Total	—	—	2,132.25	—	2,132.25	1,931.73
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
6601 : Loans received	(1,200.00)	(730.34)	1,930.34	—	—	—
Total	(1,200.00)	(730.34)	1,930.34	—	—	—
Net total assets	19,085.76	35,302.37	27,136.10	—	81,524.23	75,672.50
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	19,085.76	—	—	—	19,085.76	10,237.21
Designated - CCC	—	910.84	—	—	910.84	1,236.34
Designated - CommSupp	—	3,177.20	—	—	3,177.20	1,496.11
Designated - Cowtrail	—	191.33	—	—	191.33	191.33
Designated - Eco	—	760.18	—	—	760.18	5.00
Designated - Evangelism	—	3,994.68	—	—	3,994.68	4,464.56
Designated - Flowers	—	—	—	—	—	78.00
Designated - Growth	—	16,755.66	—	—	16,755.66	17,074.66
Designated - LegDes	—	8,052.27	—	—	8,052.27	5,334.88
Designated - Toddler-2	—	1,341.60	—	—	1,341.60	1,339.07
Designated - Youth	—	118.61	—	—	118.61	118.61
Restricted - Kitchen	—	—	—	—	—	315.82
Restricted - Larteh	—	—	138.23	—	138.23	138.23
Restricted - Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	4,011.18
Restricted - Library	—	—	—	—	—	57.86
Restricted - VDF	—	—	300.00	—	300.00	400.00
Restricted - WMgarden	—	—	4,343.20	—	4,343.20	4,343.20

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts:			
Voluntary receipts			
Planned Giving - Bank		51,101	51,638
Planned Giving - Envelopes		3,570	4,345
Other planned giving (PGS)		14,089	14,693
other voluntary receipts		418	0
Loose plate collections		5,945	2,494
Donations appeals etc		4,592	5,729
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		18,352	18,120
Non-recurring one-off grants		1,500	600
	<i>Total Voluntary receipts</i>	<u>99,569</u>	<u>97,621</u>
Income from church activities			
May Fayre		2,189	—
Christmas Fayre		2,510	2,347
Easter Lilies		30	—
Easy fundraising		189	138
	<i>Total Income from church activities</i>	<u>4,918</u>	<u>2,485</u>
Other trading activities			
Rummage sales etc		900	—
Fees for weddings and funerals		1,680	1,532
Church hall lettings - objectives		9,217	5,161
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>11,797</u>	<u>6,693</u>
Investments			
Dividends		47	23
Rent from lands or buildings		—	20
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>47</u>	<u>43</u>
Other income			
other income		1,016	251
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>1,016</u>	<u>251</u>
Total receipts:		<u>117,349</u>	<u>107,095</u>

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Payments:			
Raising funds			
Costs of fetes & other events		2,056	1,281
<i>Total Raising funds</i>		<u>2,056</u>	<u>1,281</u>
Costs of church activities			
CMS Alison Gilbet		900	900
Advertising		143	—
Children & Youth Resources		29	—
IT Subscriptions		774	65
Portsmouth Foodbank		416	493
Parish Share		81,924	81,623
Assistant clergy expenses		692	—
Office manager		3,689	2,964
PAYE income tax		—	261
Working expenses of incumbent		—	60
Travelling expenses		104	154
Water rates - vicarage		286	337
Vicar's telephone		206	304
Education		36	—
Parish training and mission		17	70
Insurance		1,270	1,243
Performing rights license		485	387
Royal School of Church music		—	17
Telephone		67	260
Organ / piano tuning		450	450
Church maintenance		1,768	3,035
Church Cleaning		4,484	3,794
Lift maintenance		230	221
Caretaker salary		1,950	2,820
Administration		239	—
Sacristy supplies		331	87
Printing		95	—
Hospitality costs		125	—
Stationery		—	109
Postage		14	—
Data Developments		150	150
Computer costs		84	595
Electricity		2,200	1,588
Gas		1,900	1,571
Magazine expenses		—	223
Bookstall costs		176	—
Hall supplies		59	55
Phs supplies		406	105
Water-church/Hall		113	451
Governance costs examination/audit fee		25	—
Fire check		132	132
Electrical testing		83	180
<i>Total Costs of church activities</i>		<u>106,065</u>	<u>104,714</u>
Other expenditure			
Miscellaneous expenses		1,581	125
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<u>1,581</u>	<u>125</u>
Total payments:		109,702	106,120
Excess of Receipts: over Payments:		<u>7,646</u>	<u>975</u>
Brought forward balance		10,237	8,867
Transfers to/(from)		1,201	395
Total carried forward balance		19,085	10,237

	St Wilfrids Church - 1130601						
	Fund movement by type						
	Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022						
Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General Fund	10,237	117,349	109,702	1,201	—	—	19,086
Sub-totals	10,237	117,349	109,702	1,201	—	—	19,085
Designated							
CCC - Community Coffee Cup	1,236	240	565	—	—	—	910
Community Support Fund	1,496	25	349	2,005	—	—	3,177
Cowtrail Fund	191	—	—	—	—	—	191
Eco - Eco Fund	5	755	—	—	—	—	760
Evangelism Fund	4,464	—	469	—	—	—	3,994
Flowers - Flower Fund	78	—	—	-78	—	—	—
Growth Fund	17,074	—	319	—	—	—	16,755
Legacy Designated Fund	5,334	3,353	5,117	4,481	—	—	8,052
Toddler & Carers	1,339	1,432	680	-750	—	—	1,341
Youth Work	118	—	—	—	—	—	118
Sub-totals	31,338	5,806	7,501	5,658	—	—	35,302
Restricted							
Kitchen Fund	315	—	—	-315	—	—	—
Larteh Fund	138	—	—	—	—	—	138
Legacy Fund	4,011	—	—	-4,011	—	—	—
Library Fund	57	—	—	-57	—	—	—
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	400	100	200	—	—	—	300
White Memorial Garden Fund	4,343	—	—	—	—	—	4,343
Westbrook church	2,475	—	—	-2,475	—	—	—
Whitbread Fund	22,354	—	—	—	—	—	22,354
Sub-totals	34,096	100	200	-6,860	—	—	27,136
Totals	75,672	123,255	117,403	—	—	—	81,524

Note: The Whitbread Fund Balance includes £22,000 for the purchase value of the Garden.

Charitable Giving 2022

Source	Recipient	Amount
Church Funds	CMS – Alison GIBLETT	1350
	Waterlooville Foodbank	474
	RBL Poppy Appeal (incl 2021)	709
	Pakistan Relief Fund	94
	Red Cross	141
	Traidcraft	210
	UCB	100
	CMS Ukraine Appeal	547
	Tearfund Ukraine Appeal	748
	Leprosy Mission	357
	Rowans Christmas Donations	343
	Tearfund Christmas Donations	343
Lent Lunch	CRY	200
Presentation	Rev SNARES Leaving	500
		Total: 6116

Notes:

1. The sum of £6466 does not take account of the discounted Hall Rental Fees charged to other Registered Charities, eg The Brownies and Girl Guides.

Receipts and payments in the General fund (Budget 2022 calculations)

RECEIPTS (GROSS)	2022		2023		PAYMENTS	2022		2023	
	Budget	Actual	Basis	Budget		Budget	Actual	Basis	Budget
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>									
Planned Giving/envelope scheme	55983	54,671	= 2022 Actual	54671	Missionary and charitable giving	1355	1,316	Budget	1300
PGS	14694	14,090	= 2022 Actual	14090					
Gift Aid Income tax refund	18120	18,352	= 2022 Actual	18352	Centenary Celebrations			Notional	2500
Sub-Total	88797	87,113	= 2022 Actual	87113	Parish share	81904	81,924	Actual	81904
					Cost of Recruiting new Vicar			Notional	3000
Church collections	3118	5,945	= 2022 Actual	5945	Clergy, organist and office manager	7110	6,930	= 2022+ 10%	7650
Donations and appeals	4931	4,592	Mid Point	4760	Cost of Raising Funds / Events	1601	2,056	= 2022+10%	2300
Other voluntary receipts	180	419	Mid Point	300	Parish Training	72	83	= 2021+ 10%	100
Diaries	0		Zero						
Legacy	0		Zero		<i>Church running expenses</i>				
HCC grant	0	1,500	Zero		Cleaners & Window Cleaner	4500	4,484	= 2022 +10%	4900
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					Gas and electricity	3349	4,101	Budget	12500
Other income	895	1,046	Mid Point	950	Water rates	465	113	2022	350
Easyfundraising	139	190	= 2022 Actual	190	Insurance	1271	1,271	Actual	1398
May Fayre	2000	2,189	= 2022 Actual	2190	CCLI + RSCM	600	485	2022 Actual	485
Christmas Fayre	2347	2,510	= 2022 Actual	2500	other running/admin expenses	2108	1,595	= 2022+20%	2000
Income from events	0		= 2022 Actual						
tea/coffee, other fundraising	0		= 2022 Actual						
<i>Other trading activities</i>					Church maintenance (incl Lift & Tests)	4600	2,665	Budget	3700
Hall lettings	7742	9,217	= 2022 Actual	9200					
Fees weddings and funerals	2210	1,680	Mid Point	1945	Church/Hall running costs	850	973	= 2022+20%	1200
Recycling	0	900	Zero	0					
Investments	0	47	2022+3%	50	Miscellaneous	1063	1,707	Notional	1000
car park	40		= 2022 Actual	0					
Total	112399	117350		115143	Total	110848	109703		126287

2023 Projected Excess of Income over Expenditure: -11144

Notes:

1. All figures are based on a prudent approach that disregards extraordinary income and expenditure. Further, 2022 has been used as the base-year and no account has been taken of any post-Covid impacts.

2. 2022 Actuals are based on M12 Actuals

3. The 2023 Parish Share has been confirmed as being no greater than 2022. There are no indications that our Parish Share will be reduced (below the 2022 level) as a result of the Treasurers letter to the Diocese.

4. The Real Living Wage £10.90 ph (increased from £9.90 in 2022) has been used for salary costs (including cleaners) from 1 Apr 23.

5. Utility costs are based on current information re rates and assumed consumption equal to 2022.

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10 March 2023

The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council
St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Independent Examiner's Report – Year Ending 31st December 2022

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - To prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records 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.



