

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH

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Activities

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

Activities: Church activities - see fuller description in attached Annual Report.

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	£269,704	£179,822	-	-
2024-12-31	£189,217	£173,106	-	-
2023-12-31	£168,768	£183,991	-	-
2022-12-31	£163,081	£164,057	-	-
2021-12-31	£156,164	£154,625	-	-
2020-12-31	£121,756	£131,831	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Victor Coldridge		2022-04-24
Alice Valerie Anne Ossa Trivino		2025-04-27
Anthony John Gaster		2023-04-30
Catherine Lorna Secker		2024-04-21
Diana Margaret Snagge		2021-04-18
Elaine Marion MacFarlane		2025-04-27
Gill Beck		2015-03-29
JOHN PRINGLE		2011-08-04
MURRAY FRANCIS DIXON		
Matthew John McDonnell		2021-04-18
Rev Dominik Abraham Chmielewski		2022-09-03
Ross Henzell Noott		2018-04-30
Stephen James Brill		2023-04-30

Accounts



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RECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

December 2024 marked the third of my Advent and Christmas seasons as Rector of the Parish of St Faith. A lot has happened in the past three years or so and much still awaits us. I am grateful to all who support me in my ministry in our Parish and to those who pray for me. I am grateful to our volunteers and PCC members, churchwardens and retired clergy. Without you, and without your faithful commitment, this Parish would struggle to exist. Thank you for your faithfulness and hard work.

Easter and Christmas

We were blessed with an unprecedented number at our Easter and Christmas services in 2024. This increase compared to previous years was beyond what anyone expected. Throughout Easter and Holy Week we noted 544 in attendance, compared to 527 in 2023 and 438 in 2022. This is without taking into account our Easter school service, which gathered this year 360 additional people, taking our total attendance to 804. At our Christmas services, including the carol service, we recorded 858 people in attendance, compared to 754 people in 2023 and 639 people in 2022. I pray that this tendency of growth will continue in the coming years.

Occasional Offices and Services

We continue to be blessed with a large number of couples who wish to be married at St Cross. In 2024 we had 14 weddings and half of them chose to use the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) liturgy for their service. There is a growing trend among CofE parishes where younger people turn to older and more traditional forms of worship. The BCP especially attracts people in their 20s and 30s throughout the country. In addition to BCP weddings we had four BCP baptisms and as well as one BCP Churaching of a Woman service. This growing interest needs our special attention as we plan our strategy of growth.



To add flavour to our usual worship we were blessed to welcome visiting choirs to sing evensong for us, including The Madding Crowd and The Cathedral Chamber Choir.

I want to thank all who help organise our services, especially to Derek Beck and the Choir who work so hard to make our worship beautiful. Thank you also to Diana Snagge and her Flower Arranging Team for their work in beautifying our church for Sundays and special services. Thank you to Catherine Secker, our virger, for working behind the scenes and preparing the very many things needed for the services. Thank you to Brothers Clive Rigden, John Turner and John Switzer, for faithfully serving at services and for their help in keeping the chapel tidy. And thank you to the many volunteers who read, lead intercessions, welcome us and serve as sides-people. Without you, this Parish would not exist. I am grateful for all that you do.

Community involvement

'Community Tea' organised for the families in our community in our Parish Hall continues to be very popular. This is our own interpretation of the 'Messy Church'. Organised and led by the lay members of our congregation with the support of the clergy, these meetings gathered an unexpected number of young families. Tarryn Hyland and Magdalen Rees are the driving force behind this wonderful initiative, supported by the fantastic team of volunteers. They all deserve our heartfelt thanks for their hard work and faithful commitment.

The Parish Fete was a great success and brought us not only a good income but more importantly gave us a chance to reach out to the community. Thank you to all involved but especially thank you to Gill Beck who so faithfully chairs the organising committee.

St Faith's School

The link and relationship with school is growing thanks to our involvement in the school's life. I am grateful to all involved in the Open the Book Team for their faithful ministry and commitment. I am also grateful to our Foundation Governors, Catherine Brill and Lysbeth Sleath, for their hard work and commitment. The children continue to come to the Chapel of St Cross for their half-termly services, and their usual Easter, Christmas and leavers service. I also noted a larger number of St Faith's School families joining our congregation for Sunday worship.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mr Richard Fountain, who has led the school for the past five years as the headteacher. 2024 marked a long recruitment process, and I am grateful to our chair of governors Katherine Jarrett and to Catherine Brill for their involvement and professional help in this process.

Learning

We continue to grow as a learning community. Greatly popular was the 'second edition' of 'Eucharist Explained' - Sunday service with a commentary. Overwhelmingly positive feedback and requests for more of such services in the future. The BCP Holy Communion service was divided into three blocks: 1-Introduction, 2-Service of the Word, 3-the Sacrament-the Eucharist. Between these sections I offered in-depth explanations of actions, theology and words used in the service, to help with the understanding and better participation in the service.

Bible study

In Lent and Advent Bible study sessions in the Chaplain's Lodge were offered. In Lent I focused on the idea of Covenant and sacrifice in the Old Testament. We were looking at the first 12 chapters of the Book of Genesis. In Advent, we looked at the ethical dilemmas we are facing in our life, discussing Assisted Suicide, Same-sex marriages and related subjects. Attendance was good, with between 10-16 at each session.

Stewardship

Throughout Lent 2024 the theme of our sermons was 'generosity and giving' to raise awareness of the financial needs of the Parish and of every part of our community. We were blessed that in addition to our Parish clergy we had the chance to hear from our visiting preachers: the Rt Revd Geoff Annas, Acting Bishop of Southampton; Revd Natalie Loveless, Vicar of St Peter and St Paul, Rustington in the Diocese of Chichester; and Revd Canon Professor Liz Stuart from St Matthew's with St Paul Winchester. Our stewardship campaign initiated on the Parish Giving Sunday, 18 February, has shown the great generosity of everyone in our congregation. We noted growth of nearly 5% in Parish Giving, from £67,251 to £70,606. This is a significant change and a positive sign of growth, so thank you all for your faithfulness in giving and supporting the mission of our Parish.

Our Treasurer Murray Dixon and Chairman of Stewardship Group John Pringle were able to help us all to understand the complexities of income and expenditure in their presentation of the state of finances in February. I want to thank them both, and all who support them in their tasks, for their commitment and the hard work they do for the good of us all. As an effect of our work and many meetings and conversations, we have a reasonable and balanced budget for 2025, and 2024 closed with a surplus of over £17,000.

Parish Pilgrimages

In April 2024, 40 of us, including a few Brothers of St Cross, went to visit Westminster Abbey and to pray in both the shrine of St Edward and Chapel of St Faith. We are grateful to Dodie Mowat and Magdalen Rees

who organised the trip and Fr Mark Birch, the precentor of the Abbey, who hosted us and as gave us a tour of the Abbey Church.

In October 2024, 24 parishioners went on a pilgrimage to Conques in France to the shrine of St Faith at the Abbey of St Faith. The church and priory are home to 8 Premonstratensian monks who are the custodians of the Relics of St Faith. The pilgrimage was organised by our assistant-curate, Fr James Mosher and was led by Bishop David Williams and myself. It was an amazing experience, both spiritually and socially. We had a chance to spend time together and to build stronger relationships as well as to experience the beauty of this holy place and to pray in the presence of the physical remains of our patron Saint. We hope that the link with Conques will continue and that soon we will be able to return.



Clergy

On the Sunday of Christ the King, Fr James Mosher, our assistant-curate was successfully signed off after completing his training and moved to Southampton to continue his ministry as the Chaplain to the Port with the Mission to the Seafarers.

Reverend Hilary Healey, following the CofE regulations for clergy, officially retired from her position as licensed clergy in March 2024. She continues to minister in the Parish under Permission to Officiate at my invitation. The current arrangement will continue until March 2026. I am grateful for being able to work with Hilary who has brought her pastoral gifts to support this Parish for so many years.

There is so much more to write and to share as the ministry of our Parish is rich and multifaceted, but I don't want to stretch your patience with another long paragraph. I simply want to thank you all for your love, commitment, trust and for your faith, which is the source of great encouragement for me. Please keep me in your prayers as I need them greatly.

In Christ,

Dominik, your Rector

AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 2025

Opening prayers

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 21 April 2024.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2025-26.
4. Close of meeting.

AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2025

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 21 April 2024.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion and any recommendations to the PCC):
 - a. Electoral Roll. Report on numbers entered on new roll. [Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM - NO SUCH REPORT REQUIRED 2025.]
 - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2024 and the activities of the parish.
 - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2024.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2024 including the Independent Examiner's Report.
5. The Elections:
 - a. [Members of the Deanery Synod NO ELECTIONS IN 2025]
 - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any other business (relating to the PCC or Parish)

Closing prayers.

Notes: *All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.*

GOVERNANCE

Mandatory Report on the Electoral Roll

Elaine Macfarlane - Electoral Roll Officer

On 31st December 2024 there were 228 names on the Electoral Roll, of which 71 were residents and 157 non-residents.

Mandatory Winchester Deanery Synod Report

Adrian Coldridge, Murray Dixon and Catherine Secker

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2024:

- 1 28th February via Zoom
This meeting was an update on progress for the Deanery Ideas Fayre. It was held at St Paul's Church, Winchester in April 2024.
- 2 23rd June - All Saints Church, Winchester
Two talks and presentations were given, regarding the applications for grants and the finances of the Winchester Diocese.
- 3 6th November - All Saints Church, Winchester
Bishop Philip's video "Walking The Wessex Way - a story and vision" was shown and discussed.

Churchwardens 'report for 2024

Gill Beck and Dodie Mowat

Dodie decided 2024 was to be her last year as Churchwarden, her 6th year of service to the Parish in this role, and I thank her for all she has done. Fortunately, Stephen Brill agreed to be Deputy Churchwarden with a view to standing as her replacement in 2025. We all meet regularly with our clergy for support, feedback and planning. We try to be the jam in the sandwich, supporting our dedicated and hardworking clergy whilst also being a listening ear to all in the Parish.

One of our roles is to ensure services run smoothly and this involves attention to detail. We are very grateful to those who are on rotas doing all the things that are necessary for this to happen. Please speak to one of us if you would like to help as more volunteers are always welcome. We are grateful to Brothers John Turner, Clive Rigden and John Switzer for serving on Sundays at 8am and other special services, and we are hugely grateful to Catherine Secker serving as Head Virger and Sacristan each

Sunday. This means we can concentrate on the people arriving in church rather than on the silverware at the altar.

We were fortunate to have had James as our Curate until October which meant we had 3 clergy serving our Parish. Our thanks now go to Dominik and Hilary for their leadership, dedication and continuous hard work. In most parishes the Churchwardens have to look after the fabric of the church but at St Cross the Hospital owns and looks after the buildings. We are therefore indebted to the Trustees, to Catriona (clerk to the Trustees), to Roger (the Porter), the staff and Brothers. Lastly, we would like to thank all of you for your support in 2024. We really appreciate it.

Safeguarding

Chris Maguire - Parish Safeguarding Officer, Gill Beck & Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities is a priority; it is a standing agenda item which is reported on at each PCC meeting. The policies and procedures we follow are national models approved by the House of Bishops and it is confirmed that the PCC has complied with their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Addressing its failures in safeguarding over an extended period of time is a challenge for the church and is an area that has been subject to much news reporting over recent months and years. There have been national policy decisions made over the past few months as to how safeguarding will be managed. It is not possible to comment whether these changes will lead to the church-wide improvement that is clearly required but what can be said is that here at St Faith's we believe that we have strong safeguarding measures in place. Moreover, the Rector, churchwardens and parish safeguarding officer encourage a culture of openness and transparency whereby our community asks us questions about safeguarding and why we have confidence in the approach we take within the parish. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

PCC matters

Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary

During 2024 the PCC continued to meet every other month and, at other times, communicated with each other by email.

The Standing Committee to the PCC included the Rector, the Curate (who left the Parish during the year), the vice-chair of the PCC, the two churchwardens, the deputy churchwarden, Hon Treasurer and PCC

Secretary; they meet before each PCC meeting largely to discuss the Agenda.

Following the 2024 APCM the necessary reports were made to the Diocese which included updates of various persons with a crucial parish role; additionally the annual report and financial report and statements were filed with the Charity Commission.

Mission Action Planning Group (MAP)

Stephen Brill

During 2024 we have been preparing to update the Parish's Mission Action Plan, which is effectively our 'strategy' to support and improve our mission as Christians serving the whole Parish and beyond. Every parish is encouraged to update their MAPs every five years or so, and our new MAP will give us a plan to guide our decisions for the next 3 to 5 years.

Early in the year we prepared a summary of the initiatives tried or embarked upon during the last five years, under 5 objectives set out in the previous MAP. Then in the summer we sought the views of parishioners, using large boards set up in the Church on which we asked people to stick coloured labels to indicate whether, in their view, the initiative should be continued, stopped, or developed in some way. We also sought views via questionnaires on the importance and effectiveness of the various ways we support our ministry and of our collaborations with others. We had a very strong level of response – over 500 individual 'votes' on the initiatives and nearly 50 completed questionnaires on supporting our mission and collaborations.

Having obtained our feedback from parishioners, we formed sub-groups to review in more depth the specific comments and views for the initiatives included under each of the 5 objectives, to determine what the key priorities should be that form the basis of our new MAP. These groups started their detailed reviews just before Christmas, with the aim to allow the preparation of the new MAP in readiness for the APCM in April 2025.

Hospital of St Cross Trustees' Report

Jonathan Portal, Chairman of Board of Trustees

2024 was a year when it felt like things were moving, albeit slowly, in the right direction. With the easing of the cost of utility bills, a slight improvement in visitor numbers and a couple of bookings from film production companies, there were positive signs of recovery from the long-lasting effects of the pandemic and recent inflation. The Trustees are hugely grateful to all those who support the Hospital. These include the

hard-working St Cross Team, the many volunteers, who help on the site generally and in the Hundred Men's Hall tearoom and the Board and members of the Friends of St Cross Charity which raises much needed funds for our various conservation projects.

The out-turn for the year saw better than expected figures for the Public Visiting activities which was very encouraging and is, in no small way, down to hard work our staff, volunteers, Brothers and Trustees. We did see the retirement of some significant individuals at the Hospital but we are relieved that they are remaining close so that their knowledge and experience is not completely lost!

The Brothers: The Hospital mourned the loss of three Brothers in 2024. Brother Charles Acland (died 22 January), Brother George Watkinson (died 25 May), and Brother John Hodges (died 9 June); their funerals were held at St Cross.

We were happy to welcome three new residents in 2024, Brother Niall McCathie who moved into a newly refurbished flat in April and Chris Secker (with his wife Catherine – our first married couple for some years) who moved from the Porter's Lodge flat to a Brothers' flat in March. In December the Trustees approved applications from two new Brothers whom we look forward to welcoming in 2025. They are David Hazeldine and Alec Roth. When the two new Brothers join the Brethren we will have 21 Brothers.

Brother Graham presented and managed the second full season of Perfect Pitch musical lunchtime concerts between April and October and raised over £7,000 for the Hospital through donations. The purpose of the concerts is to provide a venue for young musicians to practice performing in front of an audience and Graham is thrilled that the impact of his initiative is already reaching beyond the Hospital. A local music charity has provided a grant to support the tuition for young musicians as St Faith's primary school. Graham intends to mix up his programme of performers in 2025, so that younger less experienced musicians will have the opportunity to perform alongside more advanced students (some from the London Music Academy) to, hopefully, inspire them to pursue their studies in music.

Trustees: In May we were very pleased to welcome back the former Mayor, Cllr Angela Clear as one of our two Nominative Trustees. Angela replaced Cllr Fiona Mather and we gave thanks to Fiona for her time and support whilst in post. At the end of the year, Commodore Jonathan Cooke retired from his Trustee role after 12 years' service on the Board. Jonathan was Chairman through the pandemic and so had the difficult task of helping the Hospital to interpret and apply the lockdown rules and then

lead the way to recovery. We give thanks to Jonathan for all his hard work and support. Dr Tim Foster also gave notice that he would be standing down. Tim provided so much valuable advice to the Trustees and the St Cross Team and he will be sorely missed. At the Quarterly meeting in December, two new Trustees were voted in to join the Board. Both have medical backgrounds but offer a great deal besides these skills; they are Dr William ('Will) Hellier and Dr Jonathan Sleath.

Staff: 2024 saw a significant member of the St Cross Team retire. Catherine Secker, the first woman to become Porter at the Hospital, retired after 24 years' service. Catherine and her husband Chris, moved to the Hospital in 2000 as the Porter's Lodge shop was created and their flat was moved to the first floor, where it is today. Catherine dedicated the next 24 years of her life to developing the shop and looking after the Hospital, its Brothers, visitors and the parishioners of St Faiths. We are grateful too, to Chris for giving so much support to Catherine and the Hospital as they dealt with emergencies and anything the Hospital challenged them with, day and night! Chris has become a Red Brother and Catherine has taken on the role as the Chapel Verger, so the Hospital, once again has a married couple resident in the flats.

The recruitment of a new Porter was a task the Hospital took very seriously. Roger Ossa Trivino was appointed in May and we welcomed Roger and his wife Alice to the St Cross Community. We must admire Roger and Alice's strength of character to take on the challenges of a move to the Hospital and for Roger to start such a pivotal role, especially when Alice was also pregnant. In October Alice gave birth to a beautiful baby son, Raphael, who was baptised in St Cross Chapel in early December. They have quickly become an integral part of the Hospital and Roger is dedicated to his role as Porter.

We also saw the retirement of the Hundred Men's Hall Co-ordinator, Janet Rowland-White after 8 years in the role. Janet started this role in April 2017 (and before that in 2016 she was a Relief Porter). She expertly recruited and co-ordinated the volunteers, sourced delicious cakes, from local cake makers and over the years, grew the income from HMH impressively year on year. During the pandemic, Janet and her band of volunteers also supported the Brothers by collecting lists and shopping bags to do their grocery shopping. It was an important operation for which we were so very grateful during that difficult time. We are very thankful to Janet for her years of dedicated work and wish her well as she takes time for herself to properly retire! At time of publication we are pleased to announce the appointment of Claire McDonnell as our new HMH Co-ordinator. Claire was an HMH volunteer for 4 years and is also a member

of the Board of the Friends of St Cross, so knows the Hospital well. We look forward to working with her.

Building Projects: The work on the refurbishment of 4 flats at the Hospital was completed in early April 2024. The design and finish is very impressive and the Brothers who have moved into the flats have given positive feedback. The Trustees have decided to take time to evaluate phase one before proceeding with the next phase.

In early 2024 the installation of an automated lift between the Old Kitchen and the Brethren's Hall was completed, made possible by financial support from the Friends of St Cross and other legacies. There have been some reliability issues with the lift but it is hoped that these have now been overcome and it is certainly an extremely elegant and impressive solution, which is sympathetic to the Grade 1 listed status of the Hospital.

To further improve the accessibility of the Hospital, the doors between the Ambulatory and the North Transept, where ramped access has been provided, have been automated and can be opened via push buttons. This gives independent access for wheelchair users and anyone with restricted mobility. The Trustees will continue to assess the site to ensure that it is as accessible as possible to all visitors.

WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME

Music Report

Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster

Organ, choir and organists continue in rude health for another year. We sadly lost Tony Ayres, our vastly experienced alto, in the Summer but we continue to recruit singers to our ranks and are grateful for the Chapel Choir's loyalty and flexibility. Less successful has been recruitment to our student choral scholarship positions but we will continue to publicise these annually both to reinforce our choir and to offer wider experience to capable young voices.

Choirs at Matins usually outnumber congregations and we hope in future to promote choral evensongs as a preferred option. Our singers always enjoy presenting the poetry of the Psalms to Anglican chants as well as the many fine settings of the Canticles. We also have three sets of Prayer Book Responses together with three versions of the communion service. The 2024 Carol Service had one of the largest congregations in recent years - always rewarding for our hard-working choristers and their

organists. All the musicians greatly appreciate the support given them by clergy, parishioners, Brothers and staff.

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!*

After Church Coffee Team

Evelyn Pringle

We continue to have great pleasure in serving refreshments after the 9.30am service on Sundays. Through the generosity of Emma and the Sleaths, we now have freshly baked cakes as well as biscuits. Donations amounted to £938.96 for which we are very grateful. I would like to thank my team for their time and dedication.

Chapel Flower Team

Diana Snagge, Team Leader

We have dropped the 'Guild' which now sounds a little old-fashioned. 2024 was a very busy year for the Team, covering fourteen weddings and inevitably some funerals. We also really love making the most of the chance to decorate the Chapel for Christmas Easter and Harvest. A bonus for the team was Cathy waving her magic wand over the Flower Room from time to time.

We now have eleven members in the Team, and Alice Trevino is hoping to join us at Easter. With grateful thanks to Trish's legacy, we have been buying new plants for the Cutting Garden, an invaluable space which was originally set up by Trish.

Owing to rising costs, we have slightly raised the prices for Wedding flowers, but the brides still love an Arch and several have asked for the pillars to be decorated as well, only possible with the guidance of Br Andrew Crowther-Walker.

It is all great fun, but 'heavier' work than many people realise, but we feel lucky to have such a beautiful Chapel to worship and work in.

Silent Prayer Group

Evelyn Pringle

We continue to meet once a month on the 4th Thursday at 11.00 am. Our decision to meet in our homes seems to work well. Please call me if you wish to join us so I can give you the address.

PASTORAL CARE

Occasional Offices

Wendy Harrison

2024 was a bumper year for weddings in the Chapel with the season beginning in May and wrapping up in early November. Fourteen happy couples walked down the aisle and made their marriage promises and vows. The year started in February with our annual Wedding Preparation morning where our couples spent the morning with Father Dominik, Reverend Hilary and myself contemplating and discussing what it means to have a Christian marriage. This preparation continues on an individual basis as the wedding date draws near and each couple is prayed for throughout their journey to the altar. They are a valued addition to the congregation of St Faith as they prepare to take their vows. Additionally, 2024 saw the largest number of couples choosing the Book of Common Prayer marriage service – something we expect to see grow.

Pastoral Assistants

Reverend Hilary Healey

The Pastoral Assistants Group continues with a small core team supported by a number of others who visit, welcome, pray for, and provide support to, parishioners and their families. PAs have regular contact with one another for reviewing, reporting and support. A Pastoral Report is submitted at each PCC meeting. A mid-month newsletter is delivered to housebound, elderly, non-tech parishioners to help keep them in touch with the parish.

The Grange Nursing Home has reopened with a small number of residents and communion is offered there as required. Communion services continue monthly in Meadway. There is a named Parish Pastoral Link for each of the two care homes in the parish and they visit residents on behalf of the Parish.

The annual Wedding Preparation session was held in January, with almost all of the 2024 couples present. Parish clergy, administrator, Flower Guild reps and Evelyn joined the session. There was lots of discussion, networking amongst the couples and cake! The All Souls service was again a moving and meaningful occasion for those who attended. The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative continues during the winter months with everybody invited to 'drop in'. Surplus income from donations has again gone to support the work of the Common Good Project at HMP Winchester.

A huge 'thank you' to all who have helped with Pastoral care in the parish this past year. Our team is always open to new recruits joining so please do speak to one of the clergy if you are interested; and also if you know of any people or situations needing help or support.

LEARNING

House Group report

Cheryl Irons

Although we are a small group, we have continued to meet regularly once a fortnight on Zoom. This means that we don't have to worry about driving at night, nor whether it is raining or windy. This year we have concentrated our studies on a book "Loving Justice". This centres discussions around a short Bible passage but looking at issues that affect our daily lives. We have discussed Acceptable Worship, Caring for Enemies, Nationalism, Cultural Identity and Materialism. From the Bible readings selected we have been stretched in our own thinking and challenged as to what we really hold on to, so it has provided stimulating debates! We have found this type of study most meets our needs and hope to continue with a similar formula in the future. We would welcome any newcomers to the group. Thursdays 7.30 on Zoom.

COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

Social Events

Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck

At St Cross we plan a variety of social event the main object is to get all generations together to enjoy fellowship and to enjoy our time together and if it raises funds for our Parish a bonus.

This year we had a variety of activities, and in the Spring we had our plant and produce sale in the Parish Hall car park, including the ever popular bacon rolls provided by Lysbeth and Jonathan Sleath.

The fete is always well attended and a wonderful time had by all it helped our funds and the charities we supported. Lovely to see generations coming together.

Our Community Teas proved a real hit with craft tables, a wonderful talk, cake and tea and everyone having a good natter.

The pet service was as popular as ever and no fall outs between animals or owners a real plus. Talking of animals, the donkey was a great hit again on Palm Sunday - a must for the future.

Going into Autumn we had 2 wonderful pilgrimages. The first to Westminster Abbey as guests of Mark Birch and then the one to France organised by James. Those who were able enjoyed these times of fellowship and friendship and learning something new in new environments.

Autumn brings Harvest and we were able to have our popular supper with live band and dancing.

As we moved towards Christmas we made Christingles together; a lovely afternoon spent chatting with tea and biscuits. Next our Wassail so popular with mulled wine and lovely food - a perfect start to our Christmas services.

It is important to remember our tea and coffee after our morning service on a Sunday and the lovely cakes made by members of our congregation; we thank you not sure our waist lines feel the same! Also the refreshments after the service on Easter Sunday and the Carol service. Our tea and chat have been so popular again over the winter months when the tea shop is closed. Our aim I hope is to make people feel welcome and thank you to all who do that.

Tots and Sunday Club 0 – 7

Magdalen Rees

Children age 7 and under explore bible stories and seasonal themes through play, craft, music and storytelling. We have seen our numbers grow a little in 2025 and we welcome regular attendees and visiting children. On Easter Sunday, we welcomed approximately 35 children and they decorated the Cross with beautifully drawn flowers to bring into church. The Palm Sunday donkey was a highlight. The children enjoy and value showing their craft and explaining a little of what we explored to the congregation at the end of the service.

We are a small team of volunteers, please let us know if you are interested in joining our team!

St Cross Youth and 8+ Vestry Group

Ellie Payne - Wildfire Youth Project

Every Friday night during term time both a Kids Club for those in school years 3 to 6, and a Youth Club for those in school years 7+ run at the parish hall. The groups offer fun and games, as well as the opportunity to learn about the Bible and grow in faith. This year's topics have included, friendship, prayer, a detailed and creative look at the Easter story and an introduction to the Youth Alpha Course. The kids club is mainly attended by local children all of whom are connected with St Faith's school. Before the Summer holidays numbers would regularly reach 15 at the Kids club, and about 7 at the youth club. Several of the kids club members have since graduated to secondary school and unfortunately they have not attended the youth group. Therefore, numbers at the kids club towards the end of the year did go down to about 6. In March of this year Adam Davey joined the Wildfire team and worked alongside Ellie Payne to help run both groups. In November of this year Chloe Lefore also joined the Wildfire team and now Chloe takes the lead on the younger age group, whilst Adam leads with the older age group, according to their skills and preferences. Ellie Payne remains the main point of contact between the church and Wildfire, but has stepped back from Friday nights.

Community Teas

Magdalen Rees

We held two community teas at the Parish Hall (Saturday afternoons 3-5pm) in March and October. We welcomed approximately 60 people at each event including many pre-schoolers and children from St Faith's School. The events were packed with craft, games, baking, and a time for tea, cake and to gather for a short story. A successful time for all attendees thanks to the kindness and efforts of Mary Ayres (Head of Nancy Harper Nursery), Tarryn Hyland and the wonderful team of volunteers running the kitchen and craft tables.

Open the Book

Cheryl Irons

Open the Book is run through the Bible Society and the aim is to enable the sharing of Bible stories in an accessible and enjoyable way for children everywhere, of all faiths and none. So our group visit St Faith's Primary school weekly on a Wednesday afternoon to enact a Bible story. We select our own syllabus with discussion with staff at the school, and using props, costumes and some children, the whole school hear an Introduction to the story, Watch the story, then have a moment for reflective thought and finally a prayer. The school staff end the session with asking the

children where in the story they have seen the School's Values demonstrated. These Values are Love, Courage, Trust and Hope. Some stories use these words in them and the children are quick to spot them. Frequently they can find all four values in the story which is a great achievement considering the huge variety of stories from Old and New Testament. Those children who participate in our story, some even get to say lines, are given a sticker which they appreciate. The Open the Book use their own Storytelling Bible written by Bob Hartman which has 90 Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation.

We are always eager to get new recruits as individually we cannot be available every week. So if you are free on Wednesday afternoons in school term, even occasionally, you would be most welcome.

St Faith's Church of England School

Katherine Jarrett

Chair of Governors - St Faith's CE Primary School

2024 was an extremely busy year at St Faith's CE Primary School. We had visits from Ofsted as well as from SIAMS and I can report that we were really pleased with both reports. SIAMS reflected that "Leaders, including governors, at St Faith's Primary School have a demonstrable and unwavering commitment to the Christian vision. Their confident and thoughtful planning ensures relevant Bible teachings are used to root discussions and actions. The understanding that we are 'all one in Christ. Jesus' (Galatians 3:28), underpins the school's approach to equality and inclusivity".

Ofsted awarded the school 'Outstanding' ratings in 3 of the 5 key areas including Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years. Behaviour was commended as "exceptional", and Ofsted commented that "Pupils at this school demonstrate the values of courage, trust, love and hope. These values drive decision-making in all areas of the school. Pupils benefit from the school's high ambitions and expectations that they will achieve well". Whilst overall the school was awarded a 'good' judgement, it is notable that Ofsted ceased making overall judgements shortly after our inspection following wide-ranging concerns about the validity of such judgements!

If you are would like to read them in full, both reports can be found online at:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/116374>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2024-05/siams-report-st-faiths-church-of-england-va-primary-school-winchester-116374-220324.pdf>

St Faith's CE Primary School said goodbye to Mr Richard Fountain as Headteacher in July 2024 after four years as Headteacher at St Faith's. Governors were delighted that Mrs Ellie Guy (Head of Juniors) stepped into the Acting Headteacher role in the Autumn term, with support from Mrs Hanratty, Headteacher of Sparsholt CE Primary School. Mrs Guy approached the role with ambition, determination and courage, and we were very grateful for her excellent leadership. Governors held a first recruitment round for a new permanent Headteacher in September 2024; unfortunately we were unable to appoint a suitable candidate but are excited to hold a second recruitment round in January 2025. In the meantime we have appointed Mr Jim Hartley - a highly experienced Headteacher from the Portsmouth area - to take on the Interim Headteacher role until a suitable candidate is found. We would like to thank him for all that he is doing to support St Faith's CE Primary during this time of change and are confident in his ability to continue to grow the school.

You may have seen in the Hampshire Chronicle that St Faith's was the third highest performing primary school in Hampshire in the academic year 2023-2024 with 92% of pupils reaching expected standard across reading, writing and maths. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement, and testament to the hard work, dedication and skill of our wonderful teaching staff - and equally hard working children!

Governors are really proud of St Faith's and know that it provides a first class education to the community that it serves. Pupils not only leave with excellent attainment, but as well rounded, kind individuals who embody the school's Christian values. We are looking forward to seeing all that will be accomplished in 2025.

Friends for Tea

Sue Fairbrother

During last year we met once a month in the Brothers' Library for tea, cake and chat. Unfortunately, due to various circumstances, our last meeting was in September. "Tea and Chat" is now available throughout the winter months and the Hundred Men's Hall provides refreshments throughout the summer months so parishioners have an alternative place to meet.

Lazy Cooks

Evelyn Pringle

We meet once a month for lunch at local restaurants, and on July 13th we had our annual Singapore Buffet which raised £450 for the Parish. We have a lot of fun, so please join us if you can.

Churchyard

*John Pringle, John Lunt, Robert Wheatley,
Elaine McFarlane and Reverend Hilary*

We had two visits by Probation Service teams. These, together with Saturday morning work by Parish volunteers, have kept the Churchyard tidy.

In June the shed was broken into and mowing and strimming equipment stolen. The insurance payment was sufficient to cover replacement machinery and pay for improved security of the shed. A hard-core surface was also laid in front of the shed.

Key activities in 2024:

- A number of memorial plaques have been laid, some of them where ashes are buried.
- Three hazel trees were coppiced and the poles used by St Faith's Allotment holders who made small donations to the Parish.
- The central area continues to be kept as a wildflower haven. Yellow Rattle is spreading satisfactorily.

We do need additional volunteers to help with our work. If you can help on some Saturday mornings please contact one of us to learn more about our work.

COMMON GOOD

Common Good Project

John Lunt (Co-ordinator)

Lysbeth Sleath reports: 'The Prison Tea Group is continuing and the rota for 2025 is in place. Due to lack of new volunteers and ill-health among the team this has been achieved by increasing the number of sessions undertaken by individual volunteers. The Tea Group appears to be working well at present although there is the on-going need for more volunteers.'

Christina Mathews, as Leader of 'Listening Faith' reports on her work in the prison: 'Early Monday mornings the "Wings" are busy and noisy. We are thankful for a growing connection with Prison Officers who take care of the men and volunteers and keep watch as we meet with the men in their cells.

Thankful too for the connection and rapport we have with the POMS. (Prison Offender Managers-probation officers within the prison). Their clarity about the men's situations makes it easier for us to understand the needs of the men, as we prepare them for release.

The Winchester Prison Support Group meets 3 times a year to pray for and support all the work being done in the prison: for the men exploring faith; for support for relatives and families; for Bible study courses and Alpha courses; for the Chapel Services; for openings and opportunities for those being released; and for the staff.

Anna-Maria Holt leads the 'Bags of Faith' (BoF) initiative, providing clothing and toiletries for those prisoners due for release. In 2024, at least 5 men were helped with a BoF. The Winchester Basics Bank (WBB) continues to be a supportive and an essential partner in this project. The BoF team supplement other items the WBB are unable to provide. Change in personnel at the prison and unpredictability of release dates has made referrals from the prison to the WBB challenging. Sincere thanks to Christine, John and all who continue to support this project.

Grateful thanks to the "Tea and Chat" group for their contributions in funding the BoF project and the £86 spent during 2024 on books and other support literature.

My personal thanks to everyone involved in this scheme.

St Faith's Parish Hall

Peter Sawbridge

Chairman, St Faith's Parish Hall Committee

On 31 December 2024 Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy (Treasurer), Murray Dixon (PCC representative), Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann and I were the six members of the hall committee; Mary Ayres and Andy Mardle were attending members, absenting themselves from all financial discussions to avoid conflict of interest. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently.

The year saw the long-overdue replacement of the ageing kitchen door and frame, swelling during wet weather having made it almost impossible to open and close. The replacement was constructed, installed and painted very expertly, and Croma have reset the digital keypad lock.

Since September the Nancy Harper Nursery has been occupying the Back Hall alone, meaning that the Front Hall is available to other users in the mornings. To facilitate this new, shared use of the building, a set of standard operating procedures has been established; these can be viewed on application to the committee. Since September the Nancy Harper Nursery has been receiving its LEA grant in monthly instalments, and the committee has accordingly instituted a schedule of monthly rent payments from Andy Mardle.

As the person most closely involved with the day-to-day running of the building, Mary Ayres was warmly welcomed to the committee as an attending member in October. The committee remains grateful to Mary for her excellent daily cleaning of the building.

General maintenance works carried out in the year included weeding of the car park, gutter clearance and Periodic Appliance Testing (PAT). At its October meeting the hall committee decided to increase hire tariffs to keep pace with rising costs. From 1 January 2025, one-off users pay £23 per hour in the Front Hall and £21 per hour in the Back Hall; regular users pay £19 per hour in the Front Hall and £17.50 per hour in the Back Hall. The Scottish dancers have made several donations to hall funds during the year, for which the committee is very grateful.

The hall committee's annual surplus of £10,000 was transferred to the PCC in late December as usual.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will make use of their hall and its excellent facilities this year. To book, please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC's website, on 07850 231497 or at stfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk.

St Cross Fête

Gill Beck - Secretary to St Cross Fete Committee

The 2024 fete was held on Saturday 29th June and was a really great success in every way. The sun shone, lots of people came, a good time was had by all and we made a record profit.

We took about £19,000 and after deductions for expenses this left a profit of £16,185.

75% (£12,138) was given to the PCC for Parish funds
25% (£4,046) was divided thus:

- £50 to the Ukulele band's chosen charity, which this year was Winchester Hospice, and the remainder was divided equally between:
- Winchester Bereavement Support (£1,332)
- Winchester Hospice (£1,332)
- Winchester Young Carers (£1,332)

The success of the fete relies every year on many people volunteering to help, so a massive thank you to all who helped in any way. It is an important fundraiser but its future is fragile unless younger people take on some of the roles.

We look forward to this year's fete which will be on Saturday 28th June. Do put it in your diary and think what you can do to help. See you there!

Good causes supported during 2024

Murray Dixon

Good Cause	Amount *	Remarks
Royal British Legion	£93	General Funds
Children's Society	£93	
Winchester Hospice	£1,382	Fete Good Causes
Winchester Bereavement	£1,332	
Winchester Young Carers	£1,332	
Mission to SeaFarers	£338	Retiring Collections
Christian Aid	£710	
Anglian Church, Marafa	£539	
Winchester Basics Bank	£539	
Royal British Legion	£428	
Children's Society	£256	

Common Good Project - Prison support	£86	Tea & Chat and Donations
HIHCT	£448	Ride & Stride
Total	£7,576	

** Does not include value of produce donated to Winchester Basics Bank in March or 'Shoebboxes' donated to Samaritan's Purse in December.*

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Stewardship Working Group

John Pringle, Chair

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously. During 2024 it met twice. Its main activity was the Planned Giving Review in January and February. The response to this was good and the budgeted increase was achieved.

The group has been encouraged by the response to our work but recognizes the need for further efforts to maintain financial support for all Parish activities, so that existing, and new activities identified in the Mission Action Plan, can be fully funded.

Communications (Magazine, website)

Clare Dixon/Magdalen Rees

Most information about parish services and events is now circulated via a weekly email. A Parish Magazine is still published every month, except August, and its strength is perhaps as a vehicle for the Rector and others to share thoughts and give spiritual guidance. This function is not covered by the weekly email or parish website.

Most people now receive their Magazine electronically via the weekly email, but Sarsen Press still print around 60 hard copies each month. These are distributed to the Brothers, the housebound, care homes, those without computers, and also some congregation members who just prefer a hard copy. A one-sheet Mid Month Newsletter keeps people without computer access up-to-date with parish matters between magazines. Distribution of the hard copies relies on the efforts of a co-ordinator and team of distributors. Jessica and Adrian Coldridge took over the co-

ordinator role this year from Diana Snagge and we are very grateful to all three of them and all the distributors.

The parish website at www.parihofstfaith.com carries information about the life of the parish, about how to arrange 'events 'such as weddings and funerals, and about booking the parish hall. It is updated weekly with details of services and parish activities.

The parish has a presence on Facebook, and also on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/stfaith_winchester/ where there have been 43 posts and we have just over 100 'followers'.

List of Sidespeople from 8 May 2024

Victoria Arthur, Adrian Coldridge, Jessica Coldridge, David Coombs, Pam Coombs, Murray Dixon, Jenny Duchesne, Sue Fairbrother, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Wendy Marsden, Julia Maxlow Tomlinson, Matthew McDonnell, Primrose Metcalf, Harry Mowat, Rosco Noott, Jeremy Ouvry, Evelyn Pringle, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath and Carol Wade.

Parochial Church Council Members

(from 21 April 2024 - 27 April 2025)

Ex officio:

Rev. Dominik Chmielewski	Chair
Rev. James Mosher	(until 24 November 2024)
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden
Gill Beck	Churchwarden
Catherine Secker	Deanery Synod Member (elected from July 2024)

Elected:

Adrian Coldridge (from July 2023)	2025	Deanery Synod Member
Murray Dixon (re-elected July 2023)	2025	Deanery Synod Member
Victoria Arthur	2025	
Chris Maguire	2026	
Anthony Gaster	2026	
Primrose Metcalf	2026	
Stephen Brill	2026	
Rosco Noott	2027	
John Pringle	2027	
Diana Snagge	2027	
Matt McDonnell	2027	

Co-opted:

Brother Graham Davies	(co-opted 08.05.2024)
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**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
on Sunday 21st April 2024**

Item	Subject
1	Welcome and apologies
	<p>The Rev. Dominik Chmielewski, taking the chair, declared the meeting open at 11.15 am explaining there would be a meeting to elect Churchwardens for 12 months until the next AMP.</p> <p>Apologies: Diana Snagge, Primrose Metcalf, Graham Davies, Wendy Marston, Harry Mowat and Roger Healey.</p>
2	Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 30th April 2023
	<p>The Minutes of the 2023 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report and no questions were raised. The minutes were proposed by Rosco Noott, seconded by John Pringle and approved unanimously.</p>
3	Election of Churchwardens for 2024/25
	<p>The Rev. Dominik Chmielewski said that each of Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck had been nominated as Churchwarden and that as there were no other candidates they were elected to fill the vacancies.</p> <p>The Rev. Dominik Chmielewski also said that Dodie intends to step down from the role of Churchwarden in 2025 and Stephen Brill (a PCC member) has expressed an interest in becoming a churchwarden. In view of this he will shadow the role during the next 12 months.</p>

The Reverend Dominik Chmielewski closed the meeting at 11.18 am

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2023
held on Sunday 21st April 2024**

The meeting commenced at 11.18 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. The Reverend Dominik Chmielewski chaired the meeting. Apologies had been received from Diana Snagge, Primrose Metcalf, Graham Davies, Wendy Marston, Harry Mowat and Roger Healey.

Item	Subject
1	Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 30 April 2023
	The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Dodie Mowat, seconded by Matt McDonnell and approved unanimously.
2	Matters arising
	None.
3	Mandatory Reports (for discussion and recommendations to PCC)
	<p>A. Annual Report - Electoral Roll Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, confirmed that at the end of revision in March 2024 there were 220 names on the roll of which 69 were resident in the parish and 151 non-resident. The numbers the previous year were reported as 218. Valerie said she will not be continuing as Electoral Roll Officer and the PCC will need to find a replacement.</p> <p>B. PCC Activities Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski said PCC activities had been reported in the Annual Report copies of which had been and continue to be available in the Chapel and on the Parish website. He referred to growing attendance numbers at services and over 40 clergy attending the Rev'd James Mosher's ordination. He thanked the Rev'd Hilary Healey for her support and work in the Parish.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p>C. Deanery Synod</p> <p>Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski said that since the previous meeting and elections to the DS one member, Thomas Hargreaves, had left the area and resigned. He confirmed that Murray Dixon and Adrian Coldridge continue to serve as DS members. There were no comments on the Deanery Synod report included in the Annual Report.</p>
4	Financial Statements for 2023
	<p>Murray Dixon, the PCC Treasurer, addressed the meeting with an explanation of matters and figures included in the Annual Financial Report and Statements ("the AFR").</p> <p>Murray Dixon explained the layout in the AFR referring to the summary on pages 2 and 3, the figures on pages 4 and 5. followed by supporting notes/explanation, appendix and IE's report/signing off.</p> <p>Murray highlighted the decrease of balance of funds over the 12 month period (shown as Net Movement in Funds at the bottom of page 4) which fell by £12,658 - he referred to information about this in paragraph 2 (page 2) saying there had been:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a shortfall in routine activity of £21,475 • a surplus in the operation of the Parish Hall of £4,371, • a surplus in the value of investments of £2,565 and • donations to the Restricted Vestry Fund of £1,881. <p>He said the PCC had been aware from the start of the year of challenging circumstances, particularly the energy cost rises which increased by around 60%. Murray said income from Planned Giving plus funeral and wedding fees had fallen since the previous year.</p> <p>Murray said that although not relevant to the 2023 AFR, he wanted to inform the meeting that he and the PCC are working towards a balanced budget for 2024 as further deficits are unsustainable. He thanked everyone who had responded to the Planned Giving appeal</p>

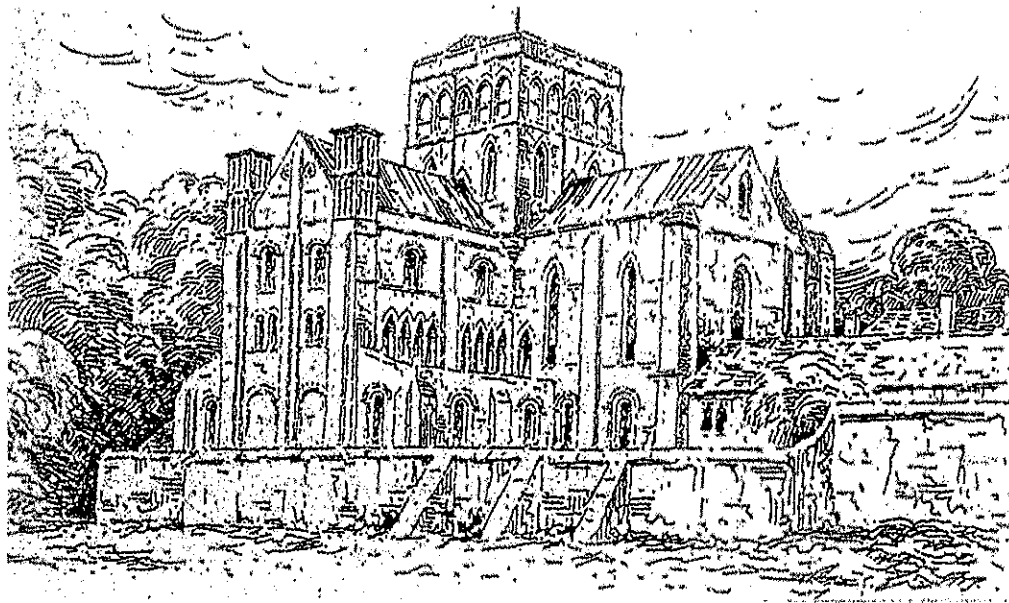
Item	Subject
	<p>and said income from weddings and funerals has increased in 2024 following discussion between Dominik and the Hospital Trustees. He said the Parish Share had been reduced by £4,000 and he was hopeful that the overall energy costs will be less in 2024.</p> <p>Questions were asked and Murray commented/answered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Parish Hall Debtors: Murray said that this was due to a late payment by Nancy Harper Nursery and advised that the debt was settled very quickly in January. He said this was indicative of a trend in late payments of which the PCC are aware. He reminded the meeting of the Parish's dependence on PH income. He stated that the reduced PH income in 2003 was due to redecoration carried out under the terms of the lease. • Current cash in bank not covering 2 months activities: Murray said that, if necessary, investments can be realised and the turn around time would be around 2 weeks. • Reduction in Planned Giving: Murray said that this was largely due to two large donors leaving at the end of 2022 and possibly the lack of appeal for funds in early 2023; • Parish costs: Murray said that costs are about £150,000 per annum, i.e. £3,000 per week. <p>Dodie thanked Murray Dixon for his hard work as Treasurer and producing such comprehensive accounts; he was applauded.</p>
5	Elections
	<p>1. Deanery Synod Members Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski said that one candidate had been nominated for the Deanery Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Secker <p>Catherine was therefore elected to fill the vacancy and it was confirmed she as an ex officio member of the PCC.</p> <p>2. PCC Members Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski said there were four candidates standing for the PCC for a 3 year term (all of them existing PCC members):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Pringle • Diana Snagge • Matt McDonnell

Item	Subject
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosco Noottt <p>He declared that they were elected, filling four of the vacancies.</p>
6	Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2024
	<p>Murray Dixon said that Sue Woodward who had been appointed Independent Examiner at the previous meeting is likely to leave Winchester and a replacement Independent Examiner has not been found. No objections were raised to his proposal that the PCC appoint an Independent Examiner during the year to examine the 2024 account.</p>
7	Any other business
	<p>It was asked whether reference should be made to St Cross being a church rather than a chapel when leafleting the community. Dominik said that he received queries several times each week about the correct description. He said he was happy for it to be referred to as a church when leafleting. When asked whether it should be referred to as the parish church he said this would not be correct as St Cross has its own ecclesiastical entity, is not situated in the parish of St Faith and is a peculiar; therefore, it is not a parish church and has no status as such.</p> <p>The new Porter of St Cross, Roger Trivino, was introduced by Dominik who said he will be taking over from Catherine Secker in May.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.48 am.

Reverend Dominik Chmielewski thanked everyone for attending and said closing prayers.

THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH



Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2024

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ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

Annual Report

1. 2024 was an encouraging year for the Parish financially. We received some welcome donations, energy costs fell by over 30% and this, together with a number of other factors, led to a significant increase in Parish funds.

2. The funds held increased by £17,861 from £99,135 on 31 Dec 23 to £116,996 on 31 Dec 24. This is made up of: a surplus of £10,127 in routine activity, a surplus in the operation of the Parish Hall of £7,540, an increase in the value of investments of £1,750, and a decrease in the value of the Restricted Vestry Fund of £1,556. The increase more than balanced the drop in the value of Parish funds of £12,658 in 2023.

Routine Activity

3. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall, the value of investments and Restricted Funds. Routine income increased from £133,337 in 2023 to £160,952 in 2024. The increase in 2024 was due particularly to:

- A number of generous donations, totalling £12,645, compared with £2,289 in 2023.
- An increase in Planned Giving of £3,355 (from £67,251 in 2023 to £70,606 in 2024), and an increase in collections during services of £2,476 (from £13,142 in 2023 to £15,618 in 2024).
- An increase in the number of occasional services such as weddings which led to an increase in fees of £3,839, from £4,464 in 2023 to £8,303 in 2024.

4. The increase in Planned Giving is particularly welcome as it is the most important element of Parish income - thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2024.

Routine Expenditure

5. Routine expenditure reduced from £154,686 in 2023 to £150,825 in 2024. This was primarily due to a decrease in the cost of energy from £15,796 in 2023 to £10,374, a reduction of over 30%. Parish Share was also reduced by £3,795, from £84,639 to £80,844, which we paid in full. However, these reductions were partly offset by increases in other costs, principally the amount we pay the Hospital for the upkeep of the church building which increased by £3,000 (after many years of no or limited increases) from £19,000 in 2023 to £22,000 in 2024. It will now increase in line with inflation¹.

Parish Hall

6. Parish Hall income was £27,940, down slightly from £28,009 in 2023. Total expenditure also decreased: £23,638 in 2023 to £20,400 in 2024. The Parish Hall surplus for 2024 was £7,540.

¹ As measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

7. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. This year we had a surplus in routine income, but Parish Hall income has provided a vital offset for shortfalls in routine income for many years and remains a key source of income for the Parish.

Investments

8. Investments increased in value from £71,953 on 31 Dec 23 to £73,703 on 31 Dec 24. We received dividend payments of £3,148 (£3,028 in 2023).

Designated Funds

9. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £44,670 to £46,903 in line with the reserves policy described in para 11 below. £500 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £2,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Restricted Funds

10. The restricted Vestry Fund was set up in 2023 to receive donations specifically to buy, replace, or repair damaged and worn-out vestments, altar cloths and other paraments in the Church of St Cross and used by the Parish. A total of £325 was donated during the year and £1881 was spent.

Reserves Policy

11. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure, less Parish Hall PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18 and increasing by 5% annually².

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

12. For information, as at 31 Dec 24 our reserves were circa 41% of the budgeted expenditure for 2025 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy. In addition, they have returned to about where they were as at 31 Dec 22, having dipped to circa 31% as at 31 Dec 23.

²To increase in line with CPI with effect from 1 Jan 25

ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024


	Note	2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	119,278	108,713
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	22,811	19,531
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	43,683	37,285
Income from investments	2d	3,445	3,239
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>189,217</u>	<u>168,768</u>
RESOURCES USED			
Charitable Giving	3a	4,233	3,355
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	135,342	141,747
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	20,422	18,843
Parish Hall major repairs		4,135	8,666
Church management and administration	3d	8,974	11,380
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		<u>173,106</u>	<u>183,991</u>
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		16,111	-15,223
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	1,750	2,565
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		17,861	-12,658
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		99,135	111,793
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		<u>116,996</u>	<u>99,135</u>

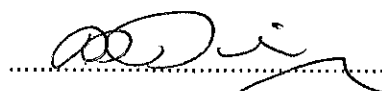
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	<u>73,703</u>	<u>71,953</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	1,958	4,786
Short term bank deposits		12,000	9,160
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>36,329</u>	<u>19,789</u>
GROSS CURRENT ASSETS		50,287	33,735
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due within one year	5	6,994	6,553
NET CURRENT ASSETS		43,293	27,182
NET ASSETS		116,996	99,135
FUNDS			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Fund (Undesignated)	7	63,948	46,005
Music Fund (PCC Designated)	7	251	810
Children and Youth Fund (PCC Designated)	7	569	769
St Faith's Parish Hall (PCC Designated)	7	<u>46,903</u>	<u>44,670</u>
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		111,671	92,254
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
St Cross Flowers	7	5,000	5,000
Vestry Fund	7	<u>325</u>	<u>1,881</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		5,325	6,881
TOTAL FUNDS		116,996	99,135

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2024	2023
	£	£
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Legacy Non recurring one-off grants	0	1,200
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TOTAL	<u>22,811</u>	<u>19,531</u>
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Parish Magazine	438	720
Flowers	6,063	3,348
Contribution from Sunday Coffee	939	744
Tea and Chat	0	0
TOTAL	<u>43,683</u>	<u>37,285</u>
2d Income from Investments		
Dividends and interest	<u>3,445</u>	<u>3,239</u>
Incoming Resources	<u>189,217</u>	<u>168,768</u>
2e Routine Activity Income (2a+2b+2d+2c less PH, SSA & VF)	<u>160,952</u>	<u>133,337</u>

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Overseas charities	0	0
National charities	187	0
Local charities	4,046	3,355
TOTAL	<u>4,233</u>	<u>3,355</u>

(in addition, retiring collections for Good Causes and Tea & Chat donations totalled £3343 (£3,201, 2023); overseas £1249, national £1022, local £1072).

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Parish Share	80,844	84,639
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Vestry Fund (Res)	1,881	0
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Choir and organ expenses	3,832	3,658
Sound System (SS)	0	5,667
Upkeep of churchyard	2,071	490
Flowers	5,913	3,614
Children and Young People	3,809	4,311
TOTAL	<u>135,342</u>	<u>141,747</u>

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Parish Hall (PH) running costs	16,265	14,972
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Other receivables, less Parish Hall	545	326
Parish Hall Debtors	0	2,969
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	Flowers	Vestry	Sub Total	Total
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Balance as at 1 January 2024	5,000	1,881	6,881	99,135
Net increase/ decrease 2024	0	-1,556	-1,556	17,861
Transfers	0	0	0	0
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Assets

All capital items within the church of St Cross, Winchester are the property of the Hospital of St Cross and are covered by the Hospital's insurance. Items within the church, for which the PCC provided the funds, are deemed to have been purchased on behalf of the Hospital and presented to it by the Parish and hence are expensed on purchase.

Fixtures and fittings within the Parish Hall are the property of, and are insured by, the PCC. All expenditure incurred on the repair of the building is expensed on purchase. Investments are shown in the balance sheet at market value on 31 December of the relevant year. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. There are no amounts that are deemed uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit in Central Board of Finance (Church of England) Funds.

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31 December in respect of expenses which have been incurred and for which invoices have not been received, or have been received but not paid, are shown as creditors. All the amounts fall due within one year.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

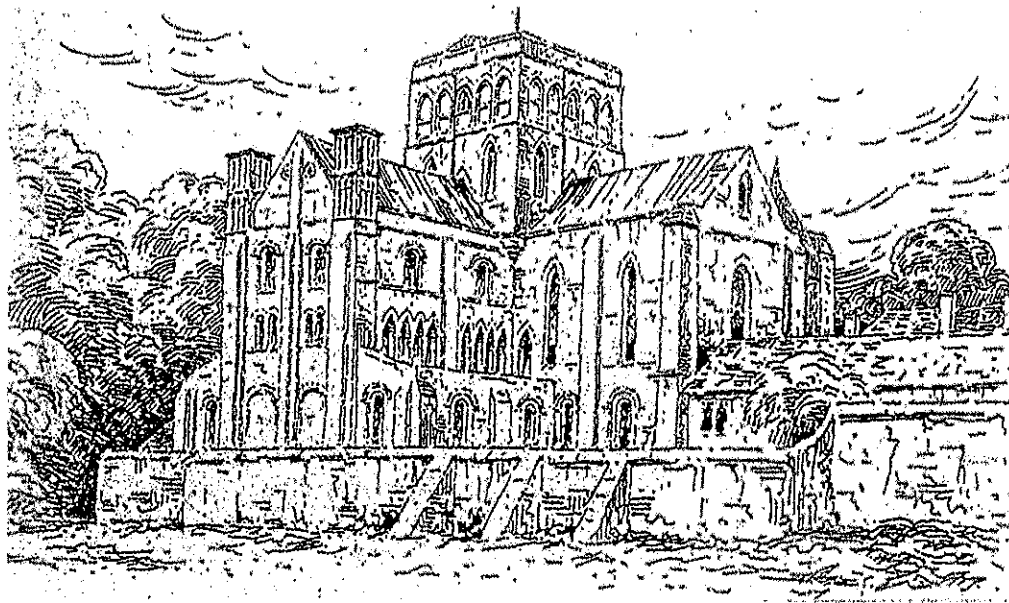
Signed

Susan C. Woodward

15th March 2025

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Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Annual Report

1. 2024 was an encouraging year for the Parish financially. We received some welcome donations, energy costs fell by over 30% and this, together with a number of other factors, led to a significant increase in Parish funds.

2. The funds held increased by £17,861 from £99,135 on 31 Dec 23 to £116,996 on 31 Dec 24. This is made up of: a surplus of £10,127 in routine activity, a surplus in the operation of the Parish Hall of £7,540, an increase in the value of investments of £1,750, and a decrease in the value of the Restricted Vestry Fund of £1,556. The increase more than balanced the drop in the value of Parish funds of £12,658 in 2023.

Routine Activity

3. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall, the value of investments and Restricted Funds. Routine income increased from £133,337 in 2023 to £160,952 in 2024. The increase in 2024 was due particularly to:

- A number of generous donations, totalling £12,645, compared with £2,289 in 2023.
- An increase in Planned Giving of £3,355 (from £67,251 in 2023 to £70,606 in 2024), and an increase in collections during services of £2,476 (from £13,142 in 2023 to £15,618 in 2024).
- An increase in the number of occasional services such as weddings which led to an increase in fees of £3,839, from £4,464 in 2023 to £8,303 in 2024.

4. The increase in Planned Giving is particularly welcome as it is the most important element of Parish income - thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2024.

Routine Expenditure

5. Routine expenditure reduced from £154,686 in 2023 to £150,825 in 2024. This was primarily due to a decrease in the cost of energy from £15,796 in 2023 to £10,374, a reduction of over 30%. Parish Share was also reduced by £3,795, from £84,639 to £80,844, which we paid in full. However, these reductions were partly offset by increases in other costs, principally the amount we pay the Hospital for the upkeep of the church building which increased by £3,000 (after many years of no or limited increases) from £19,000 in 2023 to £22,000 in 2024. It will now increase in line with inflation¹.

Parish Hall

6. Parish Hall income was £27,940, down slightly from £28,009 in 2023. Total expenditure also decreased: £23,638 in 2023 to £20,400 in 2024. The Parish Hall surplus for 2024 was £7,540.