Neil Blanchard MBA FCCA ACG
Honorary Independent Examiner

Accounts



**Annual Report and
Financial Statements**

of

**The Parochial Church
Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Wilfrid, Cowplain**

Registered Charity No. 1130601

Year ending 31 December 2021

**Annual Report of
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Wilfrid, Cowplain (Registered Charity No. 1130601)
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Administrative information

The parish of St Wilfrid is situated in Cowplain. It is in the Deanery of Havant, the Archdeaconry of Portsdown and the Diocese of Portsmouth.

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PCC members who have served from 1 January 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	The Rev'd Ian Snares
<i>Curate</i>	The Rev'd Julie Jackson (<i>on Maternity leave until September 2021</i>)
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Allan Brawn Bob Wheeler
<i>Deputy Wardens</i>	Elaine Hoey Jan Smith
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Amanda Sim (<i>from November 2018</i>) Denise Williams (<i>from APCM 2019</i>)
<i>Licensed Reader</i>	Elaine Andrews
<i>Elected Members</i>	
<i>Until APCM 2021:</i>	Mark Coates Sonia Passingham David Wiseman Jo Mead
<i>Until APCM 2022:</i>	Colin Mason (Treasurer) Val Strutt (Safeguarding Officer) Sue Williams
<i>Until APCM 2023</i>	Steve Day Elaine Hoey Jan Smith
<i>Co-opted Members</i>	Jo Mead Sonia Passingham

Day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Incumbent and Churchwardens, assisted by our Deputy Wardens, the Parish Administrator, Mrs Maria McGannan assisted by Mrs Valerie Strutt, the Verger Mrs Jo Snares, Treasurer Mr Colin Mason ACMA and the many other volunteers who willingly give of their time. The PCC thanks them all for their time and dedication.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England, a registered charity and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC. CC members are required to undertake safer recruitment procedures such as DBS and confidential self declaration forms and relevant training and are encouraged to attend an induction course provided by the Diocese. Representatives of the PCC are asked to attend other relevant training events, report back to the PCC as a body and disseminate printed information where appropriate.

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Members: Rev'd Ian Snares, Allan Brawn, Bob Wheeler, Jan Smith, Elaine Hoey and Colin Mason.

Finance Committee:

Supports the Treasurer's work, oversees the general finances of the church and makes recommendations to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Wilfrid's PCC is required, as stated in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, to cooperate with the minister, The Rev'd Ian Snares and the Churchwardens in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. That mission is carried out through St Wilfrid's Church. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for St Wilfrid's church building, halls and the grounds surrounding them.

St Wilfrid's Vision Statement:

Our vision for St Wilfrid's is to be the heart of our community.

Disciples who make disciples

In 2021, the PCC met 7 times, including an additional meeting in February to discuss the Deanery Plan, with an average attendance of 12 people. Our curate, Rev'd Julie Jackson returned from her maternity leave in September and completed her placement in St Luke's church Southsea during November and December.

General objectives continue to be met by the provision of a broad range of services, meetings and groups for different ages and interests at St Wilfrid's Church and through engagement with the wider community. The clergy have visited schools, provided occasional offices (funerals, weddings and baptisms) for parishioners, and laity and clergy have visited homes to offer prayer, pastoral care and support.

Many volunteers have made an enormous unquantifiable contribution to the work of St Wilfrid's Church, the equivalent of many hundreds of hours given in the form of cleaning, gardening, catering, fundraising, visiting, leading youth and children's work, Community Coffee Cup, prayer ministry, flower arranging, printing, maintenance, leading groups, leading worship, preaching, administration, finances, etc. The PCC thanks all who so willingly give their time and skills.

Highlights of 2021

Covid continued to dramatically affect our worship and activities.

- The PCC and Churchwardens discussed carefully the prevailing levels of Covid infection and government guidelines in developing safe planning for worship, face-to-face activities and use of our halls by church and external hirers.
- During some months in 2021 restricted activities were allowed in the church halls and the Churchwarden Team worked very hard drawing up and amending Risk Assessment Forms and putting in place the practical details required by (regularly changing) law – including sanitizing stations, cleaning regimes and seating arranged to take account of social distancing.
- From January, services continued online, our weekly *Church Online* at 10.45am attracting participants on YouTube and Facebook Live. It is impossible to know precisely how many people worship with us in these services. Some stayed for coffee via Zoom after the service.
- Our 9am Sunday *Simple Holy Communion* service restarted on Palm Sunday (28 March).
- Our 10.30am *Thursday Holy Communion* service restarted monthly from 8 April, becoming weekly from September and attendance has grown significantly. Refreshments are served after the service
- From July, our new service pattern was launched. Our 9am service became our *Traditional Holy Communion* and a new '*Sundays @ 11*' informal service started.
- Numbers at our services have gradually crept upwards as current members feel able to meet face-to-face and new people (including families) join us.
- *Church Online* stopped at the end of August, with a focus on rebuilding worshipping communities in person.
- *Messy Church Together* has brought us closer to Hart Plain and Waterlooville Baptist Churches, with a wonderful daily Lent Challenge on Facebook and YouTube and a summer event run at St Wilfrid's. This has given fresh impetus and we can't wait to see how God will use this new partnership.
- *Connect Groups* - our new name for homegroups - were launched with new groups and an encouraging growth in members. Some groups continue to meet online, others face-to-face.
- *Morning Prayer* continues online. Initially 9.30am Monday to Friday for hour, from September it moved to 9am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for 30 minutes.
- The *Pastoral Care Team* adapted its remit to support parishioners by telephone and monthly correspondence by letter.
- The *Prayer Team* has continued to produce a monthly prayer diary and to contribute to a monthly Day of Prayer and Connect in Prayer (an hour's prayer meeting usually via Zoom).
- Our *New Mother and Baby Group* has met under strict Covid regulations in the upper hall.
- Our *Toddler Groups* (Wednesday and Friday mornings) has met when Covid guidance has allowed. It continues to be a very popular and well-received group.
- *Community Coffee Cup* has met (usually fortnightly) when able and continues to be appreciated by all who attend.
- Working with Catherington and Clanfield parishes to launch a new youth group for those aged 11 to 14.
- Links with *Padnell Infant and Padnell Junior Schools* have continued, with regular assemblies (mostly online) and both schools holding Christmas services in church.
- Sadly, *Women's Fellowship* and *SWIFT* have stopped formally meeting, although *SWIFT* members are usually seen together at Community Coffee Cup. The *Men's Group* was unable to meet during 2021.
- Our *Bereavement Support Group* meets monthly – this provides an important service.
- Following a very successful distribution of food parcels (thank you to ASDA and all who donated, and to Padnell Infant and Junior Schools for partnering with us), we have set up a new *Community Support Fund* and are looking at how we can help families and others who are struggling financially, and to bless our local community.

- With Church services and building access restricted during part of 2021 it was decided to utilise the church frontage bordering Padnell Rd to reach out into the Community. St Valentine Hearts, Easter, Remembrance and Nativity displays drew passing people's attention and increased our visible presence.
- Our *Eco Team* is developing our Eco strategy and ran our first *Eco Fair* in October. This was well received and it is planned to be an annual event. We continue to work towards becoming an Eco Church, and see caring for our environment central to the mission God has given us. We are looking at how we can engage with our local community in practical ways that demonstrate God's concern for his world.
- We were unable to hold our *Spring Fayre*, but our *Christmas Fayre* was a great success, with great attendance (especially families) and record income.
- Our *Strategic Team* has morphed into two groups. The Strategic and Governance Working Group was formed to lead our development of processes and procedures e.g. GDPR. A second group is focusing on how we best support all who consider themselves part of St Wilfrid's.
- Much work has taken place behind the scenes on *Safeguarding* management, including using the new Dashboard.
- Our *Finance Team*, led by our Treasurer, has continued to manage our cashflow. Through God's incredible provision and some excellent financial management, we were able to pay our Parish Share in full.
- 308 Christmas Shoe boxes were successfully collected for Samaritan's Purse *Operation Christmas Child* appeal and sent on to bless children across the world.
- Our weekly email and Facebook presence have grown considerably through the year.
- We continue to support and pray for Alison Giblet, our CMS link in Ukraine.
- We have continued to support a number of causes including Waterloo Foodbank and Tearfund.
- Our contact with our link church, St Augustine's in Larteh in Ghana has been minimal.
- We have upgraded our IT systems including buying new laptops and office printer and improving our internet and wifi access.
- In April 2021, Sue Williams stood down as a Reader but continues to serve St Wilfrid's in many ways.
- Hall bookings have slowly returned as restrictions have lifted. However, bookings and income are still below pre-Covid levels.
- Portsmouth Diocese has experienced many changes, not least with Bishop Christopher retiring in April. We have worked with Havant Deanery in developing its plan, which due to many reasons remains in a very draft form. We are looking at how we best work with and support our neighboring parishes.

Plans for 2022

2022 started with Covid restrictions and concerns still remaining. However, the enforced changes have given us the chance to reflect on our purpose and even consider why we exist. This has meant that this time of Covid has not been wasted. We have seen God at work despite the challenges and are now asking what it means for St Wilfrid's to be the Parish Church for Cowplain (plus parts of Horndean and Waterlooville) in the new post-Covid world we are about to enter.

We have focused our purpose - the 'why we exist' - on Jesus' Great Commission, given to his disciples following his resurrection. He tells them (*Matt 28.16-20 NIV*):

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said,

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Jesus calls us to be his disciples who make disciples. We don't do this on our own – we have his authority and he has given us his Holy Spirit to guide us and inspire us. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Peter, James, John... and the countless followers of Jesus through the ages who have caught what it means to be his disciple and to pass it on.

This is our exciting purpose! It's nothing new, but in our changing world we must ask how do we – both as a Church and individually – grow in what it means to follow Jesus and help others also to do so? One of our guiding Bible verses over this last year has been Isaiah 43.16-19, where God declares that he is doing a new thing. God's character never changes, but how he works to build his Kingdom does. We want to be in tune with him, allowing Jesus to be our guide as we seek to impact our communities.

Whilst we have lots of questions, there are some clear principles and priorities that are emerging. Worshipping together is important. It is where we grow together in being 'Church'. As we declare God's glory, power, majesty, we receive so much from him. As we come together, we each bring our gifts and support one another.