¹ As measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

7. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. This year we had a surplus in routine income, but Parish Hall income has provided a vital offset for shortfalls in routine income for many years and remains a key source of income for the Parish.

Investments

8. Investments increased in value from £71,953 on 31 Dec 23 to £73,703 on 31 Dec 24. We received dividend payments of £3,148 (£3,028 in 2023).

Designated Funds

9. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £44,670 to £46,903 in line with the reserves policy described in para 11 below. £500 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £2,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Restricted Funds

10. The restricted Vestry Fund was set up in 2023 to receive donations specifically to buy, replace, or repair damaged and worn-out vestments, altar cloths and other paraments in the Church of St Cross and used by the Parish. A total of £325 was donated during the year and £1881 was spent.

Reserves Policy

11. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure, less Parish Hall PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18 and increasing by 5% annually².

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12. For information, as at 31 Dec 24 our reserves were circa 41% of the budgeted expenditure for 2025 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy. In addition, they have returned to about where they were as at 31 Dec 22, having dipped to circa 31% as at 31 Dec 23.

²To increase in line with CPI with effect from 1 Jan 25

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024


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Church management and administration	3d	8,974	11,380
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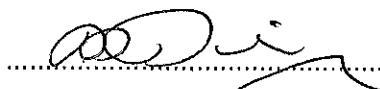
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The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Assets

All capital items within the church of St Cross, Winchester are the property of the Hospital of St Cross and are covered by the Hospital's insurance. Items within the church, for which the PCC provided the funds, are deemed to have been purchased on behalf of the Hospital and presented to it by the Parish and hence are expensed on purchase.

Fixtures and fittings within the Parish Hall are the property of, and are insured by, the PCC. All expenditure incurred on the repair of the building is expensed on purchase. Investments are shown in the balance sheet at market value on 31 December of the relevant year. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. There are no amounts that are deemed uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit in Central Board of Finance (Church of England) Funds.

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31 December in respect of expenses which have been incurred and for which invoices have not been received, or have been received but not paid, are shown as creditors. All the amounts fall due within one year.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Susan C. Woodward

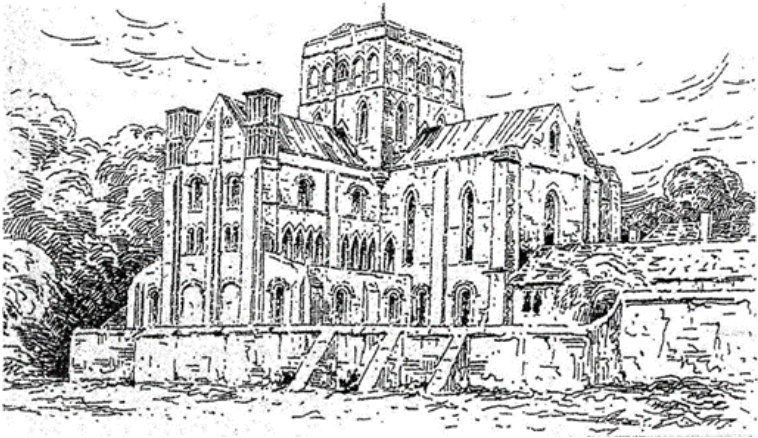
15th March 2025

Susan Woodward

Accounts



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INTRODUCTION

*“And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new”
(Revelation 21.5, KJV)*

In my last year’s report for the APCM I focused on the theme of change which is the calling of the Church in general and individually to every one of us as Christians. Change is at the very centre of our faith. Jesus calls us all to follow him and to convert; the word he uses to describe it, is ‘μετανοια/μετάνοια’, which in Greek means ‘to turn back, to change ones mind or direction.’ Without the openness to change and without the readiness to embrace Christ’s message proclaimed afresh in our ever-changing world we can not follow Him fully.

New initiatives and growth

When I was reflecting on this year’s report, I was reminded of the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark: “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch” (Mark 5.4 NKJV). This passage was read at the service of my installation as Rector of our Parish almost two years ago. Especially in this past year, I saw how prophetic for us all those words were and are. We see new initiatives growing and flourishing in our Parish. Growing numbers and increasing engagement with the local community and our Parish school take our ministry further and further every day.

One of many initiatives which gives me so much encouragement worthy of mentioning here is the ‘Community Tea’ organised for the families in our Parish Hall. This is our own interpretation of ‘Messy Church’. Organised and led by the lay members of our congregation with the support of the clergy, these meetings gathered an unexpected number of young families. The first one in October 2023 saw over 60 people attending, and the last one, at the beginning of March this year brought in over 80! Tarryn Hyland and Magdalen Rees are the driving force of this wonderful initiative, supported by a fantastic team of volunteers. They all deserve our heartfelt thanks for their hard work and faithful commitment.

Another, very different new initiative is the service of Compline, offered by Brother Graham Davies. This short, simple, contemplative

service sung on Sunday evenings in the Lady Chapel is a beautiful way to finish the day and to get ready for the week ahead. It is greatly appreciated by all who attend.

Our Sunday services show a steady growth in numbers. Christmas this year showed that we are very close to the pre-pandemic numbers. The new, more interactive format of our popular Crib Service saw a significant increase in attendance with 63 more people than last year, with the total number of 327 moving us closer to the full capacity of the chapel. Overall throughout our Christmas services we saw 754 people attending compared to 639 last year. Similar increases were seen in other services. Our Palm Sunday service this year with over 150 people in attendance doubled last year's numbers. We need to remember that those numbers don't just happen. It is an effect of hard work throughout the whole year. Pastoral ministry, outreach, involvement in school ministry, warmth and welcome showed to visitors, social events, bible studies, youth club, building relationships, and many, many other things creating the right environment for growth. I am grateful to all who work so hard to support each of those areas.

Stewardship

Last year's finances for the Parish, as well as for the majority of our society has proven to be challenging. The cost of living crises made us rethink the ways we spend and save money. Finishing last year with a deficit due to an unprecedented increase in costs of heating and lighting gave us an opportunity to have a more creative conversation about this year's budget. Both last year and this year I introduced an open meeting for all parishioners to learn and ask about the financial situation of our Parish. Our Treasurer Murray Dixon and chairman of Stewardship Group John Pringle were able to help us all to understand the complexities of income and expenditure. I want to thank them both, and all who support them in their tasks, for their commitment and the hard work they do for the good of us all. As an effect of our work and many meetings and conversations, we have a reasonable and balanced budget for this year.

Throughout Lent this year the theme of our sermons was 'generosity and giving', to raise awareness of the financial needs of the parish and of every part of our community. We were blessed that in addition to our Parish clergy we had the chance to hear from our visiting preachers: the Rt Revd Geoff Annas, Acting Bishop of Southampton, Revd Natalie Loveless, Vicar of St Peter and St Paul, Rustington in the Diocese of Chichester and Revd Canon Professor Liz Stuart from St Matthew's with St Paul Winchester. Our stewardship campaign initiated on the Parish Giving Sunday, 18 February, has shown great generosity of everyone in our congregation. Thank you all for your faithfulness in giving and supporting the mission of our Parish.

Clergy

It is almost exactly a year since the day when Fr James Mosher was licensed to minister at St Faith's as Assistant Curate (in training). His presence with us is a true gift and joy. As with every member of clergy ministering in our Parish he brings his own unique gifts and calling to enrich our life together. October last year brought us another reason to celebrate, when Fr James was ordained to the sacred priesthood by Bishop David Williams. The service was truly unique and followed the order of the Book of Common Prayer with the Litany, so beautifully sung by our choir. It was perhaps the very first ordination service at St Cross in its history and definitely one of very few Church of England Book of Common Prayer ordinations in the recent years. Over 40 clergy and over 100 in the congregation supported James as he was taking the next step in his formation and ministry. It was a wonderful opportunity for the whole community to come together and celebrate.

As James starts his journey as priest, Reverend Hilary Healey who has been at St Faith's for over 7 years, is also looking to the next stages in her ministry. All clergy follow the regulations determining their time in office and retirement age is one of those limits given to clergy as a safeguard of their wellbeing. As of 24th March 2024, Hilary's licence as Assistant Curate to our Parish has expired as she has reached retirement age, and will not be renewed by the Diocese. After talking to Hilary, the Bishop and the Archdeacon, I have extended an invitation to Hilary to minister in our Parish under the PTO - Permission To Officiate - regulations for a period of up to 24 months. In short that means that Hilary (subject to all necessary checks and signing of supervision agreement with the Incumbent) will continue to minister in the Parish as a retired member of the clergy with a 'PTO' in a similar capacity to her previous ministry. I know that I express the feelings of us all in saying thank you to Hilary, for her commitment and hard work and for agreeing to stay in active ministry for some more time.

I am grateful and I feel deeply privileged to minister alongside such good, loving, capable and competent colleagues.

There is so much more to write and to share as the ministry of our parish is rich and multifaceted, but I don't want to stretch your patience with another long paragraph. I simply want to thank you all for your love, commitment, trust and for your faith, which is the source of great encouragement for me. Please keep me in your prayers as I need them greatly.

In Christ,
Dominik,
your Rector

AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 2024

Opening prayers

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 30 April 2023.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2024-25.
4. Close of meeting.

AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 30 April 2023.
 2. Matters arising.
 3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion and any recommendations to the PCC):
 - 3a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
 - 3b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2023 and the activities of the parish.
 - 3c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2023.
 4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2023 including the Independent Examiner's Report.
 5. The Elections:
 - 5a. Members of the Deanery Synod (to fill two vacancies until July 2026)
 - 5b. Members of the PCC.
 6. The appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
 7. Any other business (relating to the PCC or Parish)
- Closing prayers.

Notes:

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

GOVERNANCE

Mandatory Report on the Electoral Roll

On 31 December 2023 there were 217 names on the electoral roll of which 69 were residents and 148 non resident.

Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer

Mandatory Winchester Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod met twice in 2023.

At the March meeting:

- Dean Catherine spoke about key issues at the Cathedral.
- Alison Coulter gave feedback from the General Synod.
- A representative of St Barnabas PCC presented a proposal to extend the minimum hours clergy should have off each week from 24 to 36. A motion to that effect was passed by the Synod.
- A discussion was held on the use of Lay Ministries across the Deanery.

John Pringle, Dodie Mowat & Murray Dixon

The meeting due to held on 14th June was cancelled.

At the October meeting, held at St Mary's Church, Twyford:

- The purpose of the Deanery was discussed.
- A Deanery Uganda Link presentation was shown.
- An Ideas Fayre was introduced as a means of sharing Parish success stories and best practices with other Parishes. The Fayre will be held at St Paul's Church, Winchester in April 2024.

Adrian Coldridge & Murray Dixon

Churchwarden's Report

No two years are the same and inevitably with new leadership comes new ideas, so the role of the Churchwarden has to adapt accordingly, and the Parish continues to evolve.

We meet the clergy regularly for support, feedback and planning.

We endeavour to support our dedicated and hardworking clergy as well as being a listening ear to all in the Parish. This can at times be challenging but purposeful.

One of our main roles is ensuring services run smoothly. This requires a lot of attention to detail and we are very grateful to all those who volunteer to go on rotas to do all the things necessary for this to happen. Please let us know if you could help in this way either regularly or occasionally.

As in many churches since the pandemic, we have lost most of the older children who used to come on Sundays despite the Youth Groups thriving on Friday nights. This was compounded by the Phipps family moving to Hastings in August. However there are several young families who come on Sundays fairly regularly and we try very hard to cater for them and make them feel welcome.

We are so fortunate to have 3 clergy serving our Parish so our thanks go to Dominik, Hilary and James for their leadership and continuous hard work. Having Dominik as both Rector and Master is proving beneficial for both the Parish and the Hospital.

In most parishes the Churchwardens have to look after the fabric of the church but at St Cross the Hospital owns and looks after the buildings . We are therefore extremely grateful to the Trustees, to Catriona (Clerk to the Trustees) to Catherine (the Porter) and all the Hospital staff and Brothers.

Lastly we would like to thank all of you for your support and cooperation in 2023.

Gill Beck and Dodie Mowat

Safeguarding

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities is a priority; it is a standing agenda item which is reported on at each PCC meeting. The policies and procedures we follow are national models approved by the House of Bishops.

The first part of the reporting year was taken up with a high risk safeguarding case. The safeguarding risk was removed when the individual involved was sentenced to a lengthy term of imprisonment for child sex offences:

[Former Winchester Cathedral churchman admits historical sex offences | Hampshire Chronicle](#)

In terms of day-to-day safeguarding activity, the National Safeguarding Team has created a range of safeguarding learning pathways for people with roles within the Church of England, including within the parish, to complete. This training has to be renewed every 3 years with most of the courses available online.

Those that work or volunteer in the parish are also subject to an initial and then three-year interval search against the Disclosure and Barring Service database. We are grateful to Janet Rowland-White for her support and diligent work in helping those applying for DBS checks.

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding case raised above or in relation to safeguarding more generally then please speak to Father Dominik or Chris Maguire, the parish safeguarding officer.

Chris Maguire - Parish Safeguarding Officer, Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski - Rector, Gill Beck & Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens

PCC matters

PCC meetings continued to take place every other month and the year passed smoothly with nothing particular to report.

As usual, the PCC were reminded of their duties at the first meeting post the 2023 APCM and given links to relevant links on the Charity Commission and Diocesan websites.

The Charity Commission updated its website for charity users during the year which meant we had to familiarise ourselves with the changes.
Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary

Mission Action Planning Group (MAP)

The group did not meet in 2023. But at the end of the year a review took place to assess the achievements of the 2018 – 2022 MAP. This was considered at the November PCC and will form the basis for the preparation of the new MAP for the 2024- 2027 period.

John Pringle

Hospital of St Cross Trustees' report

2023 continued to throw up challenges, mainly from a financial perspective. The increased utility bills put pressure on the Hospital finances and it was widely reported that many heritage sites in Winchester which are open to the public experienced a drop in their visitor numbers partly due, no doubt, to the rise in the cost of living. However, the Trustees are very grateful to all those who support the Hospital. These include the hard-working St Cross Team, the many volunteers, who help on the site generally and in the Hundred Men's Hall tearoom and the Board and members of the Friends of St Cross Charity which raises much

needed funds for our various conservation projects.

One, very special, and long-term supporter and volunteer retired at the end of 2023. Doreen Jenkins, for many years, helped run the Hundred Men's Hall tea room and also provided interval drinks for the many concerts and graduation services held at St Cross. Supported by her husband, Cled (who was also a valued Trustee on the Board) and Emeritus Brother Andrew, the Hospital is very grateful for the amazing service Doreen has provided over the years.

The out-turn for the year saw better than expected figures for the Public Visiting activities which was very encouraging and is, in no small way, down to hard work our volunteers, staff, Brothers and Trustees.

The Brothers: After the recruitment of five new Brothers in 2022 and with four flats out of commission due to the refurbishment work, there were few vacant flats available for new Brothers. However, in November we were pleased to welcome Clive Rigden to the Hospital and in December Niall McCathie's application was accepted in readiness for him to move to St Cross in 2024.

The Hospital mourned the loss of four Brothers Emeritus in 2023. Brother Bob Howard-Jones (died 22 January 2023), Brother John Hird (died 28 April 2023), Brother John Goodman (died 11 August 2023, the day before his 102nd birthday) and Brother Michael Longstaffe (died 27 Nov 2023); their funerals were held at St Cross. Also we received the sad news that a former Brother, Brian Astell, who left the Hospital in 2016, died in July 2023.

On a brighter note, Brother Graham presented and managed his first full season of Perfect Pitch musical lunchtime concerts between April and October and raised over £6,000 for the Hospital through donations. A brand new upright piano was also purchased. The purpose of the concerts is to provide a venue for young musicians to practice performing in front of an audience. Graham arranged for performers from a whole range of educational institutions, from local schools through to the Royal Academy of Music in London. A new concert series will go ahead from April 2024.

The Trustees were also very grateful to Brother Chris Pyke and the volunteers who helped him propagate plants from the Brothers' garden to sell on a plant stall through the summer in the outer quad. He raised just over £1,600 which, at only a few pounds per pot is a lot of plants sold!

Trustees: The Hospital's new Master, Reverend Dominik Chmielewski had a very busy first year settling his family into their new home and getting to

know his parishioners and the Hospital. The Trustees were very grateful to Dominik's wife Barbara, for her impressive work on the Hospital's Instagram account which resulted in followers increasing from single figures to over 500.

Chris Anderson, retired in March 2023 after 13 years of service on the Board of Trustees and specifically the Finance Committee. He guided the Hospital on investments and other financial matters, using his skill and experience and was a very valuable member of the Board. Chris continued to advise the Finance Committee during 2023 and his tenure was celebrated at the Trustees' Christmas lunch in December. We welcomed a new Trustee in March 2023. Sir Jonathan Portal joined the board in March 2023, following in his ancestor's footsteps.

Staff: In February 2023, the Hospital's Maintenance man, Steve Pragnell retired after 15 years' service to the Hospital and we were pleased to welcome, Phillip Le Riche who was appointed to take over from Steve. Recruiting a new Deputy Clerk proved to be much more challenging but, finally, in October Louise Wood joined the team and our Clerk, Catriona was very relieved to have her team back up to a full complement!

Building Projects: Delays in the granting of planning permission affected two projects at the Hospital. In April 2023, work finally started on the refurbishment of flats 21 to 24. The lead Architect is Paul Chatham (Partner at Peregrine Bryant Architects, who also designed the refurbishment of the accommodation at Chelsea Hospital, London). The Builders, Simon and Michael Haime are no strangers to St Cross, having worked on projects at the Hospital with their former employers for many years. They now have their own building firm and have worked incredibly hard all year with the help of M&E sub-contractors to transform four flats. The project aims to better utilise the small amount of space available in the flats, reducing kitchen sizes to provide better bedroom and bathroom facilities, upgrade the plumbing and electrics to a modern standard and provide better insulation throughout. The project completion date is forecast to be mid-March 2024.

Listed Building Consent was finally granted, towards the end of 2023, for the installation of an automated lift. The lift will provide access for the disabled to the Brethren's Hall and work will start in February 2024.

Coronation Oak Tree: The Hospital was honoured to be chosen as the location for the planting of a commemorative Oak tree to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. A tree was planted in each county so it was really special for the Hospital to be chosen for the Hampshire tree. HM

Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Mr Nigel Atkinson attended to plant the tree which was blessed by Rt Revd Geoff Annas, honorary assistant bishop in October 2023.

Jonathan Cooke, Chairman of Board of Trustees

WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME

Learning and Sermon Series.

“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

Mark 5.4 NKJV

To fulfil this charge of Christ we need to be prepared and equipped for the task. Growing deeper in the knowledge of Scriptures and in the understanding of the teaching of the Church, is essential on our journey. It is a true joy to see that more and more people are joining our Bible Study courses offered in Advent, Lents and in between. This past year at various Bible Study groups we spent time reading Books of Philippians, Timothy and Titus, as well as going through the themes of ‘covenant’ and ‘sacrifice’ in 12 first chapters of the Book of Genesis. All in the warmth of the Rectory with coffee and homemade cake.

Greatly popular was the ‘Eucharist Explained’ - Sunday service with a commentary. Overwhelmingly positive feedback and requests for more made me plan another service in similar format in the near future. The service was divided into three blocks: 1-Vesting, 2-Service of the Word, 3-the Sacrament-the Eucharist. Between these sections I offered in-depth explanations of actions and words used in the service, to help with the understanding and better participation in the service. Upon the request of a large number of our congregants a similar format of the service will be repeated in the autumn, this time focusing on the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service. We are blessed that our Parish is so open to learn and to embrace the many opportunities for spiritual growth.

Assistant Curate’s (in training) report

It continues to be a great joy and privilege to serve as Assistant Curate in the parish of St Faith at St Cross. As Curate, it makes a great difference to be part of a congregation that is welcoming, engaged and spiritually mature, and where there is a real opportunity to get involved in different activities, while also staying rooted in prayer and worship. I am grateful to many members of the congregation, the choir, the PCC, the Wardens, Hilary and Fr Dominik for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

As I am Curate alongside my full-time role as Port Chaplain, each week I join you for Sundays and for at least one (in practice often two or three) other commitments, ranging from home communions to funerals to PCC meetings to joining the school governors at St Faith School... It is a blessing to get involved in such varied ways, spanning both the everyday and the most profound moments in life and death.

I have particularly enjoyed joining the youth group on many a Friday evening, which is always lively and involves some really interesting exploration of faith. For those who don't see it first hand, I would commend to you the wonderful work I see Ellie, Alison and the rest of the youth team doing week by week.

Shanti and I were married last June, and we've both been so grateful for the warm welcome Shanti has received as a member of the congregation. I reflected on our recent marriage when I gave a talk to the couples planning to be married here at St Cross in the coming year, and I look forward to taking weddings here.

My ordination to the Priesthood took place on the Feast of St. Faith – the first ordination service in St. Cross to take place in living memory. I want to personally thank all those who were involved and made both the Ordination and my first celebration of the Holy Communion possible and so very special and beautiful.

I am excited for the year ahead in our parish life, including walking through Holy Week, the parish fete, and the parish pilgrimage I am organising for us in October to Sainte Foy (St Faith) Abbey in Conques, France. I hope these will provide a chance for us to grow deeper in our faith and in our fellowship with one another.

Reverend James Mosher - Assistant Curate

Music Report

We continue to maintain a valuable choir of 20+ adult members who, together with volunteer assistant organist Chris Jones, provide loyal and robust support to the Music Director in all Sunday services and principal Festivals. Occasional Choral Evensongs - including one marking the Coronation - supplemented our regular commitments. Our very experienced Junior Choral Scholar has remained with us during her 'gap' year and made beautiful solo contributions on a number of occasions.

Family and work demands put individual singers under pressure at times and some move on to new homes elsewhere. There will always be a need

to listen out for new recruits across all sections of the choir. Scholarship assistance is still available for student-age voices interested in gaining wider experience.

Canon Deedes 'faithful upright piano, used regularly for Wednesday evening choir practices and in emergencies when the organ has been out of action, has found a new home at the 'Bell Inn'. This is because we now have access to the Hospital's new piano purchased by and used for the successful series of 'Perfect Pitch 'concerts which took place weekly during the Spring and Summer months.

All the parish musicians are grateful for the encouragement and practical help of the clergy, members of the congregation, the Brothers and the staff of the Hospital.

The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.....

Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster

After Church Coffee Team

We are a happy team. Coffee was served every Sunday of the year except on December 24th. We collected over £700 in donations for which we are very grateful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team who show up every Sunday without fail. Special thanks especially to Emma and the Sleaths for baking those delicious cakes and cookies.
Evelyn Pringle

Chapel Flower Guild

This has been an eventful year for us.

After six weddings during the summer Trish Spiers retired as team leader due to deteriorating health. She had been in charge since Tony and Christine Outhwaite retired about twenty two years ago . So we have all much to be grateful for.

At that point the team of six felt that they could collectively share the responsibility of the flower arrangements. The ordering of flowers for weddings and Festivals done by Roz Wright and Diana Snagge.

On 23rd October Trish died suddenly, so we were left without our Mentor. Many of the old team members came back to help prepare a very colourful Thanksgiving Service for her on November 14th.

Before Christmas the Church Wardens put out a notice inviting people to contribute towards the cost of flowers in memory of a loved one. We had a fantastic response and were able to decorate the Chapel very handsomely. We plan to do something similar for Easter.

We have fourteen weddings booked for this summer and have already met the couples at a special day organised by Father Dominik, Hilary and Wendy. We will soon be meeting with them individually to discuss their favoured flowers and colour schemes.

It is looking to be a very busy summer for the team and we are lucky to have some of the previous team back with us and two new members.

We always welcome new and old faces. We are a very happy and enthusiastic team.

Diana Snagge, Team Leader

Silent Prayer Group

During the past year, we have been meeting in each other's houses. It has been a good decision and we continue to pray in silence for the community and the world. Please contact me if you wish to join our small, friendly group.

Evelyn Pringle

PASTORAL CARE

Occasional Offices

2023 was another joyful year for weddings in the Chapel. The year started with our annual Wedding Preparation Morning - always the closest Saturday to Valentine's Day - where our couples spent the morning with Father Dominik, Reverend Hilary and myself. We collectively contemplated and discussed what it means to have a Christian marriage, took a lighthearted look at marriage priorities and conflict and ultimately blessed each couple's hopes, plans and preparations. The season then began in earnest mid-April through to September with nine happy couples making their marriage promises and vows within the Chapel's sacred space.

Wendy Harrison

Pastoral Assistants

The Pastoral Assistants Group continues with a small core team supported by a number of others who visit, welcome, pray for, and provide support to, parishioners and their families.

PAs meet quarterly and have regular contact with one another for reviewing, reporting and communicating. They have a link with St John's Charity, supporting their Befriending Scheme for those over 55 referred via GP social prescribing who live in the parish.

Another successful Wedding Preparation session was held in January, with the parish clergy, parish administrator, Flower Guild reps and Evelyn joining the session to help with the preparation and planning of weddings, and to provide a welcome with coffee and cake.

The All Souls service was again appreciated by all who attended. And the Tea & Chat pastoral initiative continues during the winter months, with a mix of visitors, Brothers and parishioners dropping in. This year T&C has again been registered as part of the Warm Space Campaign.

A huge 'thank you' to all who have helped with Pastoral care in the parish this past year. Our team is always open to new recruits joining so please do let us know if you are interested; and also if you know of any people or situations needing help or support.

Reverend Hilary Healey

LEARNING

House Group report

We started the year looking at Women of the New Testament. There are many women named especially in the forming of the church after Jesus' Ascension. However, there is not always enough detail to fully know them or how their lives continued after first mentioning. We then changed to another series of studies looking at Integrity. These led us to various passages in the Bible and looking at our own reactions and behaviour to situations posed. These were more challenging on us and we learned some home truths!

We are a small group and meet fortnightly on zoom. We have a good opportunity for chatting over these issues and as we are in our own homes, further references can be checked on. We would welcome anyone else who would like to try us out. The weather or darkness does not affect our meeting together.

Cheryl Irons

COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

Social Events

We continued to have social events thought the year which often made a profit for the parish. Our first in May was a plant sale in the parish hall car park along with wonderful refreshments in the hall. A wonderful chance for us to fill our gardens and enjoy chatting together over a bacon roll. Many thanks to all our growers and refreshment helpers. Of course the fete was a wonderful social event but I think more about that elsewhere in reports.

We were sociable over the summer with coffee after our 9.30 services and a new introduction coffee after our monthly cleaning on the first Saturday of the month.

The Autumn brought a very busy time we had our first Family tea party in the Parish Hall. We had so many families and I was overwhelmed to see a full carpet of children to listen to my Harvest talk. It is something we are planning to repeat a few times a year.

Next was what has become a popular yearly event the Harvest Supper. It was well attended and I had been to teach the youth group some dances so the floor was filled. A lovely supper was provided again by Jonathan and Lysbeth many thanks - there was a quiz and lots of dancing and socialising.

The year finished with our Christmas Wassail a lovely time for us to share with singing, mulled wine, food, quiz and conversation.

Sharing time together is so important and thank you for all have made this possible and if you would like to organise anything or have any ideas please let us know.

Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck

Tots and Sunday Club 0 - 7

Children age 7 and under explore bible stories and seasonal themes through play, craft, music and storytelling. The number of children varies each week and we welcome regular attendees and visiting children. On Easter Sunday, we welcomed approximately 25 children and they decorated the Cross with beautifully drawn flowers to bring into church. The children enjoy and value showing their craft and explaining a little of what we explored to the congregation at the end of the service.

We are a small team of volunteers, please let us know if you are interested in joining our team!

Magdalen Rees

St Cross Youth and 8+ Vestry group

Every Friday night during term time at St Faith's hall, the Kids Club runs from 6:30-8pm for children of school years 3-6, followed by the Youth Club 8-9:15pm for those of school years 7+. These groups include lots of creative fun and games, all based around Bible based themes. The aim is to introduce and nurture faith in a way that is relevant and engaging for their age groups. Over the course of last year we've looked at topics such as the book of James, women in the Bible, the Easter story and the theme of forgiveness. Since September we have had a number of young people graduate up into the youth group which is now a group of 9 young people. 5 of the youth group are also young leaders at the Kids Club and every week support the volunteers in setting up, packing down and leading elements of the club. The kids club now has 28 children on its register with around 10-15 attending each week. Almost all of the children and young people attending are from the parish and are connected to either St Faith's Primary or Kings School. Members of the youth group have also taken part in wider parish events such as the St Cross Fete and Good Friday service, as well as attended activities organised by Wildfire Youth Project such as a weekend away to the Isle of Wight and local city wide youth events.

Ellie Payne - Wildfire Youth Project

Community Teas

In September we held a Harvest themed Community Tea in the Parish Hall to welcome all ages with craft stations (including baking and Murray's original Meccano set) for young children and play areas for babies. We welcomed around 70 people and the different craft stations were enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Mary Ayres, Manager of the Nancy Harper Nursery for facilitating the setup, play areas and much of the craft. The youth group took cups of tea and cake round to the parents which was much appreciated as they could enjoy a refreshment whilst their children moved around the craft stations. Delicious cakes and refreshments were kindly coordinated by Evelyn Pringle and Lysbeth Sleath and Dodie Mowat led a story time and prayer. A fun Saturday afternoon with a chance to welcome many people across our community. We hope to run another tea at Easter time.

Tarryn Hyland and Magdalen Rees

Open the Book

As 2023 saw the coronation of King Charles III, we took as our subject for the assemblies kings in the Bible both good and bad. This enabled us to act out such stories as the Fiery furnace to show that God was with those who defied the King's edicts and how Queen Esther saved her people from Haman. During the Autumn Term, we concentrated on the life of Jesus and his teaching through parables and miracles.

We are a small group, but the children really like the Open the Book sessions. We try and incorporate some children into the stories as servants/soldiers/jailers etc. wherever possible as they do like dressing up. Sometimes we use the whole school to reflect character's feelings by repeating a short phrase. This keeps their attention as they have to listen and watch carefully to come in at the right time!

If anyone would like to join us, we meet on Wednesdays 2.30-3.30. We have a rehearsal of reading the story through in church then we walk to the school and sort out costumes, props and brief the children selected on their role. The actual story takes about 10 minutes and finishes in time for them to go home.

Cheryl Irons

St Faith's Church of England School

It has been another extremely busy and purposeful year at St Faith's CE Primary. Mr Fountain (HT) and the entire staff team continue to work hard to achieve the best outcomes for all pupils. The St Faith's Governing Board has continued to work in close partnership with the school, as critical friends, to ensure that strong progress is being made towards the identified school improvement priorities for this academic year. We were delighted that our year 6 children maintained their usual high standards of academic attainment in the SAT tests in summer 2023, and we wish them all the very best adapting to life at secondary school.

Both Dudley Rees and Bev Attewell stepped down from the board earlier this academic year, and I know that I speak for the whole governing board when I say a huge thank you to them both for many years of committed service to the school. We wish them both well for the future. We continue to have a full governing board - quite the rarity among schools both locally and nationally. I was pleased to move into a Foundation role, having previously been a parent governor. We have welcomed Mr Will England (parent governor) and Mrs Tarryn Hyland (Foundation governor) to the Governing Board. Not only do Tarryn and Will bring a wealth of

professional experience to their roles, but they have already demonstrated through their contributions that they embody the values of St Faith's: love, courage, trust and hope. Ms R John (SENDSCO) has joined the board as an Associate Staff Governor which has enabled the staff voice to continue to be represented during Mrs Guy's maternity leave. Rev'd James Mosher has joined the board as an Associate Member, in addition to Rev'd Dominik – testament to the school's commitment to developing the links between the school and the church. I would like to recognise the hard work and dedication of all of the school's governors for the outstanding effort they put in – often behind the scenes - to both support and challenge St Faith's to be the best that it can be.

The atmosphere in the school is purposeful with pupils demonstrating superb attitudes towards their learning. We are grateful to Mr Fountain and the senior leadership team who have worked hard to keep pupil experience as consistent as possible through maternity absences and some considerable staff absence due to ill health. We are proud of our highly skilled and committed staff body who never settle for anything less than pupils' best.

The school continues to develop its Instagram account and you can see pupils' work and extra-curricular opportunities by following @stfaithsprimaryschool. St Faith's has vastly increased the range of co-curricular activities it offers over the past year, which has been recognised by parents. We have also been pleased to engage with Winchester College in order to augment the breadth of pupils' learning experiences even further.

The school really does value the support provided by parents, grandparents and other members of the local community. Our visitors continue to support the school through initiatives such as 'Open the Book' and guided reading. We are, as always, grateful for the support given by parishioners and we look forward to developing further links moving forward.

Katherine Jarrett - Chair of Governors

Friends for Tea

A small group usually meet in the Brothers' library on the first Wednesday of the month for a chat and a cup of tea with cakes. The charge of £2 for the afternoon is collected and then given back either to the Parish, the Hospital of St Cross or another charity which the group decide is currently in need of extra funds.

Once a year we are invited to join the Brothers, for a visit from the Winchester College students. They come to entertain the group. On

March 6th this year we were given a recital by a string quartet which was delightful. They stayed for a cup of tea and cake afterwards and it was an opportunity, for us older members of the parish, to chat with the talented musicians.

Sue Fairbrother

Lazy Cooks

We continue to enjoy good food and good company. The Singapore Buffet raised £670 for the Parish. Thanks to all who came and their generosity. If you wish to join us, please see details in the Parish magazine and/or the Mailchimp, or just call me.

Evelyn Pringle

Churchyard

Care and maintenance activities continued throughout the year. This has been done by parish volunteers who give time on some Saturday mornings to keep the churchyard neat and tidy.

We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers who would enjoy some gentle Saturday morning exercise. Please contact one of the team to find out more.

John Pringle, John Lunt, Robert Wheatley, Hilary Healey.

COMMON GOOD

Common Good Project

The team under Lysbeth Sleath ('Caring Faith') which is helping to provide teas to visitors at Winchester Prison have continued with their regular slots on the 4th and 5th Thursdays of each month. Anyone interested in helping with this valuable support of prisoners' families should contact Lysbeth, who will be pleased to explain what is involved.

Early in 2023, there was a flurry of activity for the team, led by Anna-Maria Holt, involved in the scheme for helping prisoners due for release with clothing ('Bags of Faith'), and another prisoner was helped in November. It is a case of reacting as and when we hear from the prison, and a new team at the Basics Bank has been extremely helpful.

Christina Mathews as Leader of 'Listening Faith' has provided her own account of her work, now very much inside the prison:

‘We continue with weekly one to one sessions - now with three men being released March April and May- helping them to prepare for their release both emotionally (leaving the safety of the Prison ‘family’ can be challenging and frightening; for some withdrawing from methadone for the first time in their lives having someone without medical knowledge, without an agenda, metaphorically walking alongside them, can be helpful); and practically (making links to suitable accommodation, employment, ID, Bank accounts, community mentor support, linking to ‘welcoming churches’). During the Christmas and New Year period we managed the ‘continuity’ of weekly sessions which is so important with men who have often been let down in life. The keys I initially found big and clunky, unlocking the many gates with heavy heart begin to feel lighter.’

Sincere thanks are due to ‘Tea and Chat’ for their financial support of this project, with just under £200 being spent during the year on bibles and bags for clothing.

John Lunt (Co-ordinator)



St Faith’s Parish Hall

On 31 December 2023 Lisa Bone, Catherine D’Arcy (Treasurer), Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Murray Dixon (PCC representative) and I were the seven members of the hall committee. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently.

The principal undertaking of the year was the negotiation of a new lease for the building with the Hospital. The former lease, which expired in September 2023, has been replaced with a new one of twenty-one-year duration (thus until 2044), with rent reviews in line with CPI at years seven (2030) and fourteen (2037). Redecoration intervals are to be at the discretion of the hall committee. The Hospital has increased the annual rent payable from £750 to £2,500.

Although income has now returned to pre-pandemic levels, the hall committee concluded it must increase hire tariffs to keep pace with rising rent and utility costs. From 1 January 2024, one-off users pay £22 per hour in the Front Hall and £20 per hour in the Back Hall; regular users pay £18.50 per hour in the Front Hall and £17 per hour in the Back Hall.

Maintenance works carried out in the year included weeding of the car park, gutter clearance and internal redecoration. The latter job, a substantial one, was awarded to the most competitive contractor. The

colour scheme is identical to that selected during the building's general refurbishment a decade ago.

The hall committee remains grateful to Mary Ayres for her excellent daily cleaning of the building.

The hall committee's deposit account has been closed and these funds paid into its current account. The hall committee's annual surplus of £10,000 was transferred to the PCC as usual.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will make use of their hall and its excellent facilities this year. To book, please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC's website, on 07850 231497 or at stfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk.
Peter Sawbridge - Chairman, St Faith's Parish Hall Committee

St Cross Fête

The 2023 annual fete was on Saturday 24th June and was a success in every way. The weather was hot and dry, lots of people came and enjoyed all the stalls and entertainments which many had worked so hard to organise.

We raised £15,356.12 and after deducting £2,939.67 for expenses, this left a profit of £12,416.45.

75% (£9,312.34)was given to the PCC for Parish funds

25% (£3,104.11)was divided between the charities thus—

£50 to Winchester Hospice on behalf of the Ukulele band and the remainder divided equally between—

1)Winchester Womens 'Refuge. (£1,527.05)

2)Wildfire Youth Project. (£1,527.05).

Many thanks to the Fete Committee, stallholders and all who helped to make the 2023 fete a great and financially successful event.

We look forward to this year's fete which will be on Saturday 29th June. Please put it in your diaries and see you there!

Gill Beck - Secretary to St Cross Fete Committee

Good Causes supported during 2023

Good Cause	Amount *	Remarks
Churches Together in Winchester – Christmas Project	£250	General Funds
Winchester Hospice	£50	Fete Good Causes
Women's Refuge - Stop Domestic Abuse	£1,527	
Wildfire	£1,527	
Potters Village (through Church Missionary Society)	£346	From Retiring Collections
Christian Aid	£454	
Farm Africa	£582	
Winchester Basics Bank	£582	
Royal British Legion	£274	
Childrens Society	£100	
Common Good Project – Prison support	£195	Tea & Chat and Donations
HIHCT	£670	Ride & Stride
Total	£6,556	

** Does not include income collected through Children's Society Boxes, or produce donated to Winchester Basics Bank in March.*

Murray Dixon

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Stewardship Working Group

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously.

During 2023 it met four times with its focus on two activities:

- A Planned Giving review in February
- A Legacy reminder in November with an external speaker.

Planned Giving is the largest source of income for the Parish and is therefore key to achieving balanced budgets. We will continue to focus on ways to encourage generous giving to support the many strands of ministry we aspire to provide.

John Pringle, Chair

Communications (Magazine, website)

Printed copies of the Parish Magazine are still produced each month by Sarsen Press and thanks are due to Diana Snagge and her team for delivering them. The printed Magazine is appreciated by the elderly and others without computer access but most people now receive their Magazine electronically via a link in each week's Parish email. How many people open the link and read it regularly?

Perhaps the time has come to reconsider the role and format of the Magazine. The weekly emails are inevitably better than the Magazine for up to date information. One strength of the Magazine should be the thoughtful articles which the clergy and a few members of the congregation continue to contribute – are these read and appreciated?

A one-page printed mid-month Newsletter goes to the housebound who do not have a computer, and keeps them in touch with the Parish between Magazines.

The Parish website at www.parishofstfaith.org is a major source of information about the Parish and its activities for those outside the congregation. The website carries details of how to arrange weddings, baptisms and funerals, and how to book the Parish Hall. It is updated every week with details of church services and events, but some of the other wording would probably benefit from being reviewed and refreshed.

The Parish Facebook accounts are also used to share information.

Clare Dixon and Magdalen Rees

List of Sidespeople from April 2023

Victoria Arthur, Murray Dixon, Jenny Duchesne, Sue Fairbrother, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Tom Hargreaves, Chris Maguire, Wendy Marsden, Julia Maxlow Tomlinson, Matthew McDonnell, Primrose Metcalf, Harry Mowat, Rosco Noott, Jeremy Ouvry, Evelyn Pringle, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath and Carol Wade.

Parochial Church Council Members

(from 30 April 2023 - 21 April 2024)

Ex officio:

Rev. Dominik Chmielewski	Chair
Rev. Hilary Healey	
Rev. James Mosher	(from 18 May 2023)
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden Deanery Synod Member (until July 2023)
Gill Beck	Churchwarden

Elected:

Until:

Rosco Noott	2024	
Diana Snagge	2024	
Matthew McDonnell	2024	
John Pringle	2024	Deanery Synod Member (until July 2023)
Adrian Coldridge	2025	Deanery Synod Member (from July 2023)
Murray Dixon	2025	Deanery Synod Member (re-elected July 2023)
Victoria Arthur	2025	
Chris Maguire	2026	
Anthony Gaster	2026	
Primrose Metcalf	2026	
Stephen Brill	2026	

Co-opted:

Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 03.05.2023)
Thomas Hargreaves (co-opted 03.05.2023) Deanery Synod Member:
resigned from both roles on 01.08.2023

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for 2022
opened at 11.05 am on Sunday 30th April 2023**

Item	Subject
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Rev. Dominik Chmielewski, taking the chair, declared the meeting open at 11.05 am explaining there would be a meeting to elect Churchwardens for the year followed by another meeting of parishioners. He referred to the note on page 5 of the Annual Report detailing who could attend and vote.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 18th April 2022</p> <p>The Minutes of the 2022 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report and no questions were raised. The minutes were proposed by Tony Gaster, seconded by John Pringle and approved unanimously.</p>
3	<p>Election of Churchwardens for 2023</p> <p>The Rev. Dominik Chmielewski thanked Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck for their hard work and many sacrifices during the year saying they spent many hours attending to their respective roles both in the Chapel and behind the scenes.</p> <p>He said that each of Dodie and Gill had been nominated as Churchwarden until the next AMP and that as there were no other candidates they were elected to fill the vacancies..</p>

The Rev. Dominik Chmielewski closed the meeting at 11.08 am

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2022
held on Sunday 30th April 2023**

The meeting commenced at 11.08 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. The Rev. Dominik Chmielewski chaired the meeting. Apologies had been received from Valerie Carver, Rosco Noot and John Lunt.

Item	Subject
1	Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 24 April 2022
2	<p>The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by John Pringle, seconded by Cheryl Irons and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Matters arising</p>
3	<p>None.</p> <p>Mandatory Reports (for discussion and recommendations to PCC)</p> <p>A. Annual Report - Electoral Roll Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski spoke in the absence of Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, He confirmed that at the end of revision in March 2023 there were 218 names on the roll of which 72 were resident in the parish and 146 non-resident. The numbers the previous year were reported as 211.</p> <p>B. PCC Activities Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski said PCC activities had been reported in the Annual Report copies of which had been and continue to be available in the Chapel and on the Parish website. He asked for comments; there were none.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p>C. Deanery Synod There were no comments on the Deanery Synod report included in the Annual Report.</p>
4	<p>Financial Statements for 2022</p>
	<p>Murray Dixon, the PCC Treasurer, addressed the meeting with an explanation of matters and figures included in the Annual Financial Report and Statements (“the AFR”).</p> <p>Murray Dixon explained the layout in the AFR referring to the balancing figure at year end of £111,793 saying that this was £7,724 less than in the previous year. He said details are shown on pages 4 and 5 the fall (from 2021) was accounted for by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “routine activity” which had a shortfall of £11,639 • “Parish Hall” income, which had a surplus of £10,663 • “investment portfolio” a decrease in value of £6,748 <p>Murray Dixon said the notes on pages 6 and 7 gave a breakdown of figures and he emphasised the importance of Parish Hall receipts to the financial viability of the Parish.</p> <p>Murray said that there had been a 10% increase in Planned Giving and the fête had raised over £16,500 which highlighted the importance of these two income sources. He thanked all those who gave their time and money.</p> <p>Murray Dixon said expenditure increased from £138,972 in 2021 to £148,802 in 2022 (with full details in note 3). He mentioned that the Parish had paid their full Parish Share (£84,766) to the Diocese and full contribution to the Hospital of St Cross (£17,750).</p> <p>Reserves policy: Murray Dixon reminded the meeting of the requirement to have a reserves policy which is detailed on page 3 of the AFR; he said reserves are 40% of the budgeted expenditure and thus compliant with the PCC policy.</p> <p>Questions were asked and Murray commented/answered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Query re rise in church running expenses: the utilities in the final quarter of 2022 were much larger although the Hospital

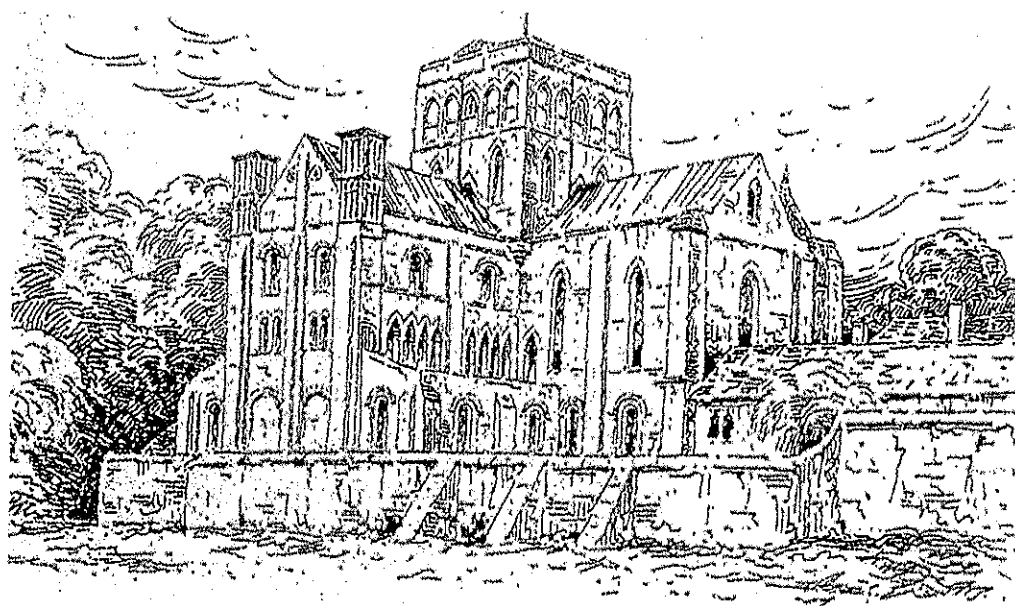
Item	Subject
	<p>(who has the utilities contract) have benefited from Government relief/grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Query re savings to be made from use of spotlights: a matter for the Hospital trustees. • Query re decrease in children's activities: costs decreased following retirement of paid employee and replacement by self-employed youth worker. • Query re rise in IT costs: they included the purchase of a parish laptop. • Query re donation for Parish Hall heating: to check with PH sub-committee treasurer. • Question about future risks: it was stated that the Parish is very reliant on Planned Giving donations (as are the CofE via Parish Share contributions) and future energy costs are unknown. Murray Dixon said that the parish's risks can be mitigated if necessary by reducing the Parish Share and that although not a legal requirement there is a strong moral obligation to give. <p>Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski added that he is working in the Parish as a part-time Rector and the Diocese do not contribute to his housing and, if necessary, the Parish could put a strong case to the Diocese to reduce their Parish Share.</p> <p>Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski thanked Murray Dixon for his work as Treasurer.</p>
5	Elections
	<p>1. Deanery Synod Members</p> <p>Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski said that there were three candidates for the Deanery Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian Coldridge • Murray Dixon • Thomas Hargreaves <p>and they were elected to fill the vacancies . He said they all become ex officio members of the PCC.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p>2. PCC Members Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski said there were four candidates standing for the PCC for a 3 year term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Brill • Anthony Gaster • Christopher Maguire • Primrose Metcalf <p>He declared that they were elected, filling the vacancies.</p>
6	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021</p>
7	<p>Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski said that Yvonne Goddard who had been appointed as Independent Examiner the previous year had moved away and retired during the year and that the PCC had agreed that Sue Woodward had been appointed by the PCC to examine the 2022 accounts.</p> <p>The appointment of Sue Woodward as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2023 was proposed by Gill Beck and seconded by Elizabeth Sleath.</p> <p>Any other business</p>
	<p>Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski thanked the PCC including retiring members of the PCC and Deanery Synod who had not stood for re-election. He referred to the substantial amount of work carried out by members and time given.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.37 am.

Rev'd Dominik Chmielewski thanked everyone for attending and said prayers and the Grace.

THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH



Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023

Contents:

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ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

Annual Report

1. 2023 was a challenging year for the Parish financially. Energy costs increased by over 60% and this, with a number of other factors, led to a significant decrease in Parish funds.
2. The funds held fell by £12,658 from £111,793 on 31 Dec 22 to £99,135 on 31 Dec 23. This is made up of: a shortfall of £21,475 in routine activity¹, a surplus in the operation of the Parish Hall of £4,371, a surplus in the value of investments of £2,565, and donations to the Restricted Vestry Fund of £1,881. That the shortfall in routine activity has been offset by surpluses in other areas of £8,817 is welcome, but does not hide the fact that the shortfall is not sustainable.

Routine Activity

3. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall, the value of investments and Restricted Funds. Routine income fell from £137,163 in 2022 to £133,337 in 2023. The decrease in 2023 was due particularly to:
 - A decrease in Planned Giving of £2,852 (from £70,103 in 2022 to £67,251 in 2023), though this was partly offset by an increase in collections during services of £2,071 (from £11,071 in 2022 to £13,142 in 2023).
 - A decrease in the number of services such as weddings which led to a reduction in fees of £1,892, from £6,356 in 2022 to £4,464 in 2023.
4. Though there has been a reduction in Planned Giving, it remains the most important element of Parish income - thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2023.

Routine Expenditure

5. Routine expenditure rose from £148,802 in 2022 to £154,686 in 2023. This was primarily due to an increase in the cost of energy from £9,813 in 2022 to £15,796 in 2023: an increase of over 60%. The increase would have been greater still if it was not for the reduction in spend on Children and Young People, from £8,209 in 2022 to £4,311 in 2023 - a consequence of the move from a salaried to a sessional youth worker. During the year, we paid 100% of our Parish Share, which remained largely unchanged at £84,639, and increased our agreed contribution to the Hospital for upkeep of the fabric of the church from £17,750 to £19,000.

Parish Hall

6. Parish Hall income was £28,009, up from £21,556 in 2021 and £25,918 in 2022, but is still short of the £29,075 in 2019. Total expenditure also increased though, from £15,255 in 2022 to £23,638 in 2023. This was mainly due to redecoration of the interior of the Hall at a cost of ~£7,000. The Parish Hall surplus was £4,371.

¹ Includes a shortfall of £126 in the Sound System Appeal, which is not included in the routine activity figures in paras 3 - 5

7. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. As highlighted in Paragraph 1, net income from the Hall, even though less than in 2022, helps offset the shortfall in Routine Activity.

Investments

8. Investments increased in value from £69,388 on 31 Dec 22 to £71,953 on 31 Dec 23. We received dividend payments of £3,028 (£2,965 in 2022).

Designated Funds

9. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £42,543 to £44,670 in line with the reserves policy described in para 11 below. £1,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £2,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Restricted Funds

10. A new restricted fund was set up during the year to receive donations specifically to buy new, or to replace, or to repair damaged and worn-out vestments, altar cloths and other paraments in the Church of St Cross and used by the Parish. A total of £1,881 was donated during the year.

Reserves Policy

11. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure, less Parish Hall PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18 and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

12. For information, as of 31 Dec 23 our reserves were circa 32% of the budgeted expenditure for 2024 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy. This, however, is a considerable reduction from circa 40% as of 31 Dec 22.

ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

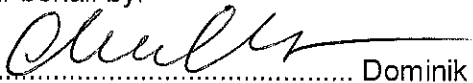
	Note	2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	108,713	103,006
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	19,531	19,290
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	37,285	37,783
Income from investments	2d	3,239	3,002
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>168,768</u>	<u>163,081</u>
RESOURCES USED			
Charitable Giving	3a	3,355	3,346
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	141,747	131,184
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	18,843	15,726
Parish Hall major repairs		8,666	2,035
Church management and administration	3d	11,380	11,766
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		<u>183,991</u>	<u>164,057</u>
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		-15,223	-976
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	2,565	-6,748
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-12,658	-7,724
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		111,793	119,517
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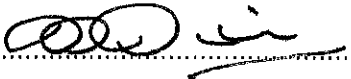
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Cash at bank and in hand		<u>19,789</u>	<u>39,511</u>
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>27,182</u>	<u>42,405</u>
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TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		92,254	106,793
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Vestry Fund	7	<u>1,881</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		6,881	5,000
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..... Dominik Chmielewski (Chairman)


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The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

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All capital items within the church of St Cross, Winchester are the property of the Hospital of St Cross and are covered by the Hospital's insurance. Items within the church, for which the PCC provided the funds, are deemed to have been purchased on behalf of the Hospital and presented to it by the Parish and hence are expensed on purchase.

Fixtures and fittings within the Parish Hall are the property of, and are insured by, the PCC. All expenditure incurred on the repair of the building is expensed on purchase. Investments are shown in the balance sheet at market value on 31 December of the relevant year. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. There are no amounts that are deemed uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit in Central Board of Finance (Church of England) Funds.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

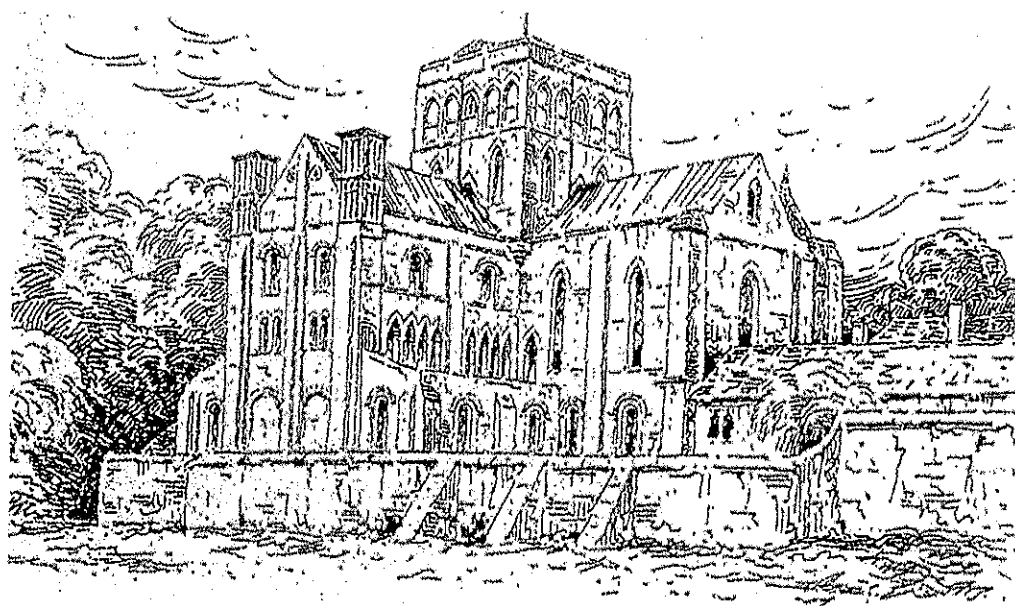
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 - to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Susan C. Woodward

2 April 2024

Susan Woodward

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Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Annual Report

1. 2023 was a challenging year for the Parish financially. Energy costs increased by over 60% and this, with a number of other factors, led to a significant decrease in Parish funds.
2. The funds held fell by £12,658 from £111,793 on 31 Dec 22 to £99,135 on 31 Dec 23. This is made up of: a shortfall of £21,475 in routine activity¹, a surplus in the operation of the Parish Hall of £4,371, a surplus in the value of investments of £2,565, and donations to the Restricted Vestry Fund of £1,881. That the shortfall in routine activity has been offset by surpluses in other areas of £8,817 is welcome, but does not hide the fact that the shortfall is not sustainable.

Routine Activity

3. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall, the value of investments and Restricted Funds. Routine income fell from £137,163 in 2022 to £133,337 in 2023. The decrease in 2023 was due particularly to:
 - A decrease in Planned Giving of £2,852 (from £70,103 in 2022 to £67,251 in 2023), though this was partly offset by an increase in collections during services of £2,071 (from £11,071 in 2022 to £13,142 in 2023).
 - A decrease in the number of services such as weddings which led to a reduction in fees of £1,892, from £6,356 in 2022 to £4,464 in 2023.
4. Though there has been a reduction in Planned Giving, it remains the most important element of Parish income - thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2023.

Routine Expenditure

5. Routine expenditure rose from £148,802 in 2022 to £154,686 in 2023. This was primarily due to an increase in the cost of energy from £9,813 in 2022 to £15,796 in 2023: an increase of over 60%. The increase would have been greater still if it was not for the reduction in spend on Children and Young People, from £8,209 in 2022 to £4,311 in 2023 - a consequence of the move from a salaried to a sessional youth worker. During the year, we paid 100% of our Parish Share, which remained largely unchanged at £84,639, and increased our agreed contribution to the Hospital for upkeep of the fabric of the church from £17,750 to £19,000.

Parish Hall

6. Parish Hall income was £28,009, up from £21,556 in 2021 and £25,918 in 2022, but is still short of the £29,075 in 2019. Total expenditure also increased though, from £15,255 in 2022 to £23,638 in 2023. This was mainly due to redecoration of the interior of the Hall at a cost of ~£7,000. The Parish Hall surplus was £4,371.

¹ Includes a shortfall of £126 in the Sound System Appeal, which is not included in the routine activity figures in paras 3 - 5

7. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. As highlighted in Paragraph 1, net income from the Hall, even though less than in 2022, helps offset the shortfall in Routine Activity.

Investments

8. Investments increased in value from £69,388 on 31 Dec 22 to £71,953 on 31 Dec 23. We received dividend payments of £3,028 (£2,965 in 2022).

Designated Funds

9. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £42,543 to £44,670 in line with the reserves policy described in para 11 below. £1,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £2,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Restricted Funds

10. A new restricted fund was set up during the year to receive donations specifically to buy new, or to replace, or to repair damaged and worn-out vestments, altar cloths and other paraments in the Church of St Cross and used by the Parish. A total of £1,881 was donated during the year.

Reserves Policy

11. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

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(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure, less Parish Hall PLUS

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12. For information, as of 31 Dec 23 our reserves were circa 32% of the budgeted expenditure for 2024 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy. This, however, is a considerable reduction from circa 40% as of 31 Dec 22.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

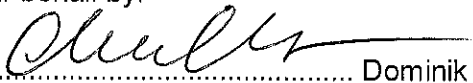
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The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Assets

All capital items within the church of St Cross, Winchester are the property of the Hospital of St Cross and are covered by the Hospital's insurance. Items within the church, for which the PCC provided the funds, are deemed to have been purchased on behalf of the Hospital and presented to it by the Parish and hence are expensed on purchase.

Fixtures and fittings within the Parish Hall are the property of, and are insured by, the PCC. All expenditure incurred on the repair of the building is expensed on purchase. Investments are shown in the balance sheet at market value on 31 December of the relevant year. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. There are no amounts that are deemed uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit in Central Board of Finance (Church of England) Funds.