So, for 2022 we continue to focus on worship, prayer, supporting one another and evangelism and mission to our local community and beyond. There is much that we can do and will be doing in the months ahead:

- Continuing to develop our worship through *Sunday and Thursday services* – and what else? We need to think and pray about the best way ahead for *Messy Church*. Might other opportunities also arise (e.g. for young families, those unable to attend church in person)?
- Return of a full Easter service programme, including *Messy Good Friday* and *Easter Sunday Sunrise Service*.
- Continuing to build our network of *Connect Groups* aiming to grow involvement and numbers, helping one another to grow as Jesus' disciples and witnesses.
- Prayer at the heart of all we do – building upon *Days of Prayer* and encouraging all to take time with God each day to pray (and read the Bible). Our February sermon series on prayer will also include *Connect Group* studies.
- Looking towards *Confirmations* (and *Baptisms*) as more come to faith.
- Supporting all who are part of St Wilfrid's, including through our *Pastoral Care Team*, *Home Communions* and informal networks.
- Our *Bereavement Support Group* meets monthly – this provides an important role.
- Looking at how we might relaunch men's and women's ministry, starting with a *Men's Curry Night*.
- Developing our art groups and holding our *Art and Craft exhibition*.
- Growing our links with Padnell schools, including relaunching *Prayer Spaces in Schools*.

- Launching *Alpha Online* and relaunching evangelistic events.
- Continuing to run excellent *toddler groups*, supporting local parents (and providing great opportunities for mission and evangelism).
- Looking at growing the impact of *Community Coffee Cup*.
- Developing our work with children and families, for example with *Community Coffee Cup*, *Messy Church*, Sunday children's work and how we build support networks.
- Building links in the community, not least through holding our *Easter, Spring and Christmas Fayres*.
- Growing the work of our *Community Support Fund*.
- Lent lunches to return!
- Running a *Queen's Platinum Jubilee* event for the local community.
- Developing our *Eco strategy*, including holding an Eco weekend including *Eco Fayre* and Sunday service.
- We still would love to work with *CAP*, possibly running their Money Course.
- Developing our communications based on a robust strategy – it's time for a new website!
- Playing our part in developing the Havant Deanery Plan and building our links with neighbouring parishes – where and how is God leading?
- Completing our AV and PA upgrade.
- Continue to pray and work for growth – in depth, impact and number.

Attendance at Services

Please see **Highlights of 2020** (page 5 above)

Occasional Offices 2021

Baptisms:	2	compared with	0	in 2020
Confirmation:	0	compared with	0	in 2020
Marriages:	2	compared with	1	in 2020
Funerals in Church:	3	compared with	5	in 2020
Funerals at Crematorium:	9	compared with	11	in 2020

Electoral Roll

At the APCM in 2021 (held on 19th July, by Zoom and in person), there were 176 names on the Church Electoral Roll, compared with 175 in 2020.

Financial Review

As readers will be only all too aware, 2021 was the second successive year that bore little reference to preceding years – therefore, comparisons to 2020 finances are generally meaningless and have only been included to show how the limitations imposed on church and church hall opening have impacted the financial position. Additionally, all forecasts (which have been largely based on 2019 as the latest representative year) for 2022 are significantly dependent on the return to pre-Covid activity and attendance levels for the church/church hall and assumptions about inflationary pressures on expenses.

Total receipts to the General Fund were £107,095 (an increase of £484 or 0.45% on 2020), of which £97,022 (a reduction of 0.7%) was unrestricted voluntary donations, including £18,120 tax recoverable on Gift Aid.

Planned giving through blue envelopes, banker's orders and PGS was materially reduced (-£1,522 or 2.1%) on 2020. Loose plate collections increased by £272 or 12.2%, reflecting the absence of the regular full 3 service Sunday worship during the year, whilst donations increased marginally by £452 or 8.5%.

Income from hall lettings was £5,161, a decrease of £1,588 or 23.5% on the 2020 figure (income was £12,605 in 2019) due to the protracted church closure. In view of this, no increase in hire charges is proposed for next year. Income from fees for funerals and weddings was £1,532, an increase on 2020 by £740 or 93.4% (income was £3,146 in 2019). Whilst there was no May Fayre, the Christmas Fayre provided net income of £2,347 a 30% increase on the 2019 figure of £1,795.

£106,120 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Wilfrid's Church, a decrease of £2,708 or 2.5% on 2020. This included fully meeting our contribution to the diocesan Parish Share of £81,623 (that was £3,496 or 4.1% less than 2020) and largely provides the stipends, pension contributions and housing for the clergy. [Note: The sum that the churches in the deanery must find is shared between them according to a formula that is based mainly on headcount (average weekly attendance) of the congregations, but also dependent on the relative assumed wealth of the parish.] The sum we must pay in 2022 is £81,904, an increase of £301 (0.37%) over 2020. This increase is smaller than anticipated and reflects the Diocesan understanding of the pressure on church finances and its preparedness to accept greater risk in its own finances.

The overall nett result for the year was a gain of receipts over payments of £935 in the General Fund balance at 31 Dec 2021. Nett changes (after income, expenditure and inter-fund transfers are taken into account) for the aggregate balance on Designated Funds is a £4,609 increase – due to a significant legacy of £6,000 held in the Legacy Designated Fund. The amount held in Restricted Funds decreased by £365. The total increase across all Funds was £5,614, or 11.6%.

The balance carried forward at 31 Dec 21 on Unrestricted and Designated Funds was £41,575 of which £4,464 has been set aside for the Evangelism Fund (used, for example, to fund the Alpha and Restore courses), £17,074

for the Growth Fund (to be used to update and upgrade our Information Technology and Audio Visual capabilities) to better support our administration, services and any new mission initiatives which hopefully will be enjoyed by existing members of the congregation and at the same time impress any visitors and those seeking a vibrant welcoming church to join and £1,236 for Community Coffee Cup. Any new/further projects may be funded from the Legacy Designated Fund or need additional specifically targeted fundraising.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on the Unrestricted General Fund which equates to at least three months payments on unavoidable (non-discretionary) running costs. Based on the average monthly spend in 2019 this would amount to some £30,250. This balance would smooth out fluctuations in cash flow (expenditure versus receipts) and meet emergencies, eg the lift requiring further major repairs without which the Upper Hall would be largely un-usable. Whilst remaining a financial objective, the effects of Covid on the cash balance during 2021 have negated any material improvement in the Unrestricted General Fund balance - on 31 Dec 21 to £10,237, only 33.8% of target (a small improvement on the 31 Dec 2020 figure of 29.3%) – which means that there is only one month of liquid cash reserves readily available to meet monthly liabilities. Whilst the overall balance on all Funds at 31 Dec 21 was £77,672, £34,096 or 45% (of which £22,000 is the value of the additional land behind the Memorial Garden is held in Restricted Funds) can only be used for their legally defined purpose, with a further 41.4% (£31,338) held in Designated Funds where the PCC has varying discretion over how the funds are expended. Therefore, the monthly management of receipts and expenditure in the General Fund is akin to a Ponzi scheme where one month's income is necessarily used to pay some or all of that month's expenses. It remains the PCC's intention to increase the General Fund over time. [Note: Following a review of historic legacies, in Nov 21 the PCC approved the rationalisation of some Designated and Restricted Funds from 1 Jan 22 to simplify the management of church finances] Scope for increasing income from investments (i.e. the Virgin Savings Account) is limited due to low interest rates and the relatively small balance in the account. Overall, the monthly situation of receipts and payments against the General Fund must be regarded as one of fragile stability; any unanticipated material decrease in income or increase in expenditure could have significant consequences in both the short and medium terms.

A potential 'profit' in the General Fund amounting to £1,590 is forecast for the end of 2022. This reflects forecast increases due to general inflation on utilities and maintenance costs and the increase in the Parish Share. But, given uncertainties over the ability of the church to generate income from loose plate collections, fees, hall rental and fayres, this figure is highly speculative.

Charitable giving

Charitable giving through the church was much reduced because the church was closed for much of 2021 resulting in the cancellation of events and services from which our charitable giving is normally derived - £1,730 was given, which is equivalent to 1.6% of total receipts to the General Fund income. This is below our target of 10% and is something that we will attempt to address in 2022 (assuming our post-Covid financial position allows). [Note: These calculations only consider gross income to the General Fund. Additionally, they take no account of either discounted Hall Rental Charges for users with charitable status or the Parish Share.]. A further £992 was provided from the Community Support Fund for Easter Food Parcels.

Policies and Risks

The PCC has identified major risks, and procedures have been established to manage them, as follows.

Finance: A detailed budget is prepared and agreed by the PCC each year. The Treasurer provides an update comparing the current situation to the budget at each PCC meeting (with additional detailed monthly updates to the Finance Sub-Committee to ensure the General Fund remained solvent whilst payment of our Parish Share was maintained), and action is agreed as necessary in order to reduce costs or increase income.

Most of our reserves are invested through Virgin Money in order to bring in a market rate of interest and mitigate some of the effect of inflation. Reserves are intended to cover any deficit on the year, major repairs, replacement of larger items of equipment and special projects.

Health and Safety: Our Fire, Health and Safety Policy was reviewed and approved at the 14 January 2021 PCC meeting. All groups using our premises are expected to be familiar with this policy and comply with it. Risk assessments are made for new and one-off activities. The lift is checked and serviced every six months.

The fire alarm, extinguishers, emergency lighting and portable electrical equipment are tested regularly and inspected in accordance with current regulations. Although the kitchen has not been inspected, action continues to be taken to maintain these facilities to a high standard and ensure good health and hygiene practice for those who use them.

IT Policy: The IT Policy was drafted in October 2014.

Insurance: The PCC is fully insured through our Ecclesiastical Insurance Parish Plus policy.

Safeguarding: The PCC's Safeguarding Policy Statement was reviewed and renewed on 23 September 2021. This has taken account of the ongoing changes to national and diocesan safeguarding guidelines. However, further National Church changes will impact our policy, practice and training.

Mrs Val Strutt is our Safeguarding Officer and reports regularly to the PCC. All adults who offer to work as volunteers with children and/or vulnerable adults are required to undergo the safe recruitment procedure, and where relevant including a Confidential Self -Declaration Form and also obtain the necessary DBS clearance before they take up the role. All such volunteers are required to read the diocesan guidelines and attend appropriate training courses provided by the diocese. Groups using the church premises are made aware of our safeguarding policy and are asked to ensure that their own policy and checks are fully up to date.