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31 December in respect of expenses which have been incurred and for which invoices have not been received, or have been received but not paid, are shown as creditors. All the amounts fall due within one year.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Susan C. Woodward

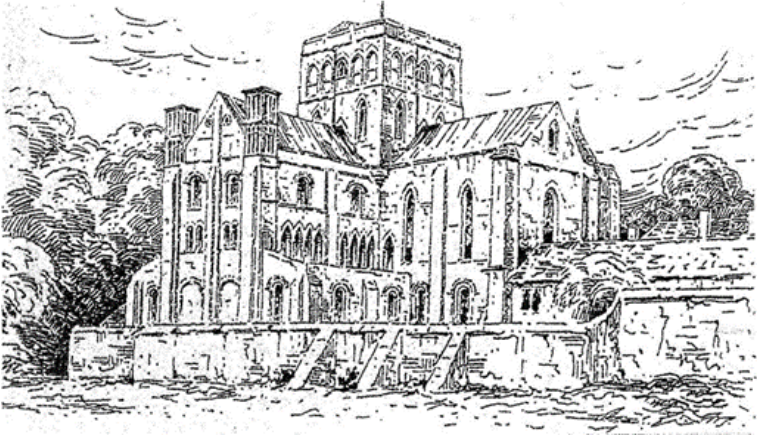
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Susan Woodward

Accounts



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INTRODUCTION

It is always difficult to write a short report and choose between the things that should be mentioned and those to be omitted, especially when it is your first report in a new post, as it is the case here. 4 September 2022, opened a new chapter in the life of the Parish of St Faith, as I was installed as the new Rector. The overwhelmingly warm welcome my family and I have received reflected the welcoming and loving atmosphere of our Parish. Worshiping in the ancient chapel of the Hospital of St Cross, we, as a congregation and family of faith absorb the ideals and ways of the Christian hospitality embedded here. This sacred House of St Cross was founded on the experience of God's 'outrages' generosity. I pray that we will continue to minister in this beautiful tradition.

After a long period of Covid distraction, our Parish life seem to be back to normal. The time of various restrictions, limiting the ways we worshipped and ministered has ended. We can revert back or even re-think the ways we do things.

The Church of England in the 'Preface' to the declarations made by all ministers taking up office states: "The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation". The word 'afresh' is the one so important to keep in mind, especially at this time when we need to find new ways to reach out to those in our community and beyond, and to proclaim the message of Christ. Keeping and upholding the tradition of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, which we are a part of, and looking for new ways, appropriate for the time. Change which this statement brings into the life of the Parish and of the wider Church can be seen as a threat or as an opportunity, a chance to go into the unknown

territories, to look for new ways. I pray that this journey which lies ahead of us will be fruitful in our calling to forward the Kingdom of God in our Parish, Deanery and Diocese.

Every Parish is on a constant journey of change and ours is no exception. This Past year saw the Incumbent, Reverend Dr Philip Krinks leave to take up the post of Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester; in December the Reverend Terry Hemming, Master of St Cross retired and moved to Andover. This April, after years of faithful ministry as Chair of the PCC's working group for Children, Youth and Family, the Reverend Sally Heather (PTO) will retire from her post with our thanks and prayers for God's blessing in her well deserved retirement. Our clergy team supported by our assistant curate the Reverend Hilary Healey and the Reverend Mat Phipps (PTO) has also gained one new member. In February 2023 we were joined by the Reverend James Mosher as our new assistant curate. Father James will be at St Faith until 2025, when he will formally finish his curacy. We are looking forward to his priestly ordination later this year.

The pastoral care is in the heart of our ministry. Great thanks to the Reverend Hilary Healey for leading the wonderful Pastoral Team and looking after the needs of so many.

I am particularly happy to report that since my arrival in September 2022, the relationship with St Faith's Primary School is renewed and reinforced. We now have school services at St Cross twice every half-term (one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2), in addition to the three services a year for the whole school at Christmas, Easter and the Leavers service. The 'Open the Book' group with their amazing work is greatly appreciated by all the children at school.

Since September I've been delighted to lead two Bible Study series in the Rectory; one in Advent on the Book of Colossians and one in Lent on Philipians. The meetings have proven to be popular and well attended and we'll continue with those throughout the year. Our House Group and Silent Prayer Groups continue their valuable ministries of prayer and study. At least once a month we have a visiting preacher at our main Sunday service, both lay and ordained ministers from the Church of England and other Christian Churches bring a new perspective in our understanding of Scriptures.

Our patronal festival in honour of St Faith was celebrated with the Pilgrimage around the boundaries of the Parish. This walk of witness with a picnic lunch half way through was a wonderful way to pray for all living and working in our Parish.

We are living out our calling to be an inter-generational community, holding a wide range of activities, from Lazy Cooks to Friends for Tea. Sunday morning Tots, Sunday Club and Friday Youth Club ministry is working well and is attracting new people. Our youth ministry is in the very capable hands of Ellie Payne and Alison Carver. We are however in desperate need of new volunteers to help it thrive.

We continue our partnerships with local groups, working for the common good of all, running another much-appreciated Summer Fete, seeing the Parish Hall go from strength to strength, and offering financial and spiritual support to good causes.

All of this is not a work of one person only, but a joint effort of so many dedicated individuals offering their time and skill as a gift to us all. We are grateful for the generosity of our congregation, PCC, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Working Group members, and of all those who lead and support the activities described in the pages which follow. Our sincere thanks and prayers go to them all.

I pray that the year ahead will bring an abundance of God's blessing and a new vision for our Community, so we can discover the new ways of making a difference and bringing a Christ-inspired change into the lives of our Parish, of our Community and of the Church.

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard ... and the God of peace will be with you.”
(Philippians 4.8-9)

The Reverend Dominik Chmielewski
Rector and Master of St Cross

AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Opening prayers.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 24 April 2022.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2023-24.
4. Close of meeting.

AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 24 April 2022.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion, and any recommendations to the PCC):
 - a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
 - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2022, and the activities of the parish.
 - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2022.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2022, including the Independent Examiner's report.
5. The Elections:
 - a. Members of the Deanery Synod.
 - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any Other Business (relating to the PCC or Parish).

Closing Prayers.

Notes:

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

GOVERNANCE

Mandatory Report on the Electoral Roll

On 31st December 2022 there were 213 names on the electoral roll of which 71 were resident and 142 were non resident.

Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer

Mandatory Winchester Deanery Report

Murray Dixon, Dodie Mowat and John Pringle continued as our representatives throughout 2022. The Deanery Synod met twice in 2022. During the year Reverend Ed Dines took over as Area Dean with Reverend Mike Griffiths and Reverend Liz Stuart as Assistant Area Deans.

At the February meeting:

- The revised dMAP for 2022-24 was presented
- Discussions in small groups focused on:
 - local churches to be enabled and equipped to respond to new opportunities
 - good collaboration among our Benefices and with partners
 - development of ministry amongst young people
 - unity in prayer
- Elections and retirements in the Deanery
- Pastoral reorganisation

In October:

- Appointments and Vacancies
- Update on the process of appointing a new Bishop of Winchester
- General Synod Report
- Report on a Learning Day on Racism
- Discussion on successes and challenges in Parishes
- Video presentation on the Diocese of Muhabura introduced by Reverend Brian Wakelin

John Pringle

Church Wardens' Report

2022 proved to be a year of great change, not due to Covid, but because in February Reverend Philip Krinks told us he would be leaving in May. So not long after celebrating Easter we moved swiftly into an Interregnum. Churchwardens know that an Interregnum will be a very busy time for them. Fortunately we were able to form a team with Hilary, John and Murray to prepare all the necessary paperwork and liaise with the Diocese.

As Terry was due to retire as Master in the next year, the Hospital Trustees agreed that this was a great opportunity to reunite the roles of Rector and Master and in due course Father Dominik was appointed.

Enormous thanks go to Hilary for the tireless work she put in during the Interregnum to ensure a smooth transition, and alongside her our thanks go to Sally, Terry and Mat for helping to lead our services and keep things going.

Dominik, Barbara and their three children duly arrived and he was Installed and Licensed as Rector on 4 September with great celebration. Trying to remember how things were done in 2019 before the pandemic proved a challenge at times but with Dominik's fresh input our numbers grew and we had some memorable occasions e.g. Evensong for All Souls which was very moving and appreciated by many. At the end of November we bid a farewell to Terry and Ruth as they retired (again!) and Dominik took up the role of Master. December is always a busy month and despite illness we had many celebratory services during Advent and Christmas.

The Hospital staff look after the buildings, whereas in most Parishes this is the responsibility of the Churchwardens. We are therefore extremely grateful to The Master and Trustees, to Catriona (Clerk to the Trustees), to Cath (the Porter) and all the Hospital staff. Lastly we would like to thank all of you for your support, patience and cooperation throughout 2022.
Gill Beck and Dodie Mowat

Safeguarding

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities continues to be a priority for the PCC. It is a standing agenda item which is reported on at each PCC Meeting. We continue to be mindful that our policies and procedures remain up to date and follow national models approved by the House of Bishops. The parish safeguarding officer role was taken over by Chris Maguire in November 2022. We are very grateful to Michelle Brannigan for her work in this area over a number of years.

The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of safeguarding learning pathways for people with roles within the Church of England to complete. Much of the safeguarding training has stayed the same; the main change being to some leadership roles. It is now a requirement that training is renewed every 3 years, along with all Disclosure and Barring Service renewals. We are in the course of contacting those that are now due to undertake training; fortunately most of the courses are available online.

We remain extremely grateful to Janet Rowland-White's continued support and diligent work in helping those applying for DBS checks.

Chris Maguire - Parish Safeguarding Officer, Reverend Dominik Chmielewski - Rector, Gill Beck & Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC met every other month throughout 2022 and the Standing Committee met prior to each PCC meeting. Members were in contact with each other as necessary at other times.

At the March PCC meeting the then Rector, Reverend Dr Philip Krinks, announced that he had accepted an offer to become Chaplain to Bishop Debbie (the Suffragan Bishop of Southampton) in her capacity as acting Bishop of Winchester and that his last Sunday at St. Cross as Rector of the Parish would be Sunday 15 May 2022.

Bishop David (Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke) met the PCC to discuss the vacancy and to put forward a potential candidate to become Rector. There followed from this a PCC meeting under Section 11 of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 chaired by John Pringle. At this meeting it was agreed by everyone that the appointment of a new Rector would be by the route of 'Bishop's Candidate' and that the appointment would be made on the agreed Parish Profile and Role Description. The outcome of this was that the Reverend Dominik Chmielewski accepted to become Rector of the Parish; the service of Installation was on 4 September 2022 and our new Rector attended his first PCC meeting on 14 September 2022.

Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary

Mission Action Planning Group (MAP)

The group did not meet in 2022. All but one activity resumed in 2022 after the COVID restrictions. Our Common Good project with Winchester prison could not happen due to government guidelines restricting access to prisons. The existing MAP expired at the end of the year. It is expected that a new one will be prepared in 2023.

There is no news as to when a new one will be required.

John Pringle

Hospital of St Cross Trustees Report

The first part of 2022 offered more 'normality' with the effects of the pandemic becoming far less acute. However quite quickly a new world issue appeared with the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the knock-on effect this had on inflation and the cost of living. This has thrown up major financial challenges for all and as a big energy user, the Hospital will feel the effects for some time to come.

The Brothers: The recruitment campaign of 2021 bore fruit in early 2022 and five new Brothers moved into their flats between January and September. In order of arrival these were Brothers Richard Smith, Jeremy Allerton, Jonathan Draper, Douglas Cox and Peter Brown.

In early February the Hospital community were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Brother Michael Fontes. He was a Housemaster and Don at Winchester College from the 1980s until his retirement in the early 2000s. Also, in February, Senior Brother John Hodges was admitted to hospital with a broken hip. Sadly, he could not return to his flat and now lives in a residential nursing home. Brother John moved to St Cross in 1988 and had 34 years happy years in his flat. He loved sunny weather and could be seen every summer enjoying tea with family and friends in the outer quad.

Trustees: Reverend Terry Hemming had a difficult tenure as Master. Just after his installation as Master on 8 March 2020, the Hospital had to close to visitors due to the pandemic and from that point on Terry (supported by his wife Ruth) had to help navigate a path through the various rules and regulations to help keep St Cross safe. However, as ever, Terry rose to the challenge and with energy and enthusiasm was a popular and effective Master until he retired in December 2022. Reverend Dominik Chmielewski was installed on 5 December taking up the dual role of Master of St Cross and Rector to the Parish of St Faiths.

Rosemary Andreae, retired in March 2022 after 12 years in post as a Co-optative Trustee. Imogen Lyndon-Skeggs replaced Rosemary in March and the Board also welcomed the new Mayor, Cllr Derek Green who took up his place as an Ex-officio Trustee.

Staff: In 2021, the Hospital's Groundsman, Les Surry retired after 25 years of service to the Hospital and Ian Jones was recruited to replace him. 2022 was a quieter year with no changes of staff until the very end of the year when the Deputy Clerk, Lucy Willis, gave notice and left on health grounds. In August the Clerk, Catriona Morley, was given the opportunity to enthuse about her love of birds when interviewed by Chris Packham for

BBC 1's One Show for a programme about the work of the Hampshire Swifts conservation group.

Professional Advisors' retirements: The Hospital are fortunate to have long associations with its professional advisors. However, sadly in 2022, two of its professional advisors retired. These were Louise Bainbridge, who had overseen many major building and conservation projects at St Cross during her nearly 20 years' service as the Hospital's Quinquennial Architect, Also Mark Griffiths, the Hospital's Land Agent, who on his first day of work with his firm (in the 1980s) attended the Brother's Pay Parade as the Hospital's Receiver. Mark stayed with that firm until his retirement in October 2022 and so had a 30 year association with the Hospital and oversaw many changes in the Hospital's land tenancies.

Building Projects: New paving was installed under the Beaufort Tower in the early part of the year to improve disabled access and work was progressed to start the refurbishment of the first 4 Brothers' Flats in 2023. Also planned for 2023 is the installation of a new lift to provide disabled access to the Brethren's Hall.

Jonathan Cooke, Chairman of Board of Trustees

WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME

Sunday Services

Our services reverted to the pre-covid patterns. Our main Service on Sunday at 9.30am attracts new congregants, we can also see a small growth in the 8am BCP Holy Communion service. We are grateful to all involved in the preparation of services, especially to our wonderful choir, continuing our Choral tradition and to all those who serve. We are looking for more volunteers, especially to help as servers.

Since September every month we have at least one visiting preacher at our main Sunday service, it brings a diversity of preaching styles and helps us with the deeper understanding of Scriptures.

Our liturgy remains traditional in form, following the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship.

Music Report

2022 was a calmer year than its predecessor with all choral services taking place in church. The year ended with 25 voices on the choir register including the addition of a former Cathedral girl chorister and current student at Peter Symonds. It is always joyful to add younger generation

voices to our happy band and we still hope to recruit university students as potential choral scholars in the future. All sections of the Chapel Choir welcome new members and we never take our healthy numbers for granted.

Enthusiastic singer Reverend Philip left us in good spirits but we are pleased that Father Dominik is equally enthusiastic about the part music plays in worship. He is keen to encourage more sung Evensongs – as are the choristers – and our retention of choral Matins is appreciated even by Cathedral attenders who no longer hear that form of worship in the mother church.

Chris Jones continues to juggle an international professional career and family life with assisting our music. We are grateful to him and the choir for their massive voluntary contributions to the services and their kindness and good humour towards their leader!

It is risky to say so, but fewer extreme temperature changes has meant fewer organ tunings. Our 160 year old instrument copes remarkably well and is invaluable in dignifying our worship.

Thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design

Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster

After Church Coffee Team

Except for Christmas day, we have been able to serve hot drinks every Sunday with many biscuits being consumed. We have a loyal core team with some willing volunteers to cover the odd Sunday. Donations amounted to £779.01 for which we are very grateful. I want to take this opportunity to thank my team, for their time and dedication.

Evelyn Pringle

Chapel Flower Guild

The Chapel Flower Guild, is a small group of Parishioners who have special charge of doing the flowers in the chapel, especially for weddings, funerals, functions and also beside the weekly flowers expected by the Brothers and Parish to enhance the décor and add to our services. We are specially trained, not only to arrange the flowers but to maintain the valuable hand carved, beautiful woodwork of this ancient chapel. This is why we do not allow outside florists to arrange flowers in the chapel. However, let this not deter you from volunteering to join us with the flowers. You couldn't be in a better place to be guided with what is

required, be you a flower arranger already or just wish to have a go. We are a friendly group, who would be delighted to welcome you. We have a refreshment break just for the fun of it during our working sessions and go out for lunch at least once a year. So it's not just work. It is a social group too. Do please speak to one of us. We need more help to do both small and large arrangements.

We only had twelve weddings last year, which limited the funds for flowers. Normally weddings and other special event flowers last at least two weeks, if not more. Should the wedding have more than two pedestals, we reduce the quantity after the second week, amalgamate the flowers and get at least another week's worth of flowers for our worship. Except for Lent and Advent when our custom is to have no flowers. We do still need a floral focus for our worship. The flowers in church not only beautify the chapel, but are a very real focus for meditation and worship. Many in the congregation and the Brothers especially, miss the, flowers if they are not there and do comment on it! Visitors often make complimentary comments too. Catherine, our Porter, told me that there are people who visit regularly just to see what flowers are in place!

Helen Macnab, who was the doyen of St Cross chapel flowers for most of her life, left a bequest specifically for chapel flowers. Regrettably the interest on this has been eroded by the changes in Interest Rates, so the PCC has to make up the difference, helped a little by the Basket Donations during festivals from the congregation. Thank you for that, ladies and gentlemen.

Sadly our Cutting Garden suffered a fair bit of damage during the last cold spell, but hopefully will revive with the experienced care from Matthew, who is now our gardener too. Thank you to Murray for negotiating that with the Trustees. We still have to pay him from our Flower allowance, but he is here as part of the staff. You might not know or remember that the Cutting Garden was established by monetary donations to commemorate anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, deaths or just to maintain this beautiful and very useful asset for the chapel. The donors' wishes are recorded in a Memorial Book, so we have a permanent record of their giving. We are permitted an allowance from events, which is incorporated in the amount charged for the event, but this does not cover the annual expense, especially if there are limited events in a year, as in 2022, so we will have to raise the extra money from events that are charged.

Our motto is "Friendship Through Flowers", and we do practice this, so please, come and join us. It isn't too much of a commitment but, I do promise you, a lot of pleasure too.

Trish Spiers, Team Leader

Silent Prayer Group

We are now back to normal, meeting every 4th Thursday of the month. The Lady Chapel is the most beautiful place to spend some quiet time contemplating. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Evelyn Pringle

PASTORAL CARE

Occasional Offices

2022 was a joyful year for weddings which included several couples with close ties to The Hospital and St Faith's Primary, plus the last of the postponed pandemic ceremonies. It was with great relief that in February we were able to hold the Wedding Preparation Morning once again for all our couples and to bless their plans and preparations. The season then began in earnest with the first ceremony in March, a further four in April and twelve more taking us right through to 22 December. Another successful year with seventeen happy couples making their vows within the Chapel's hallowed walls.

Wendy Harrison

Pastoral Assistants

Pastoral Assistants continue Weekly Private Prayer Support, the mid-month newsletter for those who are housebound, quarterly meetings and regular contact with one another. Many people have been visited and helped by the team during the year in numerous ways.

A successful Wedding Preparation session was held in February, with prayer support for couples being married during the year being led by Evelyn.

There was also a well-received evensong for All Souls with Parishioners and relatives of people whose funerals were associated with St Faith and St Cross being invited. It is hoped to make this an annual service.

The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative continues during the winter months, and a mix of Brothers and parishioners drop in. This year T&C has also registered as part of the Warm Space Campaign.

Our core team remains very small although it is augmented by several associates, and we are always open to new recruits. A huge 'thank you 'to

all who have helped. Please do let us know of any people or situations where we might be able to offer help or support.

Reverend Hilary Healey

LEARNING

House Group report

The House Group has been meeting fortnightly on Zoom throughout the year (except in August). We have continued to consider a variety of topics including the three letters of John through the study guides of Tom Wright and One Holy Book (how the Bible came to be and why it matters) by Ched Spellman.

We also joined the Parish Lent group which took as its subjects the sermons preached on the previous Sunday.

Reflections on 1 Peter, Thy Kingdom Come, a Novena by Justin Welby, were studied between Ascension and Pentecost.

Though we are a small group at present, we do find that we learn new things by discussing our thoughts and looking at different subjects. We would welcome anyone who wants to develop their understanding of their faith to join us. We generally meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm. In our forthcoming programme we plan to look at Women in the New Testament and Abraham.

Cheryl Irons

COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

Social Events

As we were able to mix freely once again, we enjoyed some social events together over the past year. It was certainly a joy to share tea and coffee after the 9.30am service to have a chat and get to know new people. In May we had a plant sale in the Parish Hall car park and it proved very popular again. It certainly raised money for the Parish as people donated plants and produce. People were eager to buy their tomato plants and to enjoy getting out in the garden. June bought the Fete but more about that elsewhere.

The summer months were quieter but come September we had our Parish picnic after the 9.30am service where games were enjoyed and people brought picnics. A good time was had by all young and old.

October was the time for our Harvest Supper and the plan was to teach the dances to the youth group and anybody else the week before but Covid got me so that plan went out the window. My thanks to Cheryl and Tom who took over the Calling of the dances on the night as I was still under par. A lovely supper was enjoyed and the usual quiz with lots of debate about the answers!

We finished our year with our Wasell a lovely time to sing carols with mulled wine and nibbles. We had 2 quizzes to test our brains this time. I would like to thank all the people who helped with the organising and running these events. We do not set out always to make a profit they are social events but if we do it all helps the parish. If you have any ideas or would like to organise an event please let me know.

Dodie Mowat

Children, Youth and Families

This year has seen a lot of changes but throughout them all we have been blessed by God's faithfulness and good teamwork.

On Sundays, new families with young children and babies born during the year have meant a focus on helping parents with little ones in church and the Tots and Sunday Club which meets in the library.

During the sermon, older children and servers gather in the vestry for discussions and activities based on the theme of the service. And on Second Sundays we invite people to sit in the choir stalls and children to sit on the carpet for our All Age talk and service.

During the first part of the year Mel, our youth leader became increasingly unwell and had to take time out, which meant other members of the team and clergy filling the gaps. We had fun but it was not sustainable long term. In May Mel left us and we gave gifts and cards to thank her for all the hard work she had put into the youth work in the last two years.

It was decided to take a break from the after school drop-in on Tuesdays and we were very thankful that Philip recruited Ellie Payne to give us some youth leadership on an hourly contract basis, since she already has a role in running the Wild Fire youth project.

This arrangement has worked very well and we are pleased that this term Ellie has committed to some Sunday morning sessions too. It makes a good bridge between youth group and Sunday worship.

Please see below some reports from the various groups.
Reverend Sally Heather, Chair of Children, Youth and Families

Tots and Sunday Club 0 - 7

Children age 7 and under explore bible stories and seasonal themes through play, craft, music and storytelling. The number of children varies each week and we welcome regular attendees and visiting children. Easter time is often the busiest with visiting families. The children enjoy and value showing their craft and explaining a little of what we explored to the congregation at the end of the service.

Magdalen Rees

8+ Vestry group

Young people age 8 and over are invited to be part of the service and meet in the vestry during the sermon. This includes those who are serving and other families. We look at the gospel or the theme for the day and try to work out its meaning for our lives. Sometimes we do puzzles and quizzes, sometimes we make pictures. It has been good to welcome new leaders and helpers for this group and to have Ellie on 4th Sundays of the month. If you can help out occasionally with this growing group please do let us know.

Reverend Sally Heather

Youth Clubs

(Ellie Payne - Wildfire Youth Project)

I started working within the parish on a sessional basis from April 2022 and have been supporting the Friday night youth provision since. At the time of starting, the Friday night youth work at the parish hall was handed over to me by the previous youth worker. We used the Summer term to say farewell to the older youth now off to University and to bring a new structure and format to the group. This resulted in two separate age groups running back to back on the Friday night; school years 3 to 6 from 6:30-8pm (kids club) and school years 7 to 11 from 8-9:15pm (youth club). The kids club was given a structure of activities including games, crafts, Bible memory verses and prayer activities, all linking to a biblical theme each week. We now also have 6 young people from the older youth group volunteering at the Kids club on a fortnightly rota as young leaders. Young leaders undergo an informal interview and are given tasks within the programme. Having firmly developed the new structure for Friday nights, the Autumn term has seen a progressive growth in attendees to both age groups. With a strong link to St Faith's Primary school, we now regularly get up to 14 at the kids club. The youth club has also grown, with young people inviting friends from school, increasing those on our register to 11,

with about 8 attending each week. It's also been encouraging to see members of the older youth group now attending Wildfire youth events, where they get to meet young people from other churches and from their school at bigger city-wide events. We're looking forward to the year ahead and hope that both these groups will help foster life long faith in the youth of the parish.

Ellie Payne

Open the Book

During the past year, our weekly assembly stories at St Faith's Primary School began with Jesus 'early life, choosing his disciples, his miracles and death and resurrection. After Jesus 'ascension we focused first on Peter and how he "fed the sheep". Then we turned to Saul/Paul and how he spread the message to the Gentile population including his shipwrecks, which brought us up to Christmas when we presented the Nativity from Joseph's perspective. Our small cast of 6 are well used to changing from Narrator to angel or Paul, sailor, fisherman, and even God puts in various appearances. Sometimes we have to take on more than one role during a story, but it is well received by the children and they too take on small speaking roles or non- speaking parts as guards, soldiers, disciples or servants. Sometimes the whole school participates to produce sound effects for stormy weather or heavy rain. It is a commitment, but we enjoy presenting the Christian message which is well received and supported by the staff.

We would love to have a few more in our "pool" of actors. All the materials and scripts are produced by the Bible Society and there is no need to learn lines by heart. If you could spare the occasional hour on a Wednesday afternoon during the school term, please consider whether you could join us.

Cheryl Irons

St Faith's Church of England School

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at St Faith's CE Primary School. I became Chair in September 2022 having been the Safeguarding Chair, member of the School Improvement Committee and the Special Educational Needs (SEN) link governor. I feel very lucky to be part of such a highly skilled and committed team of governor volunteers all working – often behind the scenes – to support the ongoing development of the school as critical friends. As Mr Fountain and the team prepare for an impending Ofsted visit, much of the work of the governing board has

been around ensuring that strong progress is being made towards the identified school improvement priorities for this academic year. We are extremely grateful to the highly skilled and committed staff body who never settle for anything less than pupils' best.

I know that I speak for the whole governing board when I say a huge thank you to Dudley Rees and Bev Attewell for their committed governance as Chair and Vice Chair respectively over a number of years, as well as to all governors who have moved into other roles during this period. We have been delighted to welcome a number of new governors: Catherine Brill, Lysbeth Sleath and Helen Brocklehurst (Foundation governors), Mark Reach (Local Authority governor) and Georgie Broadbent (Parent governor). We also welcomed Reverend Dominik as Ex-Officio governor and we look forward to further strengthening the links between the school and the Church.

It has been an extremely busy and dynamic year at St Faith's. Following the disruption to learning in 2020 and 2021 it has been wonderful to have all pupils back in full time. The atmosphere in the school is purposeful with pupils demonstrating superb attitudes towards their learning. The school now has an Instagram account and you can see pupils' work and extra-curricular opportunities by following @stfaithsprimaryschool – we have certainly been impressed by the calibre of work showcased as well as the breadth of learning experiences enjoyed by the pupils! End of key stage 2 results continue to be exceptional, with year 6s achieving outstanding results as they moved onto secondary school in September 2022. We wish them every success for the future and we are proud of their achievements.

We have welcomed a number of new staff to St Faith's this year, notably Miss Spiers (Yr2) and Miss Stephen (Yr3) who have joined the school as maternity cover for Mrs Knott (Yr2/KS1 leader) and Mrs Francis (Yr3/SENCO) respectively. We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Brannigan who had previously worked at St Faith's as a long standing and valued member of the LSA team. We said goodbye to Mrs Cadoux-Hudson who moves onto a post teaching science and we wish her well for the future. Finally, the school community was very saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Angela Maundrell who had worked at St Faith's for many years alongside Mrs Crump in the Office and we send our deepest condolences to her family.

It has been super to welcome parents, grandparents and other members of the parish and local community back into school. Our visitors continue to support the school through initiatives such as 'Open the Book' and guided reading. We are, as always, grateful for the support given by the parishioners and we look forward to developing further links moving forward.

Katherine Jarrett - Chair of Governors

Friends for Tea

We are a group of the more elderly of the Parish who meet for tea, cake and most importantly a chat. For some it is their only way of seeing a group of old friends in comfortable surroundings.

We have been fortunate in being able to continue our monthly get togethers at the Chaplain's Lodge during the last year, though the incumbent has changed the warm welcome has not, for which we are most grateful.

We usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm for an hour.

Sue Fairbrother

Lazy Cooks

Once again we have enjoyed some really delicious meals together. The Singapore Buffet raised £570 for parish funds. Thank you to all our supporters. We have a lot of fun, so please join us if you can.

Evelyn Pringle

Churchyard

The exciting news was that orchids (Pyramidal) appeared in the churchyard for the first time for many years. Grass mowing will be carefully controlled in 2023 to ensure they flower again.

Care and maintenance activities have continued. A small team of dedicated volunteers has spent many Saturday mornings mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning and sweeping. The area in front of the entrance gate has been strimmed to a low level and some wild flower seed added.

Sadly our friends from the Probation Service have not been able to resume their help. If you visit the churchyard, which we encourage you to do, we hope you will agree it is looking cared for in a way that encourages birds and flowers.

We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers who would enjoy some gentle Saturday morning exercise. Please contact one of the team to find out more.

John Pringle, John Lunt, Robert Wheatley, Hilary Healey

COMMON GOOD

Common Good Project

The lifting of Covid restrictions has gradually enabled us to make progress with this project. Although Spurgeons did not restart Prison Teas (for family members visiting prisoners) until early 2023, Lysbeth Sleath's 'Caring Faith' team had completed their registration and training, and were ready at the end of 2022 to cover the 4th and 5th Thursdays in each month; additional volunteers are undergoing training, working alongside existing team members.

Requests for funding for Christian literature for prisoners have been somewhat sporadic. No requests were received in 2022, but 2023 will be different.

Under the heading 'Listening Faith', Christina Mathews has been awaiting security clearance, which seems at last to have been granted, even if she was the last to find out. Again, there will be more to report in 2023.

Providing clothing for prisoners on their release ('Bags of Faith') was revived towards the end of 2022, with two requests for help. The plan ensures that prisoners do not leave in their grey tracksuits. Anna-Maria Holt has excellent contacts at the Basics Bank, and we are hugely grateful to the Tea and Chat team, whose surplus funds have enabled the purchase of those clothing items which have to be provided as new.



John Lunt

St Faith's Parish Hall

On 31 December 2022 Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy (Treasurer), Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Magdalen Rees (PCC representative) and I were the seven members of the hall committee. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently.

In the year under review the building's external woodwork was repaired and redecorated. Day-to-day maintenance included clearance of the building's gutters, weeding of the car park, and servicing of the heating

system and the electronic keypad on the kitchen door.

The hall committee has issued a new tenancy agreement to the Nancy Harper Nursery for the academic year 2022–23. Each term's rent will be paid in two equal instalments: the first, no later than thirty days after the first day of each term; and the second, no later than the first day of the second half of each term.

The hall committee remains grateful to Mary Ayres for her excellent daily cleaning of the building.

The hall committee recently transferred the year's surplus of £10,000 to the PCC.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will make use of their hall and its excellent facilities this year. To book, please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC's website, on 07850 231497 or at sfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk

Peter Sawbridge - Chairman, St Faith's Parish Hall Committee

St Cross Fête

The 2022 fete was held on Saturday 25th June and was a particularly joyous occasion. Having been robbed of 2 fetes by the pandemic, the public were very keen to come and enjoy themselves as in previous years. The weather was dry, if a little breezy at times, so we were able to enjoy all the stalls and entertainments which many had worked so hard to organise.

We raised £14,131.41 and after deducting £1,539.03 for expenses, this left a profit of £12,592.38;

75% (£9,444.27) was given to the PCC for Parish funds

25% (£ 3,148.09) was divided thus-

£50 to Ukulele Band for their chosen charity (Winchester Hospice) and the remainder divided equally between:

- 1) Nepalese Orphanages, Winchester
- 2) Winchester Hospice
- 3) Peter Symonds Hardship Fund for Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

They each received £ 1,032.

Many thanks to the Fete Committee, stallholders and all who helped to make the 2022 fete a great and financially very successful event.

We look forward to this year's fete which will be on 24th June.
See you there!

Good Causes supported during 2022

Good Cause	Amount *	Remarks	
Potters Village (through Church Missionary Society)	£200	From General Funds	
Peter Symonds - Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme	£1,032	Fete Good Causes	
Vietnam Orphans Winchester	£1,032		
Winchester Hospice	£1,082		
Potters Village (through Church Missionary Society)	£813	From Retiring Collections	
Christian Aid	£722		
Bishops Ordination Fund	£604		
FLINT House - physical and mental health support for police officers.	£355		
Farm Africa	£637		
Winchester Basics Bank	£737		
Royal British Legion	£346		
Childrens Society	£218		
Total	£7,778		

* Does not include £604 collected though Children's Society Boxes, or produce donated to Winchester Basics Bank in March.

Murray Dixon

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Stewardship

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously.

During 2022 it met twice with its focus on two activities:

- A Planned Giving Appeal in January
- A fund-raising concert by the full Winchester College Chapel Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra in December

The group has been encouraged by the response to our work but recognizes the need for further efforts to maintain financial support for all Parish activities in times of inflationary pressures.

John Pringle, Chair

Communications (Magazine, website)

A printed version of the Parish Magazine continues to be produced monthly, together with a one sheet mid-month Newsletter. Many thanks to Diana Snagge who organises their distribution and to her delivery team. Printed communication continues to be important for those without computer access and is also appreciated by others who just prefer hard copy. A few extra Parish Magazines are sold in the Porter's Lodge shop each month and in church to visitors and others with an interest in the parish. Sarsen Press continues to provide an excellent printing service for the Magazine. Regular advertisements contribute towards the printing costs.

Most people, however, now receive their Magazine electronically via a link in each week's Parish email.

Many thanks to all those who have provided material for the Magazine this year, whether regularly or occasionally. More contributions are always welcome.

The Parish website at www.parishofstfaith.org carries general information about the church at St Cross, parish activities, and the Parish Hall. The website is updated each month with details of forthcoming church services and particular events.

During 2022 the website layout has been refreshed with the help of the designers at Finch Studio. In particular it is now easier to find information

about 'Life Events 'such as Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals. Other changes are planned in the coming year to help users for example to donate to the parish via the website, sign up to the weekly emails or contact the right person for help.

Information about church activities and services is also shared via the Parish Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Clare Dixon/Magdalen Rees

List of Sidespeople during 2022

Sue Anderson, Victoria Arthur, Lynne Chapman, Murray Dixon, Jenny Duchennes, Brian Eames (d. July 2022), Jen Eames, Sue Fairbrother, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, James Harris, Ruth Hemming, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Wendy Marsden, Christina Matthews, Julia Maxlow Tomlinson, Matthew McDonnell, Primrose Metcalf, Harry Mowat, Rosco Noot, Seth Noot, Jeremy Ouvre, Evelyn Pringle, John Pringle, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath, Carol Wade and Chloe Wheywell

Parochial Church Council Members

(from 24 April 2022 - 30 April 2023)

Ex officio:

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks	Chair (until 15 May 2022)
Rev. Dominik Chmielewski	Chair (from 4 September 2022)
Rev. Hilary Healey	
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden and Deanery
Synod Member	
Gill Beck	Churchwarden

Elected:

Lynn Chapman	2022	Until:	(did not stand for re-election at
2022 APCM)			
Craig Clark		2022	resigned on 19.01.2022
Anna-Maria Holt		2023	
Chris Maguire		2023	
Magdalen Rees	2023		
Carol Wade		2023	
Rosco Noot		2024	
Michele Brannigan		2024	resigned on 31.08.2022
Diana Snagge		2024	
Brian Eames		2024	died on 26.07.2022
Matt McDonnell	2024		

John Pringle	2024	Deanery Synod Member
Adrian Coldridge	2025	
Murray Dixon	2025	Deanery Synod Member
Victoria Arthur	2025	

Co-opted:
Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 04.05.2022)

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
opened at 11.05 am on Sunday 24 April 2022**

Item	Subject
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Rev. Dr Philip Krinks, taking the chair, declared the meeting open at 11.03 am explaining the Meeting of Parishioners was the first of two meetings to be held with the purpose of electing the Churchwardens for the following year. He said that for this meeting the electorate included both those on the St Faith's Electoral Roll and residents in the Parish of St Faith.</p> <p>Apologies: Dodie Mowat, Harry Mowat, Brian Eames, Jenny Eames, Trish Spiers, Roger Healey and Anna-Maria Holt.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 18th April 2021</p> <p>The Minutes of the 2021 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report and no questions were raised. The minutes were proposed by Michele Brannigan, seconded by Murray Dixon and approved unanimously by a show of hands (with Rev. Dr Krinks checking there were no objections or abstentions).</p>
3	<p>Election of Churchwardens for 2022</p> <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck for their extraordinary service during the past year. He said that it included both much organisation and hard work for which everyone was extremely grateful.</p> <p>He thanked each of them for agreeing to stand for a further year as Churchwarden and said that as there were no other candidates they were elected to fill the two vacancies.</p>

The Rev. Dr. Krinks closed the meeting at 11.06 am

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2021
held at 11 am on Sunday 24th April 2022**

The meeting commenced at 11.07 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Apologies had been received from Dodie Mowat, Harry Mowat, Brian Eames, Jenny Eames, Trish Spiers, Roger Healey and Anna-Maria Holt. The Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks chaired the meeting. Rev. Dr. Krinks advised that the electorate consisted of all those on the Parish's Electoral Roll.

Item	Subject
1	Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18 April 2021
	The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Gill Beck, seconded by Ross Noott and approved unanimously.
2	Matters arising
	None.
3	Mandatory Reports (for discussion and recommendations to PCC)
	A. Annual Report - Electoral Roll Rev. Dr. Krinks asked Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, to speak. She confirmed that at the end of revision in March 2022 there were 211 names on the roll of which 71 were resident in the parish and 140 non-resident. The numbers at the end of 2021 were reported as 194 with 71 persons resident and 123 non-resident.

Item	Subject
	<p>B. PCC Activities Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone who had contributed to the Annual Report saying that it is important to have a record of activities and parish matters. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he said that he hoped the worst of Covid was over; • he referred to the resourcefulness and patience of the Parish during 2021 giving especial thanks to the Master - Terry Hemmings, the Trustees of the Hospital of St Cross, the Brothers and the Hospital staff for their support and collaboration; • he said that the PCC are committed to keep all safe and they follow the House of Bishops' Guidance on safeguarding. <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks asked for any comments about the PCC activities; there were none.</p> <p>C. Deanery Synod Rev. Dr. Krinks reminded the meeting that the area covered by the Deanery includes the city of Winchester and surrounding villages. He said the Parish's elected members are John Pringle, Dodie Mowat and Murray Dixon and referred to their comments in the Annual Report.</p> <p>He said the Deanery Synod is led by Rev'd Karen Kousseff the Area Dean and Ruth Guy the Lay Chair. Rev. Dr. Krinks asked for comments on the Deanery Synod report, there were none.</p>
4	Financial Statements for 2021
	<p>Rev. Dr. Krinks asked Murray Dixon, the PCC Treasurer, to report on the Financial Report and Statements for 2021 saying these had been available for inspection on the website and additionally with hard copies in church.</p> <p>Murray Dixon said that the value of Parish funds increased by £10,812 i.e. from £108,705 on 31.12.20 to £119,517 on 31.12.21. He said full details could be found on page 4 in the 'Statement of Financial Activities' and in the Balance Sheet on page 5.</p>

Murray Dixon went on to explain the increase. He said there are 3 parts summarising as follows:

- change in Value of Investments: increase £9,274, he emphasised that this is a paper figure as the investment value constantly fluctuates;
- Parish Hall: receipts increased by £5,904 due to a surplus in the operation;
- “Routine Activity” (i.e. remaining parish finances) where there was a decrease of £4,365.

He said that, in effect, the increase can be taken as due to the rise in the value of investments by year end.

Murray explained the “Routine Activity” figures (notes on page 6) included:

- one-off donations (including response to the Planned Giving Appeal) of £20,094
- fundraising (in lieu of the annual fête): £13,392
- increase in regular Planned Giving to £63,411 (from £53,965).

Murray Dixon commented that 60% of the Parish income is derived from Planned Giving, gift aid, and fundraising/the fête saying that it is not advisable to place reliance on one-off donations.

Expenditure:

Murray Dixon said that routine expenditure increased in 2021 to £138,974 (from £114,017). He said the increase was largely due to a reversal of the reductions made during the pandemic. He mentioned:

- over 97% of the Parish Share was paid to the Diocese (in 2020 it was 80%)
- contributions to the Hospital towards Church fabric increased to £17,750 (as per the pre-pandemic agreement).

Murray asked the Parish to continue prayerful and careful giving particularly when considering future challenges and increasing costs.

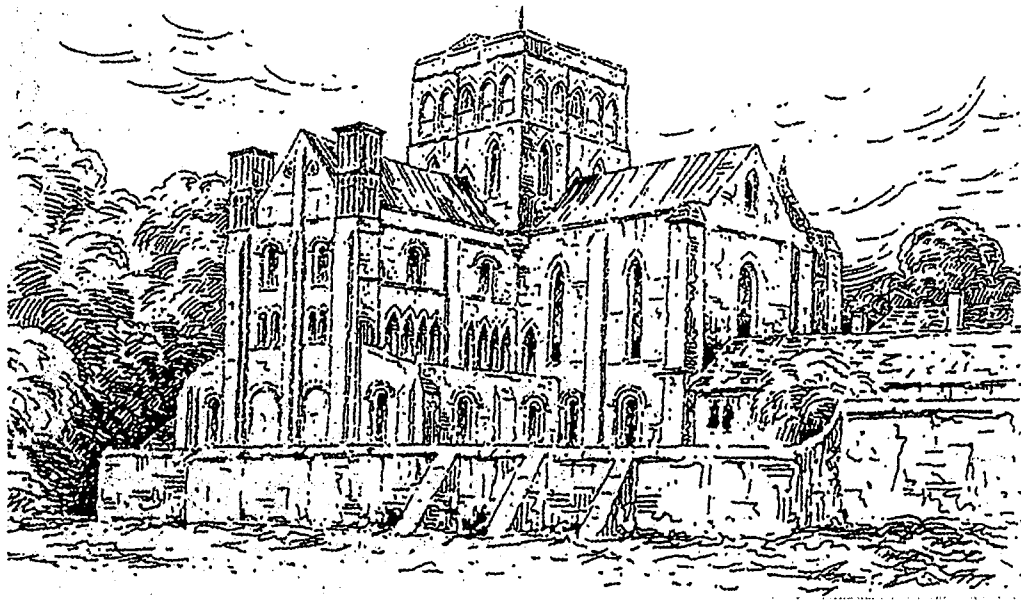
Item	Subject
	<p>He asked for questions. John Spiers asked about the large contribution to the Parish Share. Murray responded that the amount had been agreed with the Diocese and commented that for 2022 the Parish Share will be the same as in 2021.</p> <p>Rev'd Dr Krinks said that the job of Treasurer involves much time and the work is largely unseen. He expressed thanks to Murray.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Elections</p> <p>1. Deanery Synod Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat have served two years of their 3-year term and no action is necessary.</p> <p>2. PCC Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked all members of the PCC for their service during the last year. He said that Craig Clark had retired due to work commitments and Lynn Chapman is not standing for re-election due to her moving from Winchester. He thanked them both for all they had done for the PCC.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks named the candidates who were standing for the PCC for a 3 year term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Victoria Arthur · Adrian Coldridge · Murray Dixon <p>He declared that they were elected, filling the vacancies. Rev. Dr. Krinks also thanked Victoria Arthur for her continued work as PCC Secretary.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021</p>

Item	Subject
	<p>The appointment of Yvonne Goddard as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2022 was proposed by Lynn Chapman and seconded by John Pringle.</p> <p>Rev'd Dr Krinks said that Yvonne Goddard wished to retire after examining the next set of accounts and he requested proposals for a new Independent Examiner be made known to the PCC.</p>
7	Any other business
	<p>John Spiers said he had 3 points to make on behalf of Trish regarding the Flower Guild:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to thank everyone who had donated to flowers 2. to mention that the Guild are usually willing to arrange memorial, anniversary, celebration flowers if given at least 2 weeks' notice; 3. the Guild would like more flower arrangers to volunteer. <p>Rev'd Dr Krinks thanked Trish and all members of the Flower Guild referring to their breathtaking displays.</p> <p>John Pringle said that this would be the final APCM chaired by Philip Krinks and offered grateful thanks for all his work in the Parish and particularly for his governance and strong leadership during the challenging times of the pandemic saying how he had risen to each occasion. There was heartfelt applause.</p> <p>Sally Heather said that she had prepared the Youth Report for the Annual Report before it was known that Mel Wroe Parker would be leaving the Parish; she said how much Mel had been appreciated referring to her vision for inter-generational work in the Church.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that having people willing to participate in governance was crucial for our life together within Christ in the parish.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.29 am.

Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending and said the Grace.

THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH



Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Annual Report

1. In 2022 much of Parish life returned to what we enjoyed before the Coronavirus pandemic. Services were held in church, we did not have to decamp to the Parish Hall, rules on spacing were eased and it was possible to hold the St Cross Fete.
2. The value of funds held fell by £7,724 from £119,517 on 31 Dec 21 to £111,793 on 31 Dec 22. This is made up of: a shortfall of £11,639 in routine activity, a surplus of £10,663 in the operation of the Parish Hall and a decrease in the value of investments of £6,748. Looking at just Routine Activity and Parish Hall we nearly broke even (a small deficit of £976), but we must recognise that this was only because of the significant surplus from the Hall. This underlines the importance of the Parish Hall to the financial viability of the Parish.

Routine Activity

3. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income increased from £134,607 in 2021 to £137,163, nearly reaching the 2019 pre-pandemic level of £137,722.

4. The increase in 2022 was due particularly to:

- A welcome circa 10% increase in Planned Giving, from £63,411 in 2021 to £70,103 in 2022.
- A series of fundraising events, including a very successful Fete, which raised £16,577 (net of costs) compared to £13,392 in 2021. After Planned Giving, fund raising, in particular the Fete, is the second most important source of income to the Parish.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2022 with time and money.

5. As activity increased, routine expenditure rose as well, from £138,972 in 2021 to £148,802, which is still under the 2019 level of £156,190. Whilst ensuring our expenditure and income from Routine Activity and the Parish Hall were nearly balanced, we were able to:

- Pay 100% of our Parish Share (£84,766), a similar amount to 2021.
- Maintain our contribution to the Hospital for looking after the fabric of the church at £17,750.

Parish Hall

6. Nancy Harper Nursery and other bookings (e.g. birthday parties and art classes) were able to continue throughout the year and income increased from £21,556 in 2021 to £25,918 in 2022, but is still short of the £29,075 in 2019. Total expenditure was reduced slightly from £15,653 in 2021 to £15,255 in 2022, mainly as less repair work was required. The Parish Hall surplus was £10,663.

7. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. As highlighted in Paragraph 1, net income from the Hall went a long way towards offsetting the shortfall in Routine Activity.

Investments

8. Investments decreased in value from £76,137 on 31 Dec 21 to £69,388 on 31 Dec 22. We received dividend payments of £2,965 (£2,724 in 2021).

Designated Funds

9. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £40,517 to £42,543 in line with the reserves policy described in para 10 below. £1,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £1,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Reserves Policy

10. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure, less Parish Hall
PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18
and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

11. For information, as of 31 Dec 22 our reserves were circa 40% of the budgeted expenditure for 2023 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

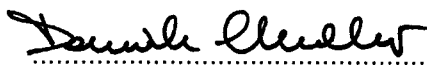
	Note	2022 £	2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	103,006	109,772
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	19,290	14,129
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	37,783	29,527
Income from investments	2d	3,002	2,735
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		163,081	156,163
RESOURCES USED			
Charitable Giving	3a	3,346	2,560
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	131,184	127,195
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	15,726	15,978
Parish Hall major repairs		2,035	836
Church management and administration	3d	11,766	8,056
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		164,057	154,625
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		-976	1,538
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	-6,748	9,274
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-7,724	10,812
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		119,517	108,705
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		111,793	119,517

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	<u>69,388</u>	<u>76,137</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	2,854	1,969
Short term bank deposits		9,047	9,000
Cash at bank and in hand		39,511	34,924
GROSS CURRENT ASSETS		<u>51,412</u>	<u>45,893</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due within one year	5	9,007	2,513
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>42,405</u>	<u>43,380</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>111,793</u>	<u>119,517</u>
FUNDS			
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Children and Youth Fund (PCC Designated)	7	1,469	2,179
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- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
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Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
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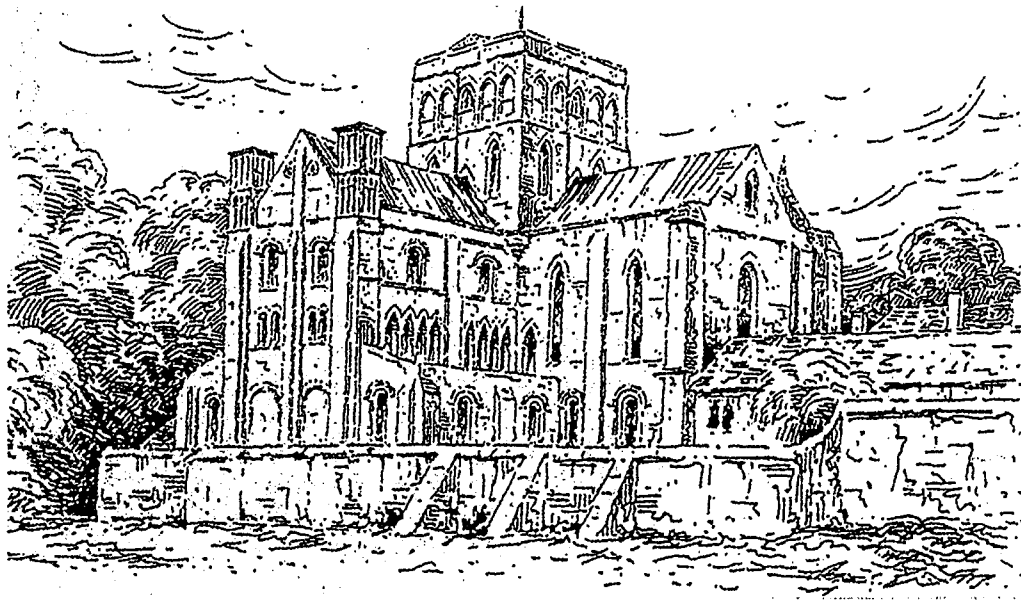
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April 2023

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Annual Report

1. In 2022 much of Parish life returned to what we enjoyed before the Coronavirus pandemic. Services were held in church, we did not have to decamp to the Parish Hall, rules on spacing were eased and it was possible to hold the St Cross Fete.
2. The value of funds held fell by £7,724 from £119,517 on 31 Dec 21 to £111,793 on 31 Dec 22. This is made up of: a shortfall of £11,639 in routine activity, a surplus of £10,663 in the operation of the Parish Hall and a decrease in the value of investments of £6,748. Looking at just Routine Activity and Parish Hall we nearly broke even (a small deficit of £976), but we must recognise that this was only because of the significant surplus from the Hall. This underlines the importance of the Parish Hall to the financial viability of the Parish.

Routine Activity

3. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income increased from £134,607 in 2021 to £137,163, nearly reaching the 2019 pre-pandemic level of £137,722.

4. The increase in 2022 was due particularly to:

- A welcome circa 10% increase in Planned Giving, from £63,411 in 2021 to £70,103 in 2022.
- A series of fundraising events, including a very successful Fete, which raised £16,577 (net of costs) compared to £13,392 in 2021. After Planned Giving, fund raising, in particular the Fete, is the second most important source of income to the Parish.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2022 with time and money.

5. As activity increased, routine expenditure rose as well, from £138,972 in 2021 to £148,802, which is still under the 2019 level of £156,190. Whilst ensuring our expenditure and income from Routine Activity and the Parish Hall were nearly balanced, we were able to:

- Pay 100% of our Parish Share (£84,766), a similar amount to 2021.
- Maintain our contribution to the Hospital for looking after the fabric of the church at £17,750.

Parish Hall

6. Nancy Harper Nursery and other bookings (e.g. birthday parties and art classes) were able to continue throughout the year and income increased from £21,556 in 2021 to £25,918 in 2022, but is still short of the £29,075 in 2019. Total expenditure was reduced slightly from £15,653 in 2021 to £15,255 in 2022, mainly as less repair work was required. The Parish Hall surplus was £10,663.

7. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. As highlighted in Paragraph 1, net income from the Hall went a long way towards offsetting the shortfall in Routine Activity.

Investments

8. Investments decreased in value from £76,137 on 31 Dec 21 to £69,388 on 31 Dec 22. We received dividend payments of £2,965 (£2,724 in 2021).

Designated Funds

9. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £40,517 to £42,543 in line with the reserves policy described in para 10 below. £1,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £1,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Reserves Policy

10. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure, less Parish Hall
PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18
and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

11. For information, as of 31 Dec 22 our reserves were circa 40% of the budgeted expenditure for 2023 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

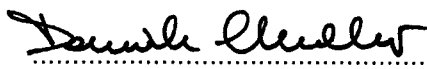
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Parish Hall major repairs		2,035	836
Church management and administration	3d	11,766	8,056
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		164,057	154,625
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		-976	1,538
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	-6,748	9,274
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-7,724	10,812
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		119,517	108,705
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		111,793	119,517

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

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Short term bank deposits		9,047	9,000
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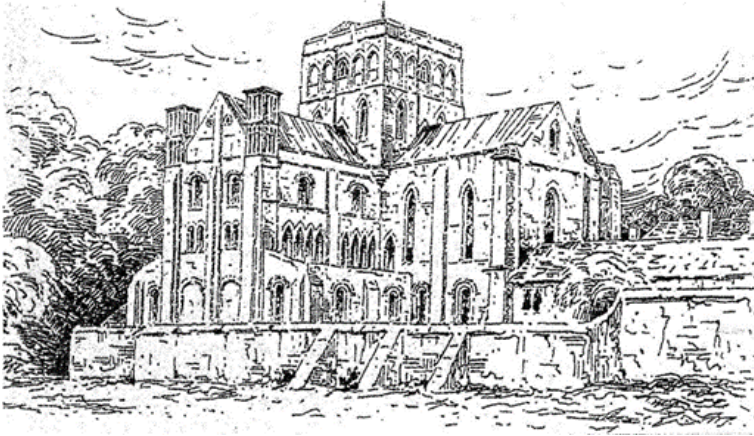
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INTRODUCTION

2021 began with hopes that Covid-19 disruption might be nearly at an end. However late January saw a handful of ministers leading worship in church each Sunday with everyone else joining from home on Zoom. Then with great joy we experienced a series of restorations. Firstly from Palm Sunday we were able to meet together in person, initially at the Parish Hall. Then we returned to the Chapel in Eastertide, using a Bookings system to meet our obligations under Track & Trace. Then we were able to sing together. Finally in September we welcomed back the Choir to our services. The arrival of the Omicron variant created further disruption at Christmas. But we ended the year with most of activities restored to their pre-Covid pattern

By the end of the year we were able to weigh some gains, to be set against many losses. We had learned to use technology for better communication among us. Many of us had taken up unfamiliar roles and ministries and found that we enjoyed them. We developed a habit of corporate daily prayer on Zoom which has sustained many of us through difficult times. We also had successful 'firsts', including: the Sponsored Walk along the Clarendon Way in May, a Parish Picnic in September and the Auction of Promises in November. These events filled the gaps in both fundraising and fellowship left by the need to cancel the Fete for a second year.

We were able by God's grace to find the resources to meet the challenges of a second year of Covid. The work done is a testament to the resilience and faith of our community. None of the activities described in the pages which follow would have been possible without the enormous commitment of our large team of volunteers and small team of part-time staff, and the great financial generosity of our supporters.

From the first days of the pandemic we used a verse from Psalm 46 at the head of our Daily Prayer booklets: the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. And so the Lord has been with us and has been our refuge; and we continue in our faithful love of him, lived out in our prayer, worship, study and teaching and in our care of our neighbour.

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks - Rector

AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 2022

Opening prayers.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 18th April 2021.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2022-23.
4. Close of meeting.

AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18th April 2021.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion, and any recommendations to the PCC):
 - a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
 - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2021, and the activities of the parish.
 - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2021.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2021, including the Independent Examiner's report.
5. The Elections:
 - a. Members of the Deanery Synod.
 - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any Other Business (relating to the PCC or Parish).

Closing Prayers.

Notes:

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

GOVERNANCE

Mandatory Report on the Electoral Roll

On 31st December 2021 there were 194 names on the electoral roll of which 71 were residents and 123 non-residents.

Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer

Mandatory Winchester Deanery Synod Report

Murray Dixon, Dodie Mowat and John Pringle continued as our representatives throughout 2021. The Deanery Synod met three times in 2021. At the February meeting Bishop David stressed the Deanery's significant place in the life of the Diocese, with its schools, chaplaincies, county infrastructure and prison, and the fruitful ecumenical relationships. He then explained the pressure on the Diocesan budget and outlined ways this would be addressed. There were also short presentations on Alpha, using music in worship online, prayer chains and midweek connections, followed by discussion in breakout groups

In June Revd Canon Brian Wakelin gave a presentation about the history of our overseas partnership with Muhabura (which began 10 years ago this year) and outlined a proposal for the Deanery to respond to a request for help with training of Lay Readers. Small groups then discussed in relation to the Pandemic:

- What had been lost that we need to grieve?
- What had been paused or reduced that we can let go of?
- What has been paused or reduced that we want to renew?
- What has been discovered that we need to respond to?
- What is new and needs to be developed further?

In October the Assistant Area Dean gave a presentation reviewing the five objectives of the 2018-2020 Deanery Mission Action Plan:

1. To enable and equip churches to respond to new opportunities
2. To support the ongoing development of Clusters
3. To create an accessible network of communication, support and resources
4. To extend our ministry amongst young people
5. To root the mission and ministry of the Deanery in prayer.

Group discussion followed and the DMPC will use the feedback to formulate the 2022-2024 dMAP.

John Pringle

Churchwardens' report

The role of the Churchwarden is never dull, and 2021 kept us busy adapting to the ever-changing covid regulations, trying to minimise the risks to us all as well as to the Brothers. Throughout the year we sought to provide a safe environment for worship. From Zoom services in January to Easter in the Parish Hall, then returning to the church with virtual choir hymns. From September the choir sang from the stalls and Choral Matins returned. Since then we saw a gradual increase in numbers as many people felt able to return and we welcomed many lovely new people, with doors open for ventilation, masks being worn, keeping socially distanced and taking communion in one kind only.