Conclusion

We praise God that he continues to bless St Wilfrid's, so that we can bless others - locally in our community, in Havant Deanery, Portsmouth Diocese and in many places further afield. We give thanks for all that has been given and shared, for worship and witness, for prayer, fellowship and faithful service to the glory of God. We look forward to the exciting future that God has in store for us!

We are greatly indebted to every single member of our churches who voluntarily gives of his or her time, practical skills, spiritual gifts and money to build up our fellowship in the Spirit, grow our discipleship in Christ, and enable us all to continue to play our part in God's mission of love to the world in Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for all you do!

**Approved by the PCC on 5 May 2022
and signed on their behalf by Rev'd Ian Snares (PCC Chairman)**



2021 Accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Explanatory notes to the accounts

1. The accounts are being reported on a receipts and payments basis as agreed by the trustees at a full PCC meeting on 26th November 2015. The accounts are presented in accordance with guidance in the 5th edition of "PCC accountability" which conforms to The Charities Act 2011 incorporating SORP 2015.
2. A budget for 2022 is included in the accounts. This was accepted at the PCC meeting in Nov 21. All finance projections are based on the final figures for 2021 or 2019 where no relevant 2021 figures exist.
3. Assets are still declining and an expected big spend in the Growth Fund on a new audio-visual system will significantly reduce the holding in the bank accounts and therefore our overall liquidity.
4. The liabilities (£1,932) shown in the statement are due to transactions in the "Agency post boxes" (*money that passes through the church bank accounts but is not for church funds*) that could not be completed in the financial year. The significant items are £756 owed to the Diocese for 2021 Q4 fees, £429 to the RBL Poppy Appeal, £326 to Rowans Hospice, £326 to Tearfund and £97 owed to the Leprosy Mission.

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts:						
Voluntary receipts	97,621.87	8,912.50	—	—	106,534.37	100,502.91
Income from church activities	2,485.91	—	—	—	2,485.91	1,263.14
Other trading activities	6,693.00	—	—	—	6,693.00	7,598.97
Investments	43.95	—	—	—	43.95	222.05
Other income	251.10	1,459.70	—	—	1,710.80	2,873.40
Total receipts:	107,095.83	10,372.20	—	—	117,468.03	112,460.47
Payments:						
Raising funds	1,281.01	—	—	—	1,281.01	1,240.35
Costs of church activities	104,714.69	4,252.74	232.33	—	109,199.76	111,242.94
Other expenditure	125.00	1,115.39	132.52	—	1,372.91	3,362.47
Total payments:	106,120.70	5,368.13	364.85	—	111,853.68	115,845.76
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	975.13	5,004.07	(364.85)	—	5,614.35	(3,385.29)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,000.00	605.00	—	—	1,605.00	4,190.34
Gross transfers between funds - out	(605.00)	(1,000.00)	—	—	(1,605.00)	(4,190.34)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	1,370.13	4,609.07	(364.85)	—	5,614.35	(3,385.29)
Net movement in funds	1,370.13	4,609.07	(364.85)	—	5,614.35	(3,385.29)
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of year	8,867.08	26,729.49	34,461.58	—	70,058.15	73,443.44
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	10,237.21	31,338.56	34,096.73	—	75,672.50	70,058.15

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2021

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
6430 : Land	—	—	22,000.00	—	22,000.00	22,000.00
6431 : Organ	(976.19)	1,356.19	—	—	380.00	380.00
Total	(976.19)	1,356.19	22,000.00	—	22,380.00	22,380.00
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : Barclay's Bank current account	(27,813.95)	47,649.93	10,081.68	—	29,917.66	21,224.47
6502 : Lloyd's Bank current account	36,844.48	(21,712.36)	(7,880.80)	—	7,251.32	8,968.53
6503 : CAF cash account	(5.00)	5.00	—	—	—	—
6505 : Virgin Charity deposit account	987.87	3,309.46	13,757.92	—	18,055.25	18,031.30
Total	10,013.40	29,252.03	15,958.80	—	55,224.23	48,224.30
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	1,931.73	—	1,931.73	546.15
Total	—	—	1,931.73	—	1,931.73	546.15
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
6601 : Loans received	(1,200.00)	(730.34)	1,930.34	—	—	—
Total	(1,200.00)	(730.34)	1,930.34	—	—	—
Net total assets	10,237.21	31,338.56	34,096.73	—	75,672.50	70,058.15
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	10,237.21	—	—	—	10,237.21	8,867.08
Designated - CCC	—	1,236.34	—	—	1,236.34	1,106.62
Designated - CommSupp	—	1,496.11	—	—	1,496.11	—
Designated - Cow trail	—	191.33	—	—	191.33	191.33
Designated - Eco	—	5.00	—	—	5.00	—
Designated - Evangelism	—	4,464.56	—	—	4,464.56	5,288.54
Designated - Flow ers	—	78.00	—	—	78.00	78.00
Designated - Grow th	—	17,074.66	—	—	17,074.66	18,399.33
Designated - LegDes	—	5,334.88	—	—	5,334.88	—
Designated - Toddler-2	—	1,339.07	—	—	1,339.07	1,547.06
Designated - Youth	—	118.61	—	—	118.61	118.61
Restricted - Choir	—	—	—	—	—	92.36
Restricted - Kitchen	—	—	315.82	—	315.82	315.82
Restricted - Larteh	—	—	138.23	—	138.23	188.23
Restricted - Legacy	—	—	4,011.18	—	4,011.18	4,011.18
Restricted - Library	—	—	57.86	—	57.86	190.38
Restricted - VDF	—	—	400.00	—	400.00	400.00
Restricted - WMgarden	—	—	4,343.20	—	4,343.20	4,433.17
Restricted - Westbrook	—	—	2,475.77	—	2,475.77	2,475.77
Restricted - Whitbread	—	—	22,354.67	—	22,354.67	22,354.67
Total	10,237.21	31,338.56	34,096.73	—	75,672.50	70,058.15

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

<i>Note</i>	From	01 January 2021	01 January 2020
	To	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts:			
Voluntary receipts			
Planned Giving - Bank	✓	51,638.35	✓ 50,175.50
Planned Giving - Envelopes	✓	4,345.00	✓ 5,140.00
Other planned giving (PGS)	✓	14,693.91	✓ 16,884.03
other voluntary receipts	✓	0.99	✓ 83.88
Loose plate collections	✓	2,494.41	✓ 2,222.12
Donations appeals etc	✓	5,729.10	✓ 5,277.53
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	✓	18,120.11	✓ 17,900.45
Non-recurring one-off grants	✓	600.00	—
<i>Total Voluntary receipts</i>	✓	<i>97,621.87</i>	✓ <i>97,683.51</i>
Income from church activities			
May Fayre		—	✓ 114.48
Christmas Fayre	✓	2,347.32	—
Tea/coffee		—	✓ 101.42
Easy fundraising		138.59	171.97
<i>Total Income from church activities</i>		<i>2,485.91</i>	<i>387.87</i>
Other trading activities			
Rummage sales etc		—	57.97
Fees for weddings and funerals		1,532.00	792.00
Church hall lettings - objectives		5,161.00	6,749.00
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		<i>6,693.00</i>	<i>7,598.97</i>
Investments			
Dividends		23.95	—
Bank and building society interest		—	222.05
Rent from lands or buildings		20.00	—
<i>Total Investments</i>		<i>43.95</i>	<i>222.05</i>
Other income			
other income		251.10	719.20
<i>Total Other income</i>		<i>251.10</i>	<i>719.20</i>
Total receipts:		107,095.83	106,611.60

Payments:

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events	✓	1,281.01	✓	683.18
<i>Total Raising funds</i>	✓	<i>1,281.01</i>	✓	<i>683.18</i>

Costs of church activities

CMS Alison Gilbet	✓	900.00	✓	900.00
Giving - relief and development agencies		—	✓	5.24
Children & Youth Resources		—	✓	8.43
IT Subscriptions	✓	65.19		—
Portsmouth Foodbank	✓	493.85	✓	290.00
Parish Share	✓	81,623.00	✓	85,119.00
Assistant clergy expenses		—	✓	706.70
Office manager	✓	2,964.00	✓	3,554.80
Organists salary		—	✓	605.00
PAYE income tax	✓	261.64	✓	255.60
Working expenses of incumbent	✓	60.76	✓	664.51
Travelling expenses	✓	154.65	✓	185.00
Water rates - vicarage	✓	337.21	✓	335.92
Vicar's telephone	✓	304.64		—
Parish training and mission	✓	70.00	✓	50.00
Insurance	✓	1,243.54	✓	1,239.52
Performing rights license	✓	387.00	✓	325.14
Royal School of Church music	✓	17.64		—
Telephone	✓	260.63	✓	461.23
Organ / piano tuning	✓	450.00	✓	324.00
Church maintenance	✓	3,035.26	✓	1,496.70
Church Cleaning	✓	3,794.00	✓	3,393.00
Lift maintenance	✓	221.62	✓	798.38
Caretaker salary	✓	2,820.00	✓	733.80
Administration		—	✓	126.31
Sacristy supplies	✓	87.13	✓	194.87
Printing		—	✓	94.36
Paper		—	✓	132.96
Hospitality costs		—	✓	17.77
Stationery	✓	109.49	✓	104.73
Postage		—	✓	101.40
Data Developments	✓	150.00	✓	150.00
Computer costs	✓	595.93	✓	1.00
Electricity	✓	1,588.32	✓	1,594.46
Gas	✓	1,571.55	✓	1,657.42
Magazine expenses	✓	223.95		—
Hall supplies	✓	55.50	✓	165.22
Phs supplies	✓	105.19	✓	53.69
Water-church/Hall	✓	451.00	✓	1,199.69
Fire check	✓	132.00	✓	575.34
Electrical testing	✓	180.00	✓	84.00

Total Costs of church activities ✓ *104,714.69* ✓ *107,705.19*

Other expenditure

Miscellaneous expenses	✓	125.00	✓	440.69
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	✓	<i>125.00</i>	✓	<i>440.69</i>

Total payments:

✓ **106,120.70** ✓ **108,829.06**

Excess of Receipts: over Payments:	✓	975.13	✓	(2,217.46)
Brought forward balance	✓	8,867.08	✓	9,834.54
Transfers to/(from)	✓	395.00	✓	1,250.00

Total carried forward balance

✓ **10,237.21** ✓ **8,867.08**

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General - General fund	8,867.08	107,095.83	106,120.70	395.00	—	—	10,237.21
Sub-totals	8,867.08	107,095.83	106,120.70	395.00	—	—	10,237.21
Designated							
CCC - Community	1,106.62	218.20	88.48	—	—	—	1,236.34
Coffee Cup	—	1,912.50	1,016.39	600.00	—	—	1,496.11
CommSupp - Community Support	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cow trail - Cow trail fund	191.33	—	—	—	—	—	191.33
Eco - Eco Fund	—	—	—	5.00	—	—	5.00
Evangelism - Evangelism fund	5,288.54	—	823.98	—	—	—	4,464.56
Flow ers - Flow er Fund	78.00	—	—	—	—	—	78.00
Grow th - Grow th Fund	18,399.33	1,000.00	2,324.67	—	—	—	17,074.66
LegDes - Legacy (Designated)	—	6,000.00	665.12	—	—	—	5,334.88
Organ - Organ fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restore - Church restoration fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robin - Robin Jones studies fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toddler-2 - Carers & Toddlers - 2	1,547.06	1,241.50	449.49	(1,000.00)	—	—	1,339.07
Youth - Youth Work	118.61	—	—	—	—	—	118.61
Sub-totals	26,729.49	10,372.20	5,368.13	(395.00)	—	—	31,338.56
Restricted							
Choir - Choir fund	92.36	—	92.36	—	—	—	—
Kitchen - Kitchen fund	315.82	—	—	—	—	—	315.82
Larteh - Larteh fund	188.23	—	50.00	—	—	—	138.23
Legacy - Legacy fund	4,011.18	—	—	—	—	—	4,011.18
Library - Library fund	190.38	—	132.52	—	—	—	57.86
Toddlers - Carer's and toddler's fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
VDF - Vicar's	400.00	—	—	—	—	—	400.00
Discretionary fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WMgarden - White memorial garden fund	4,433.17	—	89.97	—	—	—	4,343.20
Westbrook - Westbrook church fund	2,475.77	—	—	—	—	—	2,475.77
Whitbread - Whitbread fund	22,354.67	—	—	—	—	—	22,354.67
Sub-totals	34,461.58	—	364.85	—	—	—	34,096.73
Totals	70,058.15	117,468.03	111,853.68	—	—	—	75,672.50

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Note: The Whitbread Fund Balance includes £22,000 for the purchase value of the Garden.

Charitable Giving 2020

<u>Source</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Church Funds	CMS – Alison GIBLETT	900
	Waterlooville Foodbank	474
Christingle	Children's Society	181
Presentation	Bishop Christopher Leaving	125
Deanery	Koforidua Donation	50
		Total: 1730

Notes:

I. The sum of £1730 does not take account of the discounted Hall Rental Fees charged to other Registered Charities eg The Brownies and Girl Guides.

Receipts and payments in the General fund (Budget 2022 calculations)

RECEIPTS (GROSS)	2021		2022		PAYMENTS	2021		2022	
	Budget	Actual	Basis	Budget		Budget	Actual	Basis	Budget
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>									
Planned Giving/envelope scheme		55983	= 2021 Actual	55983	Missionary and charitable giving	1240	1394	Mid Point	1317
PGS		14694	= 2021 Actual	14694					
Gift Aid Income tax refund	17906	18120	= 2021 Actual	18120					
Sub-Total	83398	88797	= 2021 Actual	88797	Parish share	84462	81623	Actual	81904
Church collections	7844	2494	= 2021 + 25%	3118	Clergy, organist and office manager	7364	6903	= 2021+ 3%	7110
Donations and appeals	4133	5729	Mid Point	4931	Cost of Raising Funds / Events	443	1281	= 2021+25%	1601
Other voluntary receipts	359	1	Mid Point	180	Parish Training	0	70	= 2021+ 3%	72
Diaries	0	0	Zero	0					
Legacy	0	0	Zero	0	<i>Church running expenses</i>				
HCC grant	0	600	Zero	0	Cleaners & Window Cleeaner	6396	3794	= 2019 +10%	4500
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					Gas and electricity	4141	3160	= 2021 + 6%	3349
Other income	1540	251	Mid Point	895	Water rates	1495	451	= 2021 + 3%	465
Easyfundraising	69	139	= 2021 Actual	139	insurance	1181	1244	Actual	1271
May Fayre	1692	0	= 2019 ++	2000	CCLI + RSCM	498	405	= 2019 + 3%	600
Christmas Fayre	1795	2347	= 2021 Actual	2347	other running/admin expenses	2838	1405	= 2021+50%	2108
Income from events	0	0	= 2021 Actual	0					
tea/coffee, other fundraising	578	0	= 2021 Actual	0					
<i>Other trading activities</i>					Church maintenance (incl Lift & Tests)	3837	4019	Budget	4600
Hall lettings	12605	5161	= 2021 +50%	7742					
Fees w eddings and funerals	2888	1532	Mid Point	2210	Church/Hall running costs	672	248	= 2019	850
Recycling	0	0	Zero	0					
Investments	0	24	Zero	0	Miscellaneous	2000	125	Mid Point	1063
car park	40	20	= 2021 Budget	40					
Total	116940	107096		112399	Total	116567	106122		110809
2022 Projected Excess of Income over Expenditure									

Notes:

1. Real Living Wage (RLW) £9.90/hr wef Nov 21
2. PGTP (planned giving taxpayers)
3. Mid Pt is the mid-point between the 2021 Budget and the 2021 Actual – This reflects use of exponential smoothing in an attempt to improve accuracy of forecasting.

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31 March 2022

The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council
St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Independent Examiner's Report – Year Ending 31st December 2021

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - To prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records 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.



Neil Blanchard
Honorary Independent Examiner

Accounts



**Annual Report and
Financial Statements**

of

**The Parochial Church
Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Wilfrid, Cowplain**

Registered Charity No. 1130601

Year ending 31 December 2020

The year of lockdown

**Annual Report of
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Wilfrid, Cowplain (Registered Charity No. 1130601)
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Administrative information

The parish of St Wilfrid is situated in Cowplain. It is in the Deanery of Havant, the Archdeaconry of Portsdown and the Diocese of Portsmouth.

PCC correspondence: c/o The Vicarage, Padnell Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO8 8DZ

Website: www.stwilfridscowplain.co.uk

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	The Rev'd Ian Snares
<i>Curate</i>	The Rev'd Julie Jackson (on <i>Maternity leave from July 2020</i>)
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Allan Brawn Jan Smith (<i>PCC Secretary and Vice Chairman</i>) until APCM 2020 Bob Wheeler from APCM 2020
<i>Deputy Wardens</i>	Elaine Hoey (<i>Co-opted PCC Member</i>) Bob Wheeler (<i>PCC Member</i>) until APCM 2020 Jan Smith (from November 2020)
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Amanda Sim (<i>from November 2018</i>) Denise Williams (<i>from APCM 2019</i>)
<i>Licensed Reader</i>	Elaine Andrews
<i>Elected Members</i>	
<i>Until APCM 2020:</i>	Bob Wheeler (elected Churchwarden APCM 2020) Denise Williams (Deanery Synod Representative from APCM 2019)
<i>Until APCM 2021:</i>	Mark Coates Sonia Passingham David Wiseman Jo Mead
<i>Until APCM 2022:</i>	Colin Mason (Treasurer) Val Strutt (Safeguarding Officer) Sue Williams
<i>Until APCM 2023</i>	Steve Day Elaine Hoey Jan Smith
<i>Co-opted Members</i>	None

Day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Incumbent and Churchwardens, assisted by our Deputy Wardens, the Parish Administrator, Mrs Maria McGannan assisted by Mrs Valerie Strutt, the Verger Mrs Jo Snares (from October 2020), Treasurer Mr Colin Mason ACMA and the many volunteers who willingly give of their time. The PCC thanks them all for their time and dedication.

Banking: Barclays Bank PLC, PO Box 6, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO6 3DH
Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, 272 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7HN

Independent Examiner: Mr Neil Blanchard, 3 Rosemary Way, Cowplain, Waterlooville, PO8 9DG

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England, a registered charity and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC. Newly-elected PCC members are encouraged to attend an induction course for PCC members provided by the Diocese. Representatives of the PCC are asked to attend other relevant training events, report back to the PCC as a body and disseminate printed information where appropriate.

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Members: Rev'd Ian Snares, Allan Brawn, Bob Wheeler, Jan Smith, Elaine Hoey and Colin Mason.

Finance Committee:

Supports the Treasurer's work, oversees the general finances of the church and makes recommendations to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Wilfrid's PCC is required, as stated in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, to cooperate with the minister, The Rev'd Ian Snares and the Churchwardens in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. That mission is carried out through St Wilfrid's Church. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for St Wilfrid's church building, halls and the grounds surrounding them.

St Wilfrid's Vision Statement:

Our vision for St Wilfrid's is to be the heart of our community.

Disciples who make disciples

In 2020, the PCC met twice in person and four times by Zoom with an average attendance of between 12 and 13 people. Our curate, Rev'd Julie Jackson commenced her maternity leave during this year.

An additional meeting was arranged in November to consider our response to the Deanery Plan: and 14 people attended.

General objectives continue to be met by the provision of a broad range of services, meetings and groups for different ages and interests at St Wilfrid's Church and through engagement with the wider community. The clergy have visited schools, provided occasional offices (funerals, weddings and baptisms) for parishioners, and laity and clergy have visited homes to offer prayer, pastoral care and support.

Many volunteers have made an enormous unquantifiable contribution to the work of St Wilfrid's Church, the equivalent of many hundreds of hours given in the form of cleaning, gardening, catering, fundraising, visiting, leading youth and children's work, prayer ministry, flower arranging, printing, maintenance, leading groups, leading worship, preaching, administration, finances, etc. The PCC thanks all who so willingly give their time and skills.

Highlights of 2020

Our pattern of services continued, as in previous years, until 15th March 2020.