We are very thankful for our hardworking clergy, who provided such stability and leadership in the face of continuous change. We kept in touch with them by a weekly Zoom meeting. We are also aware that we owe a great deal to ex-Churchwardens Murray and John, without whose help we might have struggled week by week. Filling rotas is a continuous challenge so thank you to all who agreed to go on one, whether it be stewarding, cleaning, making refreshments, teaching the children, serving at services, reading or intercessing. Please speak to one of us if you would like to be included on a rota.

The Hospital staff look after the buildings, whereas in most Parishes this is the responsibility of the Churchwardens. We are therefore hugely grateful to Terry the Master and Trustees, to Catriona (Clerk to the Trustees) and all the Hospital staff. Lastly we should like to thank all of you for your support, patience and cooperation throughout 2021.

Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck

Safeguarding

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities continues to be a priority for the PCC. It is a standing agenda item which is reported on at each PCC Meeting. We continue to be mindful that our policies and procedures remain up to date and follow national models approved by the House of Bishops. In October we were advised that the Church of England has made some changes to the safeguarding training programme. The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of safeguarding learning pathways for people with roles within the Church of England to complete. Much of the safeguarding training will stay the same; the main change being to some leadership roles which we are currently working our way through. It is now also a requirement that we renew our training every 3 years along with all Disclosure and Barring Service renewals. All parishes have been given a 2-year period in which to be compliant with the new national requirements.

We are extremely grateful to Janet Rowland-White's continued support and diligent work in helping those applying for DBS checks.
Michele Brannigan - Parish Safeguarding Officer, Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Rector, Gill Beck & Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens

PCC matters

The PCC members are trustees and thus they must comply with charity law. They must also act in accordance with regulations in the Church Representation Rules. The usual six PCC meetings took place during the year. The first four of these were via Zoom due to continued Covid regulations and concerns but our September and November meetings were held in person. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners was held on Zoom, as was the Annual Parochial Church Meeting both in April 2021. A virtual meeting was authorised under the terms of the Bishop's Direction of August 2020. The annual Financial Controls Review took place in November.

Notice was given to the Parish on behalf of the Bishop of the Collation of Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks to the benefice of Winchester St Cross Hospital with St Faith, to take place on 27 April 2021. The Collation followed the end of suspension of the right of presentation in December 2020. The PCC passed a Resolution proposing Philip as incumbent and consequently and upon confirmation of the Patron (who is the Bishop) he was instituted as Rector of the Parish.

At the July meeting a Motion was passed and approved unanimously to give the PCC's consent to Rev Hilary Healey's Licence being renewed for a further 3 years. Hilary then received the Bishop's Licence to serve as a priest in the Parish of St Faith until March 2024.

Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary

Mission Action Planning Group (MAP)

The group did not meet in 2021. The arrangements put in place to adapt to COVID restrictions in 2020 continued throughout 2021. In the fourth quarter of 2021 some services and activities resumed in person, but virtual Morning Prayer and the House Group continued on Zoom.

Our Common Good project with Winchester prison was not able to resume fully due to government guidelines restricting access to prisons.

John Pringle

Hospital of St Cross Trustees' report

2021 was a more positive year than 2020 with the Hospital welcoming visitors back in May and the Church opened its doors for worship again.

The Brothers: The Brothers were pleased that restrictions eased slightly and they were able to start going out again. There was a very happy Gaudy for Holy Cross Day when we were able to have a small gathering in the Brethren's Hall. Whilst the Brethren at St Cross managed to avoid covid infections, a former Brother, David Macgeorge, died in February after contracting the virus at his nursing home. Another former Brother, James (Jim) Abson, who started his life at St Cross in the role of Porter also died in February (his death was not related to covid). Later in the year (in August) the St Cross community mourned the loss of their former Senior Brother, Ron Stacey, resident at the Hospital for 30 years. He reached the grand age of 104 and lived at both St Johns Charity and St Cross Grange after he left St Cross in 2014. No new Brothers joined St Cross during 2021 due to the pandemic delaying the ability for prospective Brothers to visit the Hospital as part of their application process. However, the recruitment drive was rekindled and has resulted in new Brothers being recruited.

Trustees: Robin Chute retired from the Board in June having completed 15 years as a Nominative Trustee from Winchester College. Robin provided invaluable knowledge on property and land matters and will be sorely missed. His replacement is Adam Rattray, who joined the board in May. Adam is Head of History of Art at Winchester College, where he is also Director of the Friends and sits on the Treasures Committee and Collections Committee. In May 2021 the board also welcomed the new Mayor, Cllr Vivien Achwal who took up her place as an Ex-officio Trustee.

Staff: Once again the Trustees appreciated the resilience and hard work displayed by the whole St Cross team during what was another year of unexpected and often frustrating challenges. We were pleased to welcome Jeannette Rastrick who joined as a Relief Warden.

Hundred Men's Hall: The newly refurbished HMH opened again in 2021 having been closed during 2020. The Trustees were very grateful to the Friends of St Cross for sponsoring the refurbishment work which included a complete redecoration, below dado wood panelling to protect the fragile walls plus new heating and lighting. Despite the later opening date Janet and her trusty team of volunteers had a busy season and the Trustees are very grateful to them all for their hard work.

The Michaelmas Fair: Held on Saturday 25 September this event was a great success with a record-breaking number of visitors; over 800! The Madding Crowd Singers and Falconhigh entertained the visitors and the New Forest Austin Healey Car Club who attended with their beautiful

classic cars were pleased the weather stayed fine for the majority of the day. The event raised £2,890 (profit) the Porter's Lodge Shop and HMH were also very busy and made a lot in sales.

Building Projects: The project to replace the Hospital boilers and hot water pipework through the loft of the flats was completed in 2021. Old copper pipes have been replaced with thick plastic. Three traditional lanterns in the Inner Quadrangle were refurbished and a section of rotten wood at the top of the Church flagpole was repaired, a new flag hoisting mechanism installed and the pole was repainted by brave contractors!

Jonathan Cooke - Chairman of Board of Trustees

WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME

Sunday Services

After worshipping in church together at the Epiphany, we accepted that a return to using Zoom was necessary. A small group of ministers would lead worship in St Cross Church at 9.30am each Sunday. Everyone else joined in worship from home. Without the excellent internet connection to the Church achieved in 2020 with the kind permission and assistance of the Hospital Trustees and Staff and through the ingenuity of Dudley Rees, even this compromise arrangement would have been impossible.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Day, when we could again gather at the Parish Hall, we began the services outside so that we could sing together. We also held the Children's Good Friday service outside. Revd. Graham Trasler gave us excellent Good Friday addresses, overcoming the challenges of a distinctly low temperature in the Hall and simultaneously communicating with members listening on Zoom.

As we returned to St Cross we gradually restored our familiar pattern of worship: the different Sunday services enabling those who were nervous of joining a large group to return to attendance. By the summer we were again holding weekly 8.00am and 9.30am Eucharists, Choral Matins at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and a Said Eucharist at 11.00am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Whereas mid-December in 2020 brought a joyful return to St Cross, in 2021 it brought us the Omicron variant. Many people understandably limited attendance during the peak of this third wave of infections. Nonetheless we held moving Christmas services, including a Carol Service and two Crib Service divided exceptionally into two smaller congregations.

Thanks are due to all who offered Sunday ministries, often showing great flexibility: including those who led worship and prayers, read from scripture, and the essential role of After Service Cleaning.

Rev Dr Philip Krinks - Rector

Music Report

Music in the whole of 2021 was impacted by Covid to-ings and fro-ings. A 'socially distanced' choir of ten voices sang at 9.30 on Sunday 3 January. A week later ZOOM services resumed accompanied by pre-recorded hymns from choir volunteers accompanied remotely by assistant organist Chris Jones. We combined on-line worship with live attendances in the Parish Hall from Palm Sunday (28 March), including Good Friday and Easter Day services. Pre-recorded hymns sounded even richer when we finally returned to church on 18 April - followed at 11.00 that day by an APCM on ZOOM(!) - but no live singing was allowed until 1st August with congregational hymns behind masks.

It was joyous to welcome back members of the choir to Matins on 12 September and fifteen adult voices assembled in church for the first full choir practice of 2021. By the end of the year the Chapel Choir numbered 23, to be joined in the New Year by a new Junior Choral Scholar from Peter Symonds 'Specialist Music Course'. The patience, diligence and loyalty of these volunteer voices has been exemplary and in his 35th year in charge of parish and Hospital music Derek wishes to record his gratitude for the massive support of both the choir and Chris Jones, his assistant. We look forward to building further on this enthusiastic base.

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster

Altar Servers

Once worship in the church restarted in April, the serving team returned to their duties. It was a great joy to welcome them back. First they had to adapt to a different pattern of worship, reflecting Covid precautions; then as restrictions were eased to several intermediate patterns. It was very good to welcome new servers to the team during the summer and autumn. We are very grateful to all who continue to give their time and dedication to these roles and to the parents of children who participate.

We are always interested in talking to adults and children (usually aged 7+) who are interested in trying serving.

Alison Carver - Head Server; Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks - Rector

After Church Coffee Team

We started serving coffee after the 9.30 service in July, and it has gone from strength to strength. In the first few weeks, we used only disposable cups and served individually wrapped biscuits; this was in line with the Covid restrictions that were in place at that point in time. However, later on we were able to return to using normal china cups.

At the beginning of the year, we had a healthy balance of £101.24 brought over from the previous year. In addition, at the end of 2021, we had received donations of £244.08. Thank you all for your generosity. This is a much enjoyed activity after church every Sunday, and it cannot happen without the help of our core team of volunteers. I wish to thank each and every one of them, and if you wish to help us (even if it's only on the odd Sunday) please do give me a call.

Evelyn Pringle

Chapel Flower Guild

It really has been a very strange year with the Lockdown and all weddings and events cancelled in the chapel, so we have little to report except that the spiders had a field day spinning the most glorious webs in the Flower Room. In fact one was loath to destroy it all but it was certainly so profuse that entry for us, was difficult! So, sadly for the spiders, Ian, our new groundsman kindly came and cleared it all for us and some of the members scrubbed and dusted and restored the room. Even some of the holes in the ceiling have been repaired, but still a bit more building repairs are due.

We are gearing up and look forward to the current set of booked weddings though with some modifications to quantities of arrangements possible. We do seriously need more people to join us, whether just enthusiastic volunteers or experienced, we will be delighted to welcome you. Speak to one of us. Dodie Mowat, Church Warden & Team Member is nearly always at the services.

Thank you to the kind people who do wish us well and verbally mention their approval. It is heartening to be told, as it really is hard work despite the pleasure, if you are short-handed. Also thank you for the contributions in the basket during festivals. So, here's hoping for a florally fulfilling year.

Trish Spiers - Team Leader

Silent Prayer Group

From January to August, I continued to email the Bible sayings to those in our group, and we spent some time at home individually in

quiet contemplation. In September, we were able to meet in person again in the Lady Chapel; it was a day of great joy. We continue to meet once a month on the 4th Thursday.

Evelyn Pringle

PASTORAL CARE

Occasional Offices

The 2021 wedding season began in late May for the first of our sixteen couples – many of whom had two previously postponed dates – so it was a particular delight to see them finally celebrate their special day. Despite restrictions on numbers and mask wearing in the first half of the year, all of the marriage services (and a number of marquee receptions) went ahead as planned and were each a joyous occasion for the couples and their family and friends.

For baptisms, due to the logistical restrictions, families seeking a baptism were kept on hold until late September when a new twice-monthly baptism service began for up to three families each time. The team were delighted to welcome sixteen children into the church family of St Cross at these services before the year was out.

Wendy Harrison - Parish Administrator

Pastoral Assistants

Pastoral care in the parish has continued with the help of the Link people who stepped forward during the lockdowns. Some parishioners have yet to venture out or back to church, so this has been a valuable ministry which, along with the mid-month newsletter, helps to keep people at home in touch with the Parish and its activities.

A successful Parish Visitors course was run in the Autumn with the other City Centre churches, although only one person from this parish was able to participate; so, our core team remains very small and open to new recruits.

The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative continues during the winter months; at present it is held in the Hundred Men's Hall 3 times a week to provide a cuppa, some company or a listening ear for parishioners, brothers and occasional visitors.

Pastoral Assistants' Wednesday private prayer continues. Please do let us know of any people or situations to be added to our list.

2021 has been another year of change and challenge so again, a huge 'thank you' to all who have helped.

Rev Hilary Healey

LEARNING

Sermon Series

During 2021 we had three series. In Lent we took the theme 'Walking Towards Glory' as a way to reflect on the Lectionary readings for the season. As well as our local clergy, we enjoyed hearing from Dr. Tim Peppiatt, who was with us on placement. In August we departed from the Lectionary, which called for several weeks of readings from John 6, to consider more broadly the 'I Am..' sayings of Jesus. Then in Advent we considered Wesley's great hymn 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus' to consider the Advent themes of the coming kingdom and our call to play a part in it.

Sunday sermons were followed up by discussions on Zoom on Monday evenings. Although less conducive to building fellowship among us, this format did prove to have some advantages, especially in the winter months.

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks

House Group report

The House Group, also known as the Study Group, met throughout the year via zoom. We joined the Parish for their three sermon series study groups in Lent, August, and Advent.

Following a talk by Graham Trasler we used W H Vanstone's book 'The Stature of Waiting' as the basis for a number of meetings. During the latter part of the year we studied John's letters with the help of Tom Wright's 'The Letters of John' in his bible study guides for everyone series.

We continue to meet via zoom and would welcome anyone who would like to join and see how we explore various themes in a relaxed, easy-paced way.

Roger Healey, Cheryl Irons

COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

Social Events and Fundraising

It was a busy year in spite of all the restrictions. We managed to have a variety of activities all managed in a safe way being aware of all the restrictions and followed all government advice. We began with a plant sale in the Parish hall carpark it was such a success that we had sold out by midday. We followed this up with 2 more sales and included books and toiletries and our youth group had a stall. We raised over a £1000.

In the summer we enjoyed a picnic and games in the Bowling Green after the 9.30 service. The sun shone and we all had fun. John and Evelyn also hosted a Singapore Buffet in their garden.

As Autumn was on the way some brave souls did a sponsored walk and we took part in the Ride and Stride. All this fresh air and we were keeping safe. Harvest came and we felt we could have our supper with limited numbers using both halls and with dancing outside by floodlight, what fun. In November we held an Auction of Promises it was a tremendous success and thanks to all those who promised things and bid we raised over £5000. We finished our year with a Wassail in the Parish hall windows and door open and sang and had nibbles and drinks what a joy it was to be together singing.

Thank you to all those who have helped in any way and perhaps as you read this you can think of a way you can help in the future. Gill is looking for people to help at the 2022 Fete. It is a great way to get to know people and feel part of our community. Well, we have shown that - despite Covid - we have been sociable and raised money for our Parish.
Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck

Tots and Sunday Club

Sunday Club and Tots met in person for the first Sunday in January 2021 although the restrictions that followed saw us return to online worship and activities until the 28th March when we returned to the Parish Hall. During the lockdown, we distributed activity bags and worksheets and invited families to join online. We received feedback from families to say the activities had been very much enjoyed.

The Parish Hall and car park provided a large space for different activities and at the end of the service, the children were able to show the congregation their 'work' in the front hall. Later in the year, when worship in the church resumed, we were grateful to the Master and Ruth for allowing us into their home on rainy days and their beautiful garden (particularly good for treasure hunts) on sunny ones!

Thank you to all the whole team of leaders who imaginatively created activities for the different types of services and adapted to the changing restrictions and precautions.

Magdalen Rees

St Cross Youth

The **Friday evening youth groups**, like everyone else, started the year on Zoom but we won the Pancake day quiz! Mel and Alison came up with inventive ways of chatting and playing games on Zoom but everyone was glad when after Easter we could meet up in the Parish Hall

car park for outdoor games and crafts. Thankfully, most Friday evenings were dry! We finished the school year with games and pizzas.

During August, Mel ran a very successful 'Wacky Science' holiday club. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen. It included launching our home-made rockets in the meadows! From September, there has been a slow building up of numbers and activities, including restarting table tennis, thanks to John Pringle's enthusiasm. We made items for our stall at the Michaelmas Fair; held an Open evening with refreshments to which we welcomed friends from the church and community; and joined in the Harvest Supper when we had dancing in the car park by flood light.

The **Tuesday after school Drop - In club** has a small but keen following and we enjoy games and crafts, toast and drinks and are able to chat about different topics. Some young people try the drop-in first and then have the confidence to come to youth group on a Friday.

Rev Sally Heather – Chair, Children, Youth and Families

8+ group

Candlemas was the day we chose to celebrate with a Christingle service on Zoom. This involved a lot of preparation and delivery of activity bags but was greatly appreciated.

Palm Sunday was the great day to begin 'in person' worship at the Parish Hall and the children's groups re-started in the back hall, with a representative coming through to share with the adults what we had done in the session. It felt good to be back together, even if it was a bit strange! Good Friday saw us acting out the Easter story in the car park and decorating the large wooden cross ready for Sunday and after Easter we were able to worship in the church.

The picnic on the bowling green was a great way to start the new school year and by the beginning of Advent we prepared and presented young people to receive their first Communion.

We are thankful for Mel's ministry on a Sunday morning but really need more volunteers to help lead this group. There are ideas and resources available to help and it is very rewarding to watch our young people grow.

Rev Sally Heather

Open the Book

September 2021 saw us resuming our weekly assemblies on Wednesday afternoons at St Faith's Primary after almost a 2-year break. We have a smaller and almost completely new group of people helping to present the stories. Many of the KS1 children had not experienced a

whole school assembly so it has been an interesting challenge to all of us.

As we were starting afresh it seemed appropriate to begin with the Creation and work through significant Old Testament characters like Joseph and Moses. After the nativity at Christmas, in which we managed to enlist the help of two previous church wardens as star gazers, we have concentrated on the life of Jesus as a child left behind in the temple, his baptism and his teaching through parables and healing.

As usual we always try to use child participation wherever possible. With the limitations of space in the school hall, walking long distances by only moving on the third step; conjuring up chariots stuck in mud and even letting a lame man down through the roof is no problem. We run through the story in the Parish Office which allows us an opportunity to focus on the teaching of the story, what props we will need and ask for God's direction in the presentation. Our props include costumes for adults and children, a fire, boat, tree, chariots, fishing nets, masks for sheep, pigs, camels and donkeys as well as cups, dishes etc. for feasts! To ensure a fair distribution of the participation of the children, we draw up a list of the numbers we require each week and the school choose the children accordingly. In some of the productions the children have actually taken on speaking roles and have carried them out with almost no rehearsal.

It is a rewarding experience. If anyone else would like to join in, even as an extra to be called on as required (some stories require more people than others) then please do contact me.

Cheryl Irons

St Faith's Church of England School

Following a challenging 2020 school year, where many of the class teachings were conducted remotely, we were delighted to welcome children back into classrooms for much of 2021. Careful plans were put in place to ensure that the indoor spaces were well ventilated. We were sad to have not opened up fully, but the policies we put in place meant that we stayed fully functioning for much of the year.

Our year 6 children maintained their usual high standard in spite of the interruptions to their usual classroom working. We wish them all the very best adapting to life at secondary school.

We said a fond farewell to Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Maundrell and Ms. Phillips for whom this was to be their last year of working in schools. The wealth of talent from our teachers is reflected in the happy and vibrant atmosphere of the school, combined with years of outstanding academic results. We are truly grateful for their commitment to the school.

Welcoming new staff into the school, we appointed Year 5 teacher and Junior Leader Mrs. Guy, who has also been appointed to our governing board. Miss Renno moved from maternity cover to full time staff. Mrs. Penton joined the front of house as admin assistant.

We have been busy maintaining the school; a new infants teaching space and library creates a more welcoming environment for the children and Head Teacher Mr. Richard Fountain has moved his office to allow for a bigger staff working room. Anyone walking past the front of the school will have seen our much-improved wall and fencing, giving an improved look to the school as well as improving safety and security.

We continue to be grateful for the support given by the parishioners and we're saddened that the continued restrictions meant we couldn't welcome people into the school as much as we would have hoped for. We hope that 2022 brings us much closer together.

Dudley Rees - Chair of Governors

Friends for Tea

Friends for Tea meetings were able to resume in September. We still meet at the Chaplain's Lodge on the first Wednesday of the month and we are most grateful to Terry and Ruth for allowing this to happen. We were also privileged to join the Brothers for a musical entertainment given by the Winchester College boys in the Hundred Men's Hall. They joined us for tea and cake afterwards and it was very much enjoyed by all who attended. As always we try to arrange lifts for those who need help. Numbers have varied over time because of Covid, and at last, family feel free to visit their elderly relatives.

Recently Elizabeth Loader stepped down from organizing Friends for Tea after many years of service. She will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best. If you would like to know more, there is a new contact number: 01962 865586.

Sue Fairbrother

Lazy Cooks

Because of Covid restrictions, we could only start meeting in August when we had our annual fund-raising Singapore Buffet. It was a lovely summers day and everyone enjoyed the fresh air and each other's company. We were lucky to raise £400 for Parish funds. The following months we had lunches at Brasserie Blanc, Palm Pan Asia and Tom's Deli.

Then Omicron came and we had to call a halt to our meetings, but we still ended the year on a high because we managed to see each other and eat together.

Evelyn Pringle

Churchyard

Care and maintenance activities have continued. A dedicated team of volunteers has spent many Saturday mornings mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning and sweeping. Sadly our friends from the Probation Service have not been able to resume their help but if you visit the churchyard, which we encourage you to do, we hope you will agree it is looking well cared for.

During the year the Hospital arranged for dead and dangerous trees to be removed from the boundaries of the churchyard. The Hospital also arranged for a pest control company to deal with a rat infestation in one corner which seems to have been successful.

A member of the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust staff visited the churchyard and gave valuable advice on encouraging wildflowers to flourish. As a result an area of the churchyard is being prepared for sowing with flower seed in 2022.

We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers who would enjoy some gentle Saturday morning exercise. Please contact me or any of the team (John Lunt, Robert Wheatley, Hilary Healey, Chris Maguire, Chris Pyke) to find out more.

John Pringle

COMMON GOOD

Common Good Project

Because of Covid restrictions, links with Winchester Prison have been very limited during 2021. There has been no opening-up of the facility to provide teas for families visiting prisoners, and so those in the parish who have volunteered to help have not been able to do so – although the rotas may be starting again around Easter 2022. At the end of 2020 and start of 2021, Anna-Maria Holt finalised preparations for helping those prisoners due for release with small rucksacks of clothing items (Bags of Faith), complete with a luggage tag + logo (see above). Sadly, this did not get off the ground, although we were able to



help one prison inmate who was in need of some special footwear.

Christina Mathews is a trainee Prison Visitor and has been shadowing a qualified Prison Visitor. As Covid restrictions are lifted, it is to be hoped that access to the prison will become easier, and that in the coming months, we will be able to activate some of the plans which have been in abeyance over the past year.

John Lunt

St Faith's Parish Hall

On 31 December 2021 Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy, Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Magdalen Rees and I were the seven members of the hall committee. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently. The year has seen regular users steadily returning to SFPH, and latterly a marked increase in one-off bookings, which is cheering. Mary Ayres of the Nancy Harper Nursery has valiantly continued her daily cleaning regime in line with the SFPH Coronavirus Risk Assessment; all who use the building owe her a great debt of thanks for this.

One significant improvement was made to the building's fabric in the year. A hot-water feed was taken from the new cylinder in the gents' loo through the corridor and into the kitchen ceiling for the kitchen sink, thereby making redundant the failing kitchen boiler, which has been removed, saving gas, space and the need for annual servicing. The external flint wall and the interior plaster and paintwork have been repaired and made good.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will increasingly wish to return to SFPH and its excellent facilities this year. To book, please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC's website, on 07850 231497 or at stfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk.

Peter Sawbridge - Chairman, St Faith's Parish Hall Committee

St Cross Fête

For the second year running we were not able to hold the fete due to the pandemic. However we were able to run lots of fundraising events which were also great fun. The good news is that we are planning to hold the fete this year, on Saturday 25th June, 1.30—5pm. Please put the date in your diary and have a word with me or Murray if you would like to be involved and have not done so before.

Gill Beck - Secretary, St Cross Fete Committee

Good Causes supported during 2021

Good Cause	Amount *	Remarks
Diocese of Muhabura	£560	From General Funds
Potters Village in Uganda (through Church Missionary Society)	£1,000	
Winchester Churches Christmas Project	£1,000	
The Children's Society	£1,035	From Retiring Collections
Farm Africa	£410	
Winchester Basics Bank	£385	
Winchester GoLD - supporting adults with learning disabilities	£407	
Royal British Legion	£503	
Total	£5,300	

Murray Dixon

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Stewardship Working Group

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously. During 2021 it met seven times and has focused on these activities, mainly to raise funds to replace lost Fete and Wedding income:

- Conducted a Planned Giving Appeal
- With a letter and a leaflet reminded worshippers and other members of the community of the importance of Legacies to our long-term financial stability.
- Researched alternative hands-free options to encourage non-cash collections and donations. This resulted in a second Goodbox terminal being purchased, to be used at major festivals and other large church services.
- Arranged a fund-raising concert by the Winchester College Quiristers. Another concert with the full Winchester College

Chapel Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra is fixed for 2nd December 2022.

The group has been encouraged by the response to our work but recognizes the need for further efforts to maintain financial support for all Parish activities.

John Pringle - Chair

Communications (Magazine, website)

The monthly Parish Magazine has continued to be produced this year. Most people now receive their copy electronically, via the weekly Parish email. Around 60 copies are still printed and distributed in the traditional way, mainly to those without computer access but also to some people who just prefer a hard copy. Many thanks to Diana Snagge who organises the distribution and to her delivery team.

Sarsen Press have continued to offer an excellent printing service throughout all the Covid restrictions of the past year. Regular advertisements in the Magazine contribute towards its printing costs.

Thanks are due to all those who provide material for the Magazine, whether regularly or occasionally. It would not exist without you!

In addition a one sheet mid-month Newsletter is distributed to those who receive a printed Magazine and to the Nursing Homes within the parish. We hope it helps them to keep in touch with Parish activities.

The Parish website at www.parishofstfaith.org carries general information about the church at St Cross (including how to make contact regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals), the parish and its activities, and the Parish Hall. The website is also updated each month with details of forthcoming church services and particular events eg the Auction of Promises.

Thanks to Dudley Rees, the hosting of the website was moved during 2021 onto a faster and more secure hosting platform. 2021 saw a slight fall in the number of 'visits' to the website compared with 2020, from just over 8,000 to just over 6,000. This undoubtedly reflects the fact that many people already receive up to date information about parish activities via the weekly emails. In addition, social gatherings were not possible for several months in 2021 and so there was a drop in the usual number of people looking for example to arrange a wedding or to hire the Parish Hall. Information about church activities and services is also shared via the Parish Twitter account.

Clare Dixon and Magdalen Rees

List of Sidespeople during 2021

Victoria Arthur, Lynne Chapman, Murray Dixon, Brian Eames, Jen Eames, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, James Harris, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Wendy Marsden, Christina Matthews, Julia Maxlow Tomlinson, Harry Mowat, Jeremy Ouvry, Evelyn Pringle, John Pringle, Lou Scott-Joynt, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath, Carol Wade and Chloe Wheywell.

Parochial Church Council Members

(from 18 April 2021 - 24 April 2022)

Ex officio:

Rev. Dr Philip Krinks	Chair
Rev. Hilary Healey	
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Member
Gill Beck	Churchwarden

Elected:

Murray Dixon	2022	
Victoria Arthur	2022	
Lynn Chapman	2022	
Craig Clark	2022	retired on 19.01.2022
Anna-Maria Holt	2023	
Chris Maguire	2023	
Magdalen Rees	2023	
Carol Wade	2023	
Rosco Noott	2024	
Michele Brannigan	2024	
Diana Snagge	2024	
Brian Eames	2024	
Matt McDonnell	2024	
John Pringle	2024	

Co-opted:

Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 05.05.2021)

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
opened at 11.03 am on Sunday 18 April 2021 via Zoom**

Item	Subject
1	Welcome and apologies
	<p>The Rev. Dr Philip Krinks, taking the chair, said that it was the first time the Parish had met for the two annual meetings with these only accessible via Zoom. This exceptional arrangement was due to the inability to meet in person owing to Coronavirus restrictions. He also mentioned that it was only 6 months since the previous, delayed, Annual Meeting, rather than the usual 12 months.</p> <p>There were over 30 participants on Zoom, some in pairs.</p> <p>Rev. Dr Krinks declared the meeting open at 11.04 am explaining the Meeting of Parishioners was the first of two meetings to be held with the purpose of electing the Churchwardens. He said that for this meeting the electorate included both to those on the St Faith's Electoral Roll and residents in the Parish of St Faith.</p> <p>Apologies: Michele Brannigan</p>
2	Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 25 October 2020
	<p>The Minutes of the 2020 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report and no questions were raised. The minutes were proposed by Cheryl Irons, seconded by Clare Dixon and approved unanimously by a show of hands (checked on screen by the Rev Dr Krinks).</p>
3	Election of Churchwardens for 2021
	<p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked John Pringle and Dodie Mowat for their extraordinary service during the challenges of recent months.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p>He thanked Dodie Mowat for agreeing to stand for a further year as Churchwarden. He said that John Pringle had stated at the outset of taking on the role of Churchwarden that he would step down after 3 years and sadly that time had arrived. He proposed a vote of thanks to John for considerable work as Churchwarden, this was seconded by Dodie Mowat.</p> <p>Rev. Dr Krinks thanked Gill Beck for agreeing to stand for election a Churchwarden saying she has a deep knowledge of church life at St Cross and is hugely respected by everyone. He said that as there were no other candidates both Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck were elected to fill the two vacancies. He congratulated them both and there was 'Zoom applause'.</p>

The Rev. Dr. Krinks closed the meeting at 11.08 am

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2020
held at 11 am on Sunday 18 April 2021 via Zoom**

The meeting commenced at 11.08 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Apologies had been received from Michele Brannigan. The Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks chaired the meeting. Rev. Dr. Krinks advised that the electorate consisted of all those on the Parish's Electoral Roll.