- After 15th March until 19th July there were no services in Church.
From 19th July a weekly service of Simple Holy Communion at 9am was offered, continuing until 1st November, then recommenced from 6th – 20th December.
The PCC and Churchwardens discussed carefully the prevailing levels of infection and government guidelines in selecting this timetable.
- Between 23 and 44 people attended services, with an average attendance of 30/31 people during those 19 weeks.
- In March 2020 we firstly live- streamed a service and then went over to producing weekly on-line services on YouTube and Facebook. It is impossible to know precisely how many people worship with us in these services.
New people and “fringe” members of our church joined in with the services, at 11.00 on Sunday mornings (changed to 10.45 when the broadcasting on-the-hour wasn’t possible).
Some stay for coffee via Zoom after the service.
- Participation in producing these services was encouraged and people of all ages continue to contribute their prayers, reflections and sermons via WhatsApp.
- Morning Prayer via Zoom has been offered from Monday to Friday each week and often lasts for a full hour, when the 12 – 20 participants reflect on the scripture and offer intercessory prayers. Prior to lockdown, between one and five people attended Morning Prayer in church on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- A weekly Faith Story was produced at 4pm on Fridays during the latter part of 2020, again using YouTube and Facebook.
- Bible Study was enjoyed, via Zoom on Wednesday evenings.
- The planned Lent Course could not continue, due to lockdown.
- The Pastoral Care Team adapted its remit to support parishioners by telephone and monthly correspondence by letter.
- The Prayer Team has continued to produce a monthly prayer diary and to contribute to a monthly prayer hour via Zoom.
- Although many of our groups were not able to meet face to face, a number of home groups have continued via Zoom and a New Mother and Baby Group has met under strict Covid regulations in the upper hall.
- During some months in 2020 restricted activities were allowed in the church halls and the Churchwarden Team worked very hard drawing up Risk Assessment Forms and putting in place the practical details required by law – including sanitizing stations, cleaning regimes and seating arranged to take account of social distancing.
- The LyCiG group merged fully with the Evangelism Team and have continued to plan courses and events, some of which will happen via Zoom and others will be postponed until we come out of lockdown.
- Resolve (January) and Start (March) courses were well received.
- Community Coffee Cup invested in safety equipment but due to Covid was only able to meet twice
- Members of our church joined with the Lead Academy which led to our identifying our “plumb line”, as well as recognising the value of developing the range of small groups in which to nurture and encourage our church family, and to serve as an opportunity for outreach.
- A Strategic Development Group has been appointed to guide our future focus and priorities; they are Ian, Allan Brawn, Elaine Hoey, Bob Wheeler, Sharon Wheeler, Jo Mead, Clive Williams, Sue Williams, Mark Coates, Norma White, Colin Mason, Trudy Mason, Denise Williams and Lisa Kernot.

- Appointment of Jo Snares as our new verger, following Fred's retirement after many years of faithful service.
- Appointment of Maria McGannan as our new administrator, following Val's retirement after many years of faithful service. We are delighted that Val continues as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and as funeral and wedding coordinator.
- 2 questionnaires were completed, one by post and the other online, to help us understand and best support all at St Wilfrid's through Covid restrictions.
- Over 400 Christmas Shoe boxes were successfully collected and sent on to bless children across the world.
- We continue to pray for Alison Giblet, our CMS link in Ukraine.
- Our contact with our link church, St Augustine's in Larteh in Ghana has been minimal.
- We have responded to the draft Havant Deanery Plan and diocese's transformation programme.
- Liz Quinn joined us for her placement church during her training for Lay Ministry.
- We said goodbye to a number of our Ministry Team. Rev'd Barry and Sue Smith have moved to Surrey to be near family. Cynthia Whittle has retired as a Reader, and along with Patrick has moved to a church near their home in Drayton. In April 2021, Sue Williams has stood down as a Reader, but continues to serve St Wilfrid's in many ways.

Plans for 2021

2021 started in lockdown, our third within 12 months. With services suspended, and much of what we do focused online, the impact has been dramatic.

However, the enforced changes have given us the chance to reflect on our purpose and even consider why we exist. This has meant that this time of Covid has not been wasted. We have seen God at work despite the challenges and are now asking what it means for St Wilfrid's to be the Parish Church for Cowplain (plus parts of Horndean and Waterloooville) in the new post-Covid world we are about to enter.

We have focused our purpose - the 'why we exist' - on Jesus' Great Commission, given to his disciples following his resurrection. He tells them (*Matt 28.16-20 NIV*):

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said,

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Jesus calls us to be his disciples who make disciples. We don't do this on our own – we have his authority and he has given us his Holy Spirit to guide us and inspire us. We are called to following the footsteps of Peter, James, John... and the countless followers of Jesus through the ages who have caught what it means to be his disciple and to pass it on.

This is our exciting purpose! It's nothing new, but in our changing world we must ask how do we – both as a Church and individually – grow in what it means to follow Jesus and help others also to do so? One of our guiding Bible verses over this last year has been Isaiah 43.16-19, where God declares that he is doing a new thing. God's character never changes, but how he works to build his Kingdom does. We want to be in tune with him, allowing Jesus to be our guide as we seek to impact our communities.

Whilst we have lots of questions (and our new Strategic Development Group will be helping us answer many of them), there are some clear principles and priorities that are emerging.

Worshipping together is important. It is where we grow together in being 'Church'. As we declare God's glory, power, majesty, we receive so much from him. As we come together, we each bring our gifts and support one another.

Covid has disrupted our corporate worship and has also allowed us to ask those challenging questions about how we should meet together once allowed to do so freely. What should our pattern of Sunday worship look like? How else should we worship together through the week? How do we best equip all ages to grow in being Jesus' disciples? How do we help those unable to come to church – the elderly, sick, those with young families for whom church is difficult? Our Church Online weekly Facebook and YouTube service has become a focus for many, and we must also ask how we should develop online worship. As we look to develop our post-Covid pattern of corporate worship, the inconvenient truth is that we cannot go back to where we were in March 2020.

Our Spring 2021 focus has been on developing Connect Groups. This is our new name for our variety of small groups, not least our homegroups that have faithfully met for many years. However, our focus is shifting from being a church with some small groups, to being a church made up of many small groups which include and welcome many kinds of people.

Connect Groups are key to us helping each of us to grow in our faith. They provide pastoral care and challenge us in our witness. Covid has been a big disrupter, with face-to-face groups unable to meet for considerable periods of time. However, new groups have been formed (or reformed) online using Zoom and this has allowed many more people to get involved. We are looking to 'hybrid' future, with a mix of groups meeting in the best ways for their members. We are also praying that our groups might grow as more want to get involved. Who might you invite?

We have also looked afresh at prayer being at the heart of St Wilfrid's. Again, this is nothing new! But a praying church is a thriving church, where God has a knack of working in powerful ways. So we are keen to ensure we hold regular days of prayer, and to find ways to encourage and equip us in our praying – both individually and together. We are looking again at what it means to listen to God, how we can grow in allowing him the space to speak to us. And of course, we want to develop our intercessory prayer, bringing to God the needs of our community, nation, world and all who need his touch and healing.

Moving out of lockdown will bring lots of challenges as to how we reach out to our local community. How do we best bring God's love to all in Cowplain and beyond? How do we make disciples of those who currently don't know that Jesus loves them? We don't have all the answers, but here are some practical areas we want to develop:

- We are looking forward to *Community Coffee Cup* being able to return, welcoming all ages to drop into Westbrook Hall on Saturday mornings.
- *The Ark* and *Little Fishes* parent and toddler groups are restarting, and we are looking at how to grow the friendships with the many families who attend.
- Our *New Parents Support Group* has been running (legally!) throughout lockdown, helping new parents through this challenging time.
- Our *Bereavement Support Group* meets monthly – this provides an important role.
- We plan to run the *CAP Money Course*, and hope this may develop into new ways of supporting those struggling financially.
- Following a very successful distribution of food parcels (thank you to ASDA and all who donated, and to Padnell Infant and Junior Schools for partnering with us), we have set up a new *Community Support Fund* and are looking at how we can help families and others who are struggling financially, and to bless our local community.
- We are hoping to run *Alpha Online* later in 2021, as part of our evangelism programme. Who might you invite?
- *Messy Church Together* has brought us closer to Hart Plain and Waterlooville Baptist Churches, with a wonderful daily Lent Challenge on Facebook and YouTube. This has given fresh impetus and we can't wait to see how God will use this new partnership.
- We are working towards becoming an *Eco Church*, and see caring for our environment central to the mission God has given us. We are looking at how we can engage with our local community in practical ways that demonstrate God's concern for his world.
- With our world becoming much more digital and online, we are reviewing how we can reach people through the internet, social media, video, etc. Covid and lockdown have taught us that God can use St Wilfrid's far beyond Cowplain!

Finally, we are also working with Portsmouth Diocese and Havant Deanery in developing our new Deanery Plan. Our Diocese's vision, Live|Pray|Serve, is focused on growing in depth (we might call discipleship), impact (we might think of as how we serve our community) and number (we might call evangelism). This fits so closely with how we sense God leading us at St Wilfrid's. It will involve us working much more closely with other local parishes, seeing how we can use all the resources God has given us to grow. This is something to embrace, with a healthy St Wilfrid's focused upon growing as Jesus' disciples who make disciples able to provide a leading input beyond our parish boundaries.

Attendance at Services

Please see **Highlights of 2020** (page 5 above)

Occasional Offices 2020

Baptisms:	0	compared	with	2	in	2019
Confirmation:	0	compared	with	0	in	2019
Marriages:	1	compared	with	2	in	2019
Funerals in Church:	5	compared	with	7	in	2019
Funerals at Crematorium:	11	compared	with	11	in	2019

Electoral Roll

At the APCM in 2020 (held on 22nd October, by Zoom and in person), there were 176 names on the Church Electoral Roll, compared with 172 in 2019.

Financial Review

As readers will be only all too aware, 2020 was (hopefully) a unique year that bore little reference to preceding years – therefore, comparisons to 2019 finances are generally meaningless and have only been included to show how the limitations imposed on church and church hall opening have impacted the financial position. Additionally, all forecasts (which have been based on 2019 as the latest representative year) for 2021 are significantly dependent on both the scope and timings of re-opening the church and church hall, and the extent to which the operation of restricted services during the enforced Covid-19 lockdown is unwound.

Total receipts to the General Fund were £106,611 (a reduction of £16,329 or 13.3% on 2019), of which £97,684 (a reduction of only 2.3%) was unrestricted voluntary donations, including £17,900 tax recoverable on Gift Aid.

Planned giving through blue envelopes, banker's orders and PGS was significantly up (£6,708) on 2019. Loose plate collections reduced by £5,622 or 72%, reflecting the absence of the regular full 3 service Sunday worship from Apr onwards, whilst donations increased marginally by £260 or 5.2%.

Income from hall lettings decreased by £5,856 or 46.5% on the 2019 figure due to the protracted church closure. In view of this, no increase in hire charges is proposed for next year. Income from fees for funerals and weddings similarly decreased on 2019 by £2,354 or 74.8%.

£108,829 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Wilfrid's Church, a decrease of £12,193 or 11.2% on 2019. This included fully meeting our contribution to the diocesan Parish Share of £85,069 (that was £607 or 0.72% more than 2019) and largely provides the stipends, pension contributions and housing for the clergy. [Note: The sum that the churches in the deanery must find is shared between them according to a formula that is based mainly on headcount (average weekly attendance) of the congregations, but also dependent on the relative assumed wealth of the parish.] The sum we must pay in 2021 is £81,603, a decrease of £3,466 (4.1%) over 2020. This reduction is greater than anticipated and reflects the Diocesan understanding of the pressure on church finances and its preparedness to accept greater risk in its own finances.

The overall nett result for the year was a loss of receipts over payments of £967 or 9.8% in the General Fund balance at 3 Dec 2019. Nett changes (after income, expenditure and inter-fund transfers are taken into account) for the aggregate balance on Designated Funds is a £2,351 reduction. The amount held in Restricted Funds decreased by £67. The total reduction across all Funds was £3,385, or 6.6%.

The balance carried forward at 31 Dec 20 on Unrestricted and Designated Funds was £35,597 of which £5,288 has been set aside for the Evangelism Fund (used, for example, to fund the Alpha and Restore courses), £18,399 for the Growth Fund (to be used to update and upgrade our Information Technology and Audio Visual capabilities to better support our administration, services and any new mission initiatives which hopefully will be

enjoyed by existing members of the congregation and at the same time impress any visitors and those seeking a vibrant welcoming church to join and £1,107 for Community Coffee Cup. Any new/further projects may need additional specifically targeted fundraising.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on the Unrestricted General Fund which equates to at least three months payments on unavoidable (non-discretionary) running costs. Based on the average monthly spend in 2019 this would amount to some £30,250. This balance would smooth out fluctuations in cash flow (expenditure versus receipts) and meet emergencies, eg the lift requiring further major repairs without which the Upper Hall would be largely un-usable. Whilst remaining a financial objective, the effects of Covid on the cash balance during 2020 have all been negative ie reducing the Unrestricted General Fund balance on 31 Dec 20 to £8,867, only 29.3% of the target – which means that there is less than one month of liquid cash reserves readily available to meet monthly liabilities. Whilst the overall balance on all Funds at 31 Dec 20 was £70,058, £34,461 or 49.2% (of which £22,000 is the value of the additional land behind the Memorial Garden is held in Restricted Funds) can only be used for their legally defined purpose, with a further 38.2% (£26,729) held in Designated Funds where the PCC has varying discretion over how the funds are expended. Therefore, the monthly management of receipts and expenditure in the General Fund is akin to a ponzi scheme where one month's income is necessarily used to pay some or all of that month's expenses. It remains the PCC's intention to increase the General Fund over time. Scope for increasing income from investments (i.e. the Virgin Savings Account) is limited due to low interest rates and the relatively small balance in the account. Overall, the monthly situation of receipts and payments against the General Fund must be regarded as one of fragile stability; any unanticipated material decrease in income or increase in expenditure could have significant consequences in both the short and medium terms.

A 'profit' in the General Fund amounting to £724 is forecast for the end of 2021. This reflects forecast increases due to general inflation on utilities and maintenance costs which have been offset by the reduction in the Parish Share. But, given uncertainties over the ability of the church to generate income from loose plate collections, fees, hall rental and fayres, this figure is highly speculative.

Charitable giving

Charitable giving through the church was significantly reduced because the church was closed for much of 2020 resulting in the cancellation of events and services from which our charitable giving is normally derived. £1,680 which is equivalent to 1.6% of total receipts to the General Fund income (0.8% went overseas). This is below our target of 10% and is something that we will attempt to address in 2021 if our post-Covid financial position allows. [Note: These calculations only consider gross income to the General Fund. As necessary expenditure exceeded income it has not been possible to calculate the percentage against nett income.]

Policies and Risks

The PCC has identified major risks, and procedures have been established to manage them, as follows.

Finance: A detailed budget is prepared and agreed by the PCC each year. The Treasurer provides an update comparing the current situation to the budget at each PCC meeting (with additional detailed monthly updates to the Finance Sub-Committee since Mar 2020 to ensure the General Fund remained solvent whilst payment of our Parish Share was maintained), and action is agreed as necessary in order to reduce costs or increase income.

Most of our reserves are invested through Virgin Money in order to bring in a market rate of interest and mitigate some of the effect of inflation. Reserves are intended to cover any deficit on the year, major repairs, replacement of larger items of equipment and special projects.

Health and Safety: Our Fire, Health and Safety Policy was reviewed and approved at the 24 January 2019 PCC meeting. All groups using our premises are expected to be familiar with this policy and comply with it. Risk assessments are made for new and one-off activities. The lift is checked and serviced every six months. The fire alarm, extinguishers, emergency lighting and portable electrical equipment are tested regularly and inspected in accordance with current regulations. Although the kitchen has not been inspected, action continues to be taken to maintain these facilities to a high standard and ensure good health and hygiene practice for by those who use them.

IT Policy: The IT Policy was drafted in October 2014.

Insurance: The PCC is fully insured through our Ecclesiastical Insurance Parish Plus policy.

Safeguarding: The PCC's Safeguarding Policy and Policy Statement were both reviewed and renewed on 12 July 2018 (and again on 23 January 2020). This has taken account of the ongoing changes to national and diocesan safeguarding guidelines and changes have been made following discussions with the diocesan safeguarding advisor. However, further National Church changes will impact our policy.

Mrs Val Strutt is our Safeguarding Officer and reports regularly to the PCC. All adults who offer to work as volunteers with children and/or vulnerable adults are required to undergo the recruitment procedure, including a Confidential Self Declaration Form and also obtain the necessary DBS clearance before they take up the role. All such volunteers are required to read the diocesan guidelines and attend appropriate training courses provided by the diocese. Groups using the church premises are made aware of our safeguarding policy and are asked to ensure that their own policy and checks are fully up to date.

Conclusion

We praise God that he continues to bless St Wilfrid's, so that we can bless others - locally in our community, in Havant Deanery, Portsmouth Diocese and in many places further afield. We give thanks for all that has been given and shared, for worship and witness, for prayer, fellowship and faithful service to the glory of God. We look forward to the exciting future that God has in store for us!

We are greatly indebted to every single member of our churches who voluntarily gives of his or her time, practical skills, spiritual gifts and money to build up our fellowship in the Spirit, grow our discipleship in Christ, and enable us all to continue to play our part in God's mission of love to the world in Jesus Christ.
Thank you so much for all you do!

**Approved by the PCC on 2 July 2021
and signed on their behalf by Rev'd Ian Snares (PCC Chairman)**



2020 Accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Explanatory notes to the accounts

1. The accounts are being reported on a receipts and payments basis as agreed by the trustees at a full PCC meeting on 26th November 2015. The accounts are presented in accordance with guidance in the 5th edition of "PCC accountability" which conforms to The Charities Act 2011 incorporating SORP 2015.
2. A budget for 2021 is included in the accounts. This was accepted at the PCC meeting on 14 Jan 21. All finance projections are based on the final figures for 2019.
3. Assets are still declining and an expected big spend in the Growth Fund on a new audio-visual system will significantly reduce the holding in the bank accounts and therefore our overall liquidity.
4. The liabilities (£546) shown in the statement are due to transactions in the "Agency post boxes" (*money that passes through the church bank accounts but is not for church funds*) that could not be completed in the financial year. The significant items are £464 owed to the Diocese for 2020 Q4 fees and £97 owed to the Leprosy Mission.

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment Funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts:						
Voluntary receipts	97,683	2,779	40		100,502	112,390
Income from church activities	387	875	—		1,263	4,160
Other trading activities	7,598	—	—		7,598	15,789
Investments	222	—	—		222	40
Other income	719	2,154	—		2,873	3,374
Total receipts:	106,611	5,808	40		112,460	135,755
Payments:						
Raising funds	683	557	—		1,240	2,499
Costs of church activities	107,705	3,130	407		111,242	122,880
Other expenditure	440	2,921	—		3,362	2,430
Total payments:	108,829	6,609	407		115,845	127,809
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(2,217)	(800)	(367)		(3,385)	7,945
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,550	2,340	300		4,190	257
Gross transfers between funds - out	(300)	(1,550)	(2,340)		(4,190)	(257)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(967)	(10)	(2,407)		(3,385)	7,945
Net movement in funds	(967)	(10)	(2,407)		(3,385)	7,945
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 January 2020	9,834	26,739	36,868		73,443	65,498
All assets at 31 December 2020	8,867	26,729	34,461		70,058	73,443
There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown						

St Wilfrid's Church - 1130601
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2020

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
6430 : Land	—	—	22,000	—	22,000	22,000
6431 : Organ	(976)	1,356	—	—	380	380
Total	(976)	1,356	22,000	—	22,380	22,380
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : Barclay's Bank current account	(24,318)	37,925	7,617	—	21,224	17,889
6502 : Lloyd's Bank current account	32,002	(16,597)	(6,436)	—	8,968	17,434
6503 : CAF cash account	(5)	5	—	—	—	—
6505 : Virgin Charity deposit account	963	3,309	13,757	—	18,031	17,809
Total	8,643	24,642	14,938	—	48,224	53,133
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	546	—	546	2,069
Total	—	—	546	—	546	2,069
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
6601 : Loans received	(1,200)	(730)	1,930	—	—	—
Total	(1,200)	(730)	1,930	—	—	—
Net total assets	8,867	26,729	34,461	—	70,058	73,443
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	8,867	—	—	—	8,867	9,834
Designated - CCC	—	1,106	—	—	1,106	2,812
Designated - Cowtrail	—	191	—	—	191	191
Designated - Evangelism	—	5,288	—	—	5,288	5,556
Designated - Flowers	—	78	—	—	78	78
Designated - Growth	—	18,399	—	—	18,399	17,651
Designated - Organ	—	—	—	—	—	96
Designated - Toddler-2	—	1,547	—	—	1,547	236
Designated - Youth	—	118	—	—	118	118
Restricted - Choir	—	—	92	—	92	199
Restricted - Kitchen	—	—	315	—	315	275
Restricted - Larteh	—	—	188	—	188	388
Restricted - Legacy	—	—	4,011	—	4,011	4,011
Restricted - Library	—	—	190	—	190	290
Restricted - Toddlers	—	—	—	—	—	2,340
Restricted - VDF	—	—	400	—	400	100
Restricted - WMgarden	—	—	4,433	—	4,433	4,433
Restricted - Westbrook	—	—	2,475	—	2,475	2,475
Restricted - Whitbread	—	—	22,354	—	22,354	22,354
Total	8,867	26,729	34,461	—	70,058	73,443

St Wilfrid's Church - 1130601
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts:			
Voluntary receipts			
Planned Giving - Bank		50,175	40,532
Planned Giving - Envelopes		5,140	7,151
Other planned giving (PGS)		16,884	17,807
other voluntary receipts		83	575
Loose plate collections		2,222	7,844
Collection adjustments		—	0
One-off Gift Aid gifts		—	65
Donations appeals etc		5,277	5,018
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		17,900	17,906
Legacies		—	2,000
Non-recurring one-off grants		—	1,000
Diaries		—	49
	<i>Total Voluntary receipts</i>	97,683	99,949
Income from church activities			
May Fayre		114	1,691
Christmas Fayre		—	1,795
Tea/coffee		101	577
Easy fundraising		171	68
	<i>Total Income from church activities</i>	387	4,133
Other trading activities			
Rummage sales etc		57	38
Fees for weddings and funerals		792	3,146
Church hall lettings - objectives		6,749	12,605
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	7,598	15,789
Investments			
Bank and building society interest		222	—
Rent from lands or buildings		—	40
	<i>Total Investments</i>	222	40
Other income			
other income		719	3,027
	<i>Total Other income</i>	719	3,027
Total receipts:		106,611	122,940

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Payments:			
Raising funds			
Costs of fetes & other events		683	2,432
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<u>683</u>	<u>2,432</u>
Costs of church activities			
CMS Alison Gilbet		900	900
Giving - relief and development agencies		5	337
Children & Youth Resources		8	—
Portsmouth Foodbank		290	500
Parish Share		85,119	84,492
Assistant clergy expenses		706	928
Readers expenses		—	109
Office manager		3,554	4,206
Organists salary		605	1,730
PAYE income tax		255	1
Working expenses of incumbent		664	1,667
Travelling expenses		185	122
Water rates - vicarage		335	387
Parish training and mission		50	48
Insurance		1,239	1,180
Performing rights license		325	444
Royal School of Church music		—	105
Telephone		461	345
Organ / piano tuning		324	—
Church maintenance		1,496	3,136
Church Cleaning		3,393	3,120
Lift maintenance		798	2,917
Caretaker salary		733	3,007
Administration		126	361
Sacristy supplies		194	369
Printing		94	209
Paper		132	39
Hospitality costs		17	—
Stationery		104	20
Postage		101	32
Data Developments		150	150
Computer costs		1	201
Electricity		1,594	2,447
Gas		1,657	2,124
Magazine expenses		—	104
Hall supplies		165	217
Phs supplies		53	396
Water-church/Hall		1,199	910
Fire check		575	254
Electrical testing		84	111
Church interior and exterior decorating		—	60
Hall + major repairs - installation		—	407
	<i>Total Costs of church activities</i>	<u>107,705</u>	<u>118,105</u>
Other expenditure			
Miscellaneous expenses		440	483
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>440</u>	<u>483</u>
Total payments:		108,829	121,021
Excess of Receipts: over Payments:		(2,217)	1,918
Transfers to/(from)		1,250	(147)
Brought forward balance		9,834	8,063
Total carried forward balance		8,867	9,834

St Wilfrids Church - 1130601
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General - General fund	9,834	106,611	108,829	1,250	—	—	8,867
Sub-totals	9,834	106,611	108,829	1,250	—	—	8,867
Designated							
CCC - Community Coffee Cup	2,812	1,553	3,258	—	—	—	1,106
CommSupp - Community Support	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cow trail - Cow trail fund	191	—	—	—	—	—	191
Evangelism - Evangelism fund	5,556	981	1,199	(50)	—	—	5,288
Flow ers - Flow er Fund	78	—	—	—	—	—	78
Grow th - Grow th Fund	17,651	2,735	1,987	—	—	—	18,399
LegDes - Legacy (Designated)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Organ - Organ fund	96	—	96	—	—	—	—
Restore - Church restoration fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robin - Robin Jones studies fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toddler-2 - Carers & Toddlers - 2	236	538	67	840	—	—	1,547
Youth - Youth Work	118	—	—	—	—	—	118
Sub-totals	26,739	5,808	6,609	790	—	—	26,729
Restricted							
Choir - Choir fund	199	—	107	—	—	—	92
Kitchen - Kitchen fund	275	40	—	—	—	—	315
Larteh - Larteh fund	388	—	200	—	—	—	188
Legacy - Legacy fund	4,011	—	—	—	—	—	4,011
Library - Library fund	290	—	100	—	—	—	190
Toddlers - Carer's and toddler's fund	2,340	—	—	(2,340)	—	—	—
VDF - Vicar's	100	—	—	300	—	—	400
Discretionary fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WMgarden - White memorial garden fund	4,433	—	—	—	—	—	4,433
Westbrook - Westbrook church fund	2,475	—	—	—	—	—	2,475
Whitbread - Whitbread fund	22,354	—	—	—	—	—	22,354
Sub-totals	36,868	40	407	(2,040)	—	—	34,461
Totals	73,443	112,460	115,845	—	—	—	70,058
<i>There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown</i>							

Charitable Giving 2020

<u>Source</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Church Funds	CMS – Alison GIBLETT	900
	Portsmouth/Waterlooville Foodbank	240
Lent Lunches	TWAM	240
	QA Hospital	250
Services	Harvest - Waterlooville Foodbank	50
Total:		1680

Notes:

1. Routine monthly donation was switched from Portsmouth to Waterlooville Foodbank in Nov 20.
2. The sum of £1680 does not take account of the discounted Hall Rental Fees charged to other Registered Charities eg The Brownies and Girl Guides.

Receipts and payments in the General fund (Budget calculations)

	Actuals						Assumption	Budget
RECEIPTS	2,014	2,015	2,016	2,017	2,018	2,019		2,020
Voluntary receipts:								
planned giving	62,565	56,956	63,110	58,796	59,601	65,491	2019 rate	65,491
church collections	6,804	7,474	6,418	7,147	8,176	7,844	2019 rate	7,844
donations	3,476	1,595	816	2,564	7,796	5,018	2019 Mid Pt	4,134
gift aid recovered	17,039	13,187	13,454	17,599	16,183	17,906	0.25(PGTP+8000)	17,900
other voluntary receipts	6,012	512	500	198	78	641	2019 rate	849
legacies	0	14,403	1,500	0	500	2,000	none	-
Church activities (fund raising):								
May fayre	1,363	1,488	1,373	1,379	1,245	1,692	2019 +10%	1,861
Christmas fayre	1,428	1,337	1,618	1,370	1,549	1,795	2019 +10%	1,975
other, lillies, coffee	1,584	1,040	983	1,324	2,850	1,774	2019 rate	1,774
Other income	3,962	812	66	174	51	3,028	none	0
Trading activities:								
Hall lettings	13,513	10,205	15,187	16,111	14,236	12,605	2019 rate	12,605
Magazine advertising	680	35	-	-	-	-	none	-
Fees funerals and weddings	3,669	3,645	2,238	1,754	1,846	3,146	2019 Mid Pt	2,888
Investments:								
savings interest	840	257	502	139	101	0	0	0
Totals	122,935	112,946	107,765	108,556	114,212	122,940		117,321
PAYMENTS								
Raising funds	400	420	509	0	2,071	2,432	2019 rate	2,432
Church running expenses:								
parish share	86,952	87,078	86,257	85,745	83,650	84,492	Diocese rate	85,069
missionary and charitable giving	900	1,290	1,390	1,340	1,240	1,737	2019 Mid Pt	1,489
cleaner	1,512	1,320	1,530	1,560	2,040	2,877	2019 + 2%	2,950
caretaker	2,890	2,460	2,665	3,003	3,185	3,250	2019 + 2%	3,300
gas and electricity	4,381	4,355	3,659	4,164	4,145	4,572	2019 + 2%	4,664
water rates	1,697	1,682	1,844	1,756	498	910	2019 + 2%	928
Hall running costs	317	452	1,424	600	567	984	2019 + 2%	828
church maintenance	3,364	2,793	2,702	3,709	2,379	6,887	AB advice	3,700
clergy & staff costs	7,622	5,315	5,597	7,483	6,909	8,767	2019+2%	10,890
other running exp	6,628	6,682	5,128	3,330	2,838	3,090	2019 Mid Pt	3,899
other exp								
	11,226	995	676	1,968	2,000	1,024	2019 Mid Pt	1,511
Totals	127,889	114,842	113,381	114,659	111,521	121,022		121,660
Gain/Loss	-4,954	-1,896	-5,616	-6,103	2,691	1,918		-4,339
Offset by Transfers						1,250		
Adjusted Gain/loss						3,168		

Notes:

1. Real Living Wage (RLW) £9.50/hr wef Nov 20
2. PGTP (planned giving taxpayers)
3. 2019 Mid Pt is the mid-point between the 2019 Budget and the 2019 Actual – This reflects use of exponential smoothing in an attempt to improve accuracy of forecasting.

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30 March 2021

The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council
St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain

Independent Examiner's Report – Year Ending 31st December 2020

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - To prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records 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.



Neil Blanchard
Honorary Independent Examiner