Item	Subject
1	<p>Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25 October 2020</p> <p>The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Trish Spiers, seconded by David King and approved unanimously.</p>
2	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None.</p>
3	<p>Mandatory Reports (for discussion & recommendations to PCC)</p> <p>A. Annual Report Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, for her superb work maintaining the electoral roll. He confirmed that at the end of 2020 there were 201 names on the roll of which 71 were resident in the parish. Valerie Carver gave an update of current figures: 71 residents are on the roll and 120 non-residents, i.e. a total of 191 names.</p> <p>B. PCC Activities Rev. Dr. Krinks referred to information given in the Annual Report. In addition to this he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spoke of the 2020 Covid pandemic and the challenges deprivations and new perspectives it had brought;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • said that great effort had gone into the Annual Report and thanked everyone who had contributed to it saying that, in future, if there is one year when future historians will research, it will be 2020; • spoke of the flexibility, patience, good collaboration with the Master, the Hospital staff and Trustees who faced unprecedented challenges; • thanked everyone for all that had been done during the Pandemic; • thanked Valerie Carver as leader of Sunday Club for many years saying that she had given so much to generations of children and young people; • spoke of safeguarding saying the Parish followed the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks asked for any comments about the PCC activities; there were none.</p> <p>C. Deanery Synod</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks reminded everyone that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat are the lay representatives on the Deanery Synod. He reminded the meeting that the area covered by the Deanery is not only the city of Winchester but reaches to near Andover, Otterbourne and Owslebury.</p>
4	Financial Statements for 2020
	<p>Rev. Dr. Krinks asked Murray Dixon, the PCC Treasurer, to report on the Financial Report and Statements for 2020, hard copies having been available at services and electronically.</p> <p>Murray Dixon referred to the various parts of the Report including the supporting notes at the end. He highlighted that 2020 had presented new and unprecedented challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic which had dramatically affected the Parish finances.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p><u>Income:</u> Murray Dixon said income receipts for 2020 were £108,705, i.e. a £14,334 reduction when compared to the 2019 receipt of £123,039. He referred to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fall in value of investments of £4,259 • surplus of £724 from Parish Hall • fall of £10,799 in “routine” activity. <p>He explained routine income decreased from £137,722 (2019) to £103,218 (2020) (<i>note 2e</i>) due to inability to hold in person activities and gave the following examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collections and donations income fell by circa £16,000 (£23,969 to £8,234) • wedding and funeral fees fell by circa £7,000 (£7,576 to £741) • fundraising and fête income fell by circa £14,000 (£14,645 to £688) and that the major fundraising event for the Parish in 2020 was Ride & Stride. <p>He said the decrease would have been much larger but for the donations given to the Parish Resilience Fund Appeal and thanked everyone who had contributed.</p> <p><u>Expenditure:</u> Following the initial lockdown restrictions in April 2020 Murray Dixon said that the PCC reviewed finances and took action to minimise expenditure. The main reductions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribution to the Diocese with a Parish Share payment of £71,000 (reduced from the pre-Covid agreed figure of £86,000) • contributions to the Hospital for (i) upkeep of church fabric from £17,750 (agreed pre Covid) to £14,750 and (ii) utilities which were reduced by around £7,000 • reduced payments to Parish post holders <p>The total 2020 expenditure amounted to £114,017 (the 2019 figure having been £156,190).</p> <p>Murray Dixon questioned whether continuing with reductions in 2021 would be sustainable referring to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact on both the Diocese and the Hospital following reductions; and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Reserve held which he confirmed to be in accordance with both Parish and Church of England policy at 45% of budgeted expenditure. <p>Murray Dixon confirmed that the PCC is addressing the inevitable financial pressures and necessity to balance reserves held against the impact of reduced payments again in 2021, and will continue to. (He said that the PCC is very grateful to everyone one who responded to the Planned Giving Appeal at the start of 2021.)</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks and John Pringle thanked Murray for his work in compiling the 2020 Accounts and his clear presentation.</p>
5	<p>Elections</p> <p>1. Deanery Synod Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat have served one year of their 3-year term and no action is necessary.</p> <p>2. PCC Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked all members of the PCC for their service during the last year and especially Cheryl Irons who is not standing for re-election following many years on the PCC, he referred to her as an especially calm, experienced and level-headed member.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks named and thanked the candidates who were standing for the PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosco Noott, standing for a further term Michele Brannigan, standing for a further term Diana Snagge, standing for the first time Brian Eames, standing for the first time Matt McDonnell, standing for the first time, and John Pringle who is standing following his retirement as churchwarden <p>He declared that they were elected, filling the vacancies.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks also thanked Victoria Arthur for her continued work as PCC Secretary.</p>

Item	Subject
6	Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021
	The appointment of Yvonne Goddard as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2021 was proposed by Dodie Mowat and seconded by Murray Dixon.
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that having good governance and a breadth of people willing to take on leadership roles with support is an important part of our life together in Christ in the Parish. He thanked everyone for their partnership in the Gospel.</p> <p>The following thanks were given:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dodie Mowat thanked the Ministry Team for their hard work. 2. Trish Spiers thanked the Clergy and Churchwardens for keeping parishioners well informed. 3. Jonathan Sleath thanked Dudley Rees for the IT support and the virtual choir for their respective contribution behind the scenes. <p>John Spiers said that, following the death of the Winchester Representative for Ride & Stride, no information had been received this year about the event and that this may need to be discussed in Synod.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.33 am.

Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending and said the Grace.

GIVING CAN PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE



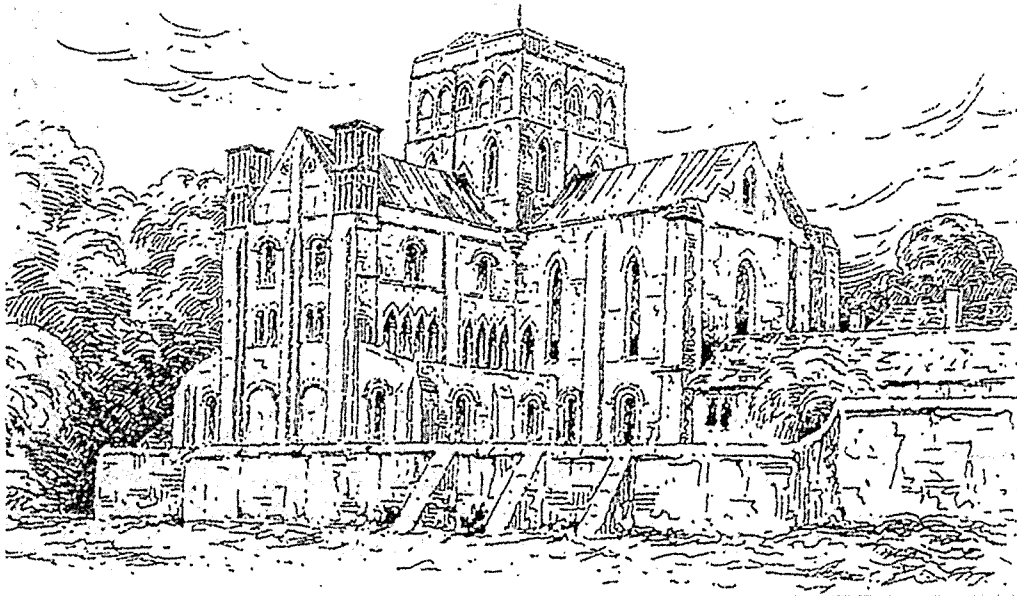
Have you enjoyed reading about the many different areas of ministry that the Parish undertakes? We are blessed with the help of so many of you as willing volunteers, but we do have considerable expenses that we need to pay on a regular basis.

Many of you already help us with regular Planned Giving through the Parish Giving Scheme or with Standing Orders. We are most grateful for your generosity.

If you have not made a commitment to regular giving, could you please consider helping us in this way? You can make a real difference in areas such as our choir and music, our work with children, young people and families, and our Common Good work in Winchester prison. You will also help us continue to worship in the beautiful Hospital of St Cross by contributing to the costs of running and maintaining the church building.

Your giving will help secure the future success of our Parish for us and future generations of worshippers at St Cross.

THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH



Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Annual Report

1. 2021 continued to present many challenges to the Parish as we coped with the uncertainty brought about by moving in and out of lockdown and, at the end of the year, the rapid increase in cases caused by the Omicron variant. However, I'm pleased to report that funds held by the Parish rose by £10,812, from £108,705 on 31 Dec 20 to £119,517 on 31 Dec 21. This is good news, but it is important to understand how this increase is made up, namely: a shortfall of £4,365 in routine activity, a surplus of £5,904 in the operation of the Parish Hall and an increase in the value of investments of £9,273.

Routine Activity

2. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income recovered from £103,218 in 2020 to £134,607 in 2021, nearly reaching the 2019 pre-pandemic level of £137,722.

3. The increase in 2021 was due particularly to:

- One-off donations (including in response to the Planned Giving Appeal) of £20,094.
- A series of successful fundraising events, which raised £13,392, net of costs.
- A welcome increase in regular Planned Giving from £53,965 in 2020 to £63,411 in 2021.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2021.

4. As activity increased, routine expenditure rose as well, from £114,017 in 2020 to £138,972 in 2021, though it is still under the 2019 level of £156,190. Whilst ensuring our expenditure did not exceed income from Routine Activity and the Parish Hall, we were able to:

- Pay over 97% of our Parish Share (£86,500 out of a requested £89,000) compared to circa 82% in 2020, and
- Increase our contribution to the Hospital for looking after the fabric of the church, from £14,750 to £17,750. Pre-pandemic we had agreed to pay £17,750 in 2020, after having paid £14,750 for nearly 10 years.

Parish Hall

5. Nancy Harper Nursery was able to continue throughout the year, but other bookings were only taken during the latter 6 months. Income recovered from £18,539 in 2020 to £21,556 in 2021, but is still short of the £29,075 in 2019. Total expenditure was reduced to £15,652 in 2021 from £17,814 in 2022, mainly as less repair work was required. The Parish Hall surplus was £5,904. It would have been £7,542, but this was reduced by £1,638 as we stopped including Parish Hall prepayments¹ in the accounts to bring the them in line with the rest of the accounts.

¹ Prepayments allow an element of a cost for a service, e.g. insurance, that continues into the following year to be charged to the following year.

6. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. As you can see in Paragraph 1, net income from the Hall more than offset the shortfall in Routine Activity in the Parish.

Investments

7. Investments rose in value from £66,863 on 31 Dec 20 to £76,137 on 31 Dec 21, overtaking their 31 Dec 19 value of £71,122. We received dividend payments of £2,724 (£2528 in 2020).

Designated Funds

8. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £38,587 to £40,517, in line with the reserves policy described in para 9 below. £2,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £1,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Reserves Policy

9. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure

PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18 and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

10. For information, as of 31 Dec 21 our reserves were circa 47% of the budgeted expenditure for 2022 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	109,772	97,478
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	14,129	938
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	29,527	20,750
Income from investments	2d	2,735	2,590
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		156,164	121,756
RESOURCES USED			
Charitable Giving	3a	2,560	2,943
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	127,195	102,890
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	15,978	14,248
Parish Hall major repairs		836	4,538
Church management and administration	3d	8,056	7,212
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		154,625	131,831
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		1,539	-10,075
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	9,273	-4,259
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		10,812	-14,333
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2021		108,705	123,039
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021		119,517	108,705

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	<u>76,137</u>	<u>66,863</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	1,969	2,462
Short term bank deposits		9,000	18,499
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>34,924</u>	<u>22,011</u>
GROSS CURRENT ASSETS		45,893	42,972
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due with one year	5	2,513	1,130
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>43,380</u>	<u>41,842</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>119,517</u>	<u>108,705</u>

FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

General Fund (Undesignated)	7	69,764	59,292
Music Fund (PCC Designated)	7	2,057	2,257
Children and Youth Fund (PCC Designated)	7	2,179	3,569
St Faith's Parish Hall (PCC Designated)	7	<u>40,517</u>	<u>38,587</u>
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		114,517	103,705

RESTRICTED FUNDS

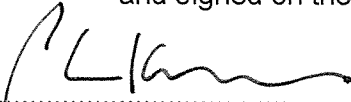
St Cross Flowers	7	5,000	5,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>


TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL FUNDS		<u>119,517</u>	<u>108,705</u>
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 Mar 22

and signed on their behalf by:

.....  Philip Krinks (Chairman)

.....  Murray Dixon (Hon Treasurer)

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES See Appendix A attached

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2021	2020
	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors		
Planned giving:		
Income from donors	63,411	53,965
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	19,091	12,908
Collections (Plate) at all services	7,176	4,402
Sundry donations	12,471	3,832
Parish Resilience Fund, incl Gift Aid	0	22,371
Planned Giving Appeal, One Off Donations, incl Gift Aid	7,623	0
TOTAL	109,772	97,478
2b Other voluntary incoming resources		
Churchyard income	250	250
Legacy	0	0
Fete income	0	0
Other fundraising (incl. Music Fund, Ride & Stride)	13,879	688
TOTAL	14,129	938
2c Income from charitable and ancillary trading		
Parish Hall income	21,556	18,539
Fees for services	5,878	741
Parish Magazine	594	845
Flowers	1,133	5
Contribution from Sunday Coffee	244	200
Tea and Chat	122	420
TOTAL	29,527	20,750
2d Income from Investments		
Dividends and interest	2,735	2,590
2e Routine Activity Income (2a+2b+2d+2c less Parish Hall)	134,607	103,218
3 RESOURCES USED		
3a Charitable Giving		
Overseas charities	1,560	500
National charities	0	0
Local charities	1,000	2,443
TOTAL	2,560	2,943
<i>(also: retiring collections for Good Causes totalled £2,740 (2020, £2,021) - overseas £410, national £1,538, local £792; and £1,561 was collected in the Parish and paid direct to Christian Aid (2020, £655)).</i>		
3b Activities directly for the work of the church		
Parish Share	86,500	71,000
Clergy costs and expenses	1,989	1,669
Church running expenses	3,260	1,778
Church maintenance	17,750	14,750
Choir and organ expenses	2,000	1,229
Music Fund	0	489
Upkeep of churchyard	242	374
Flowers	1,328	246
Children's activities	14,125	11,354
TOTAL	127,195	102,890

3c Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity

Parish Hall running costs	14,816	13,276
Magazine expenses	674	972
Fundraising	487	0
TOTAL	<u>15,978</u>	<u>14,248</u>

3d Church management and administration

Printing and copying	555	536
Clergy administrative support	5,097	3,885
Information Technology	1,604	1,706
Hospitality	45	0
General administrative expenses	756	1,084
TOTAL	<u>8,056</u>	<u>7,212</u>

3e Routine Activity Expenditure (3a+3b+3d+3c less Parish Hall)

138,972	114,017
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4 DEBTORS

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	825	797
Other receivables	1,044	0
Parish Hall Debtors	100	0
Parish Hall Prepayments	0	1,665
TOTAL	<u>1,969</u>	<u>2,462</u>

5 AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors, less Parish Hall	2,143	1,049
Parish Hall Creditors	370	81
TOTAL	<u>2,513</u>	<u>1,130</u>

6 INVESTMENT ASSETS

	Historical Costs		Market Value		
	£ 2021	£ 2020	£ 2021	£ Gain	£ 2020
Charifund Income Units	4,076	4,076	35,698	4,212	31,486
CCLA Investment Fund Units	9,015	9,015	40,438	5,061	35,377
	<u>13,091</u>	<u>13,091</u>	<u>76,137</u>	<u>9,273</u>	<u>66,863</u>

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	General	Music	Youth	Hall	Flowers	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1 January 2021	59,292	2,257	3,569	38,587	5,000	108,705
Net increase 2021	3,498	800	610	5,904	0	10,812
Transfers	6,974	-1,000	-2,000	-3,974	0	0
	<u>69,764</u>	<u>2,057</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>40,517</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>119,517</u>

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Appendix A

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

In the year-end Balance Sheet the PCC has no funds which are required to be identified as "Endowment" or "Restricted", except for a donation of £5,000 made to the Flower Fund in 2000. Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted such as the Hall.

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

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC. Planned Giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the appropriate claim is made to the Inland Revenue.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the Fete and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of the Parish magazine are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Parish Hall is recognised when the rental is due.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable; interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments as at 31 December of the relevant year.

Resources used

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Assets

All capital items within the church of St Cross, Winchester are the property of the Hospital of St Cross and are covered by the Hospital's insurance. Items within the church, for which the PCC provided the funds, are deemed to have been purchased on behalf of the Hospital and presented to it by the Parish and hence are expensed on purchase.

Fixtures and fittings within the Parish Hall are the property of, and are insured by, the PCC. All expenditure incurred on the repair of the building is expensed on purchase.

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at market value on 31 December of the relevant year. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. There are no amounts that are deemed uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit in Central Board of Finance (Church of England) Funds.

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31 December in respect of expenses which have been incurred and for which invoices have not been received, or have been received but not paid, are shown as creditors. All the amounts fall due within one year.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 1. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 2. to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

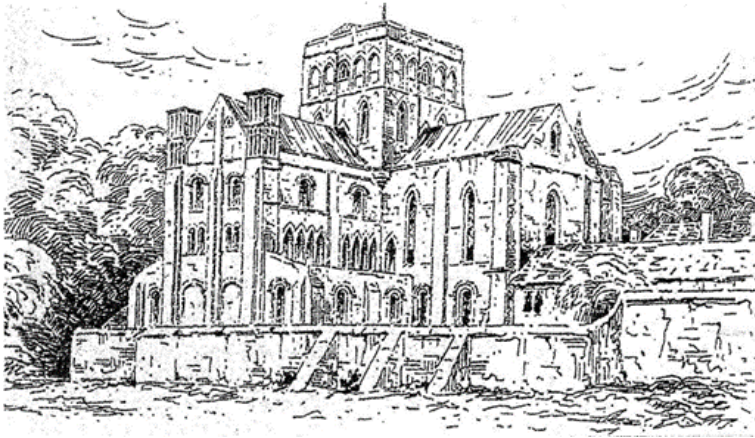
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INTRODUCTION

2021 began with hopes that Covid-19 disruption might be nearly at an end. However late January saw a handful of ministers leading worship in church each Sunday with everyone else joining from home on Zoom. Then with great joy we experienced a series of restorations. Firstly from Palm Sunday we were able to meet together in person, initially at the Parish Hall. Then we returned to the Chapel in Eastertide, using a Bookings system to meet our obligations under Track & Trace. Then we were able to sing together. Finally in September we welcomed back the Choir to our services. The arrival of the Omicron variant created further disruption at Christmas. But we ended the year with most of activities restored to their pre-Covid pattern

By the end of the year we were able to weigh some gains, to be set against many losses. We had learned to use technology for better communication among us. Many of us had taken up unfamiliar roles and ministries and found that we enjoyed them. We developed a habit of corporate daily prayer on Zoom which has sustained many of us through difficult times. We also had successful 'firsts', including: the Sponsored Walk along the Clarendon Way in May, a Parish Picnic in September and the Auction of Promises in November. These events filled the gaps in both fundraising and fellowship left by the need to cancel the Fete for a second year.

We were able by God's grace to find the resources to meet the challenges of a second year of Covid. The work done is a testament to the resilience and faith of our community. None of the activities described in the pages which follow would have been possible without the enormous commitment of our large team of volunteers and small team of part-time staff, and the great financial generosity of our supporters.

From the first days of the pandemic we used a verse from Psalm 46 at the head of our Daily Prayer booklets: the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. And so the Lord has been with us and has been our refuge; and we continue in our faithful love of him, lived out in our prayer, worship, study and teaching and in our care of our neighbour.

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks - Rector

AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 2022

Opening prayers.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 18th April 2021.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2022-23.
4. Close of meeting.

AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18th April 2021.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion, and any recommendations to the PCC):
 - a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
 - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2021, and the activities of the parish.
 - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2021.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2021, including the Independent Examiner's report.
5. The Elections:
 - a. Members of the Deanery Synod.
 - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any Other Business (relating to the PCC or Parish).

Closing Prayers.

Notes:

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

GOVERNANCE

Mandatory Report on the Electoral Roll

On 31st December 2021 there were 194 names on the electoral roll of which 71 were residents and 123 non-residents.

Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer

Mandatory Winchester Deanery Synod Report

Murray Dixon, Dodie Mowat and John Pringle continued as our representatives throughout 2021. The Deanery Synod met three times in 2021. At the February meeting Bishop David stressed the Deanery's significant place in the life of the Diocese, with its schools, chaplaincies, county infrastructure and prison, and the fruitful ecumenical relationships. He then explained the pressure on the Diocesan budget and outlined ways this would be addressed. There were also short presentations on Alpha, using music in worship online, prayer chains and midweek connections, followed by discussion in breakout groups

In June Revd Canon Brian Wakelin gave a presentation about the history of our overseas partnership with Muhabura (which began 10 years ago this year) and outlined a proposal for the Deanery to respond to a request for help with training of Lay Readers. Small groups then discussed in relation to the Pandemic:

- What had been lost that we need to grieve?
- What had been paused or reduced that we can let go of?
- What has been paused or reduced that we want to renew?
- What has been discovered that we need to respond to?
- What is new and needs to be developed further?

In October the Assistant Area Dean gave a presentation reviewing the five objectives of the 2018-2020 Deanery Mission Action Plan:

1. To enable and equip churches to respond to new opportunities
2. To support the ongoing development of Clusters
3. To create an accessible network of communication, support and resources
4. To extend our ministry amongst young people
5. To root the mission and ministry of the Deanery in prayer.

Group discussion followed and the DMPC will use the feedback to formulate the 2022-2024 dMAP.

John Pringle

Churchwardens' report

The role of the Churchwarden is never dull, and 2021 kept us busy adapting to the ever-changing covid regulations, trying to minimise the risks to us all as well as to the Brothers. Throughout the year we sought to provide a safe environment for worship. From Zoom services in January to Easter in the Parish Hall, then returning to the church with virtual choir hymns. From September the choir sang from the stalls and Choral Matins returned. Since then we saw a gradual increase in numbers as many people felt able to return and we welcomed many lovely new people, with doors open for ventilation, masks being worn, keeping socially distanced and taking communion in one kind only.

We are very thankful for our hardworking clergy, who provided such stability and leadership in the face of continuous change. We kept in touch with them by a weekly Zoom meeting. We are also aware that we owe a great deal to ex-Churchwardens Murray and John, without whose help we might have struggled week by week. Filling rotas is a continuous challenge so thank you to all who agreed to go on one, whether it be stewarding, cleaning, making refreshments, teaching the children, serving at services, reading or intercessing. Please speak to one of us if you would like to be included on a rota.

The Hospital staff look after the buildings, whereas in most Parishes this is the responsibility of the Churchwardens. We are therefore hugely grateful to Terry the Master and Trustees, to Catriona (Clerk to the Trustees) and all the Hospital staff. Lastly we should like to thank all of you for your support, patience and cooperation throughout 2021.

Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck

Safeguarding

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities continues to be a priority for the PCC. It is a standing agenda item which is reported on at each PCC Meeting. We continue to be mindful that our policies and procedures remain up to date and follow national models approved by the House of Bishops. In October we were advised that the Church of England has made some changes to the safeguarding training programme. The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of safeguarding learning pathways for people with roles within the Church of England to complete. Much of the safeguarding training will stay the same; the main change being to some leadership roles which we are currently working our way through. It is now also a requirement that we renew our training every 3 years along with all Disclosure and Barring Service renewals. All parishes have been given a 2-year period in which to be compliant with the new national requirements.

We are extremely grateful to Janet Rowland-White's continued support and diligent work in helping those applying for DBS checks.
Michele Brannigan - Parish Safeguarding Officer, Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Rector, Gill Beck & Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens

PCC matters

The PCC members are trustees and thus they must comply with charity law. They must also act in accordance with regulations in the Church Representation Rules. The usual six PCC meetings took place during the year. The first four of these were via Zoom due to continued Covid regulations and concerns but our September and November meetings were held in person. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners was held on Zoom, as was the Annual Parochial Church Meeting both in April 2021. A virtual meeting was authorised under the terms of the Bishop's Direction of August 2020. The annual Financial Controls Review took place in November.

Notice was given to the Parish on behalf of the Bishop of the Collation of Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks to the benefice of Winchester St Cross Hospital with St Faith, to take place on 27 April 2021. The Collation followed the end of suspension of the right of presentation in December 2020. The PCC passed a Resolution proposing Philip as incumbent and consequently and upon confirmation of the Patron (who is the Bishop) he was instituted as Rector of the Parish.

At the July meeting a Motion was passed and approved unanimously to give the PCC's consent to Rev Hilary Healey's Licence being renewed for a further 3 years. Hilary then received the Bishop's Licence to serve as a priest in the Parish of St Faith until March 2024.

Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary

Mission Action Planning Group (MAP)

The group did not meet in 2021. The arrangements put in place to adapt to COVID restrictions in 2020 continued throughout 2021. In the fourth quarter of 2021 some services and activities resumed in person, but virtual Morning Prayer and the House Group continued on Zoom.

Our Common Good project with Winchester prison was not able to resume fully due to government guidelines restricting access to prisons.

John Pringle

Hospital of St Cross Trustees' report

2021 was a more positive year than 2020 with the Hospital welcoming visitors back in May and the Church opened its doors for worship again.

The Brothers: The Brothers were pleased that restrictions eased slightly and they were able to start going out again. There was a very happy Gaudy for Holy Cross Day when we were able to have a small gathering in the Brethren's Hall. Whilst the Brethren at St Cross managed to avoid covid infections, a former Brother, David Macgeorge, died in February after contracting the virus at his nursing home. Another former Brother, James (Jim) Abson, who started his life at St Cross in the role of Porter also died in February (his death was not related to covid). Later in the year (in August) the St Cross community mourned the loss of their former Senior Brother, Ron Stacey, resident at the Hospital for 30 years. He reached the grand age of 104 and lived at both St Johns Charity and St Cross Grange after he left St Cross in 2014. No new Brothers joined St Cross during 2021 due to the pandemic delaying the ability for prospective Brothers to visit the Hospital as part of their application process. However, the recruitment drive was rekindled and has resulted in new Brothers being recruited.

Trustees: Robin Chute retired from the Board in June having completed 15 years as a Nominative Trustee from Winchester College. Robin provided invaluable knowledge on property and land matters and will be sorely missed. His replacement is Adam Rattray, who joined the board in May. Adam is Head of History of Art at Winchester College, where he is also Director of the Friends and sits on the Treasures Committee and Collections Committee. In May 2021 the board also welcomed the new Mayor, Cllr Vivien Achwal who took up her place as an Ex-officio Trustee.

Staff: Once again the Trustees appreciated the resilience and hard work displayed by the whole St Cross team during what was another year of unexpected and often frustrating challenges. We were pleased to welcome Jeannette Rastrick who joined as a Relief Warden.

Hundred Men's Hall: The newly refurbished HMH opened again in 2021 having been closed during 2020. The Trustees were very grateful to the Friends of St Cross for sponsoring the refurbishment work which included a complete redecoration, below dado wood panelling to protect the fragile walls plus new heating and lighting. Despite the later opening date Janet and her trusty team of volunteers had a busy season and the Trustees are very grateful to them all for their hard work.

The Michaelmas Fair: Held on Saturday 25 September this event was a great success with a record-breaking number of visitors; over 800! The Madding Crowd Singers and Falconhigh entertained the visitors and the New Forest Austin Healey Car Club who attended with their beautiful

classic cars were pleased the weather stayed fine for the majority of the day. The event raised £2,890 (profit) the Porter's Lodge Shop and HMH were also very busy and made a lot in sales.

Building Projects: The project to replace the Hospital boilers and hot water pipework through the loft of the flats was completed in 2021. Old copper pipes have been replaced with thick plastic. Three traditional lanterns in the Inner Quadrangle were refurbished and a section of rotten wood at the top of the Church flagpole was repaired, a new flag hoisting mechanism installed and the pole was repainted by brave contractors!

Jonathan Cooke - Chairman of Board of Trustees

WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME

Sunday Services

After worshipping in church together at the Epiphany, we accepted that a return to using Zoom was necessary. A small group of ministers would lead worship in St Cross Church at 9.30am each Sunday. Everyone else joined in worship from home. Without the excellent internet connection to the Church achieved in 2020 with the kind permission and assistance of the Hospital Trustees and Staff and through the ingenuity of Dudley Rees, even this compromise arrangement would have been impossible.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Day, when we could again gather at the Parish Hall, we began the services outside so that we could sing together. We also held the Children's Good Friday service outside. Revd. Graham Trasler gave us excellent Good Friday addresses, overcoming the challenges of a distinctly low temperature in the Hall and simultaneously communicating with members listening on Zoom.

As we returned to St Cross we gradually restored our familiar pattern of worship: the different Sunday services enabling those who were nervous of joining a large group to return to attendance. By the summer we were again holding weekly 8.00am and 9.30am Eucharists, Choral Matins at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and a Said Eucharist at 11.00am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Whereas mid-December in 2020 brought a joyful return to St Cross, in 2021 it brought us the Omicron variant. Many people understandably limited attendance during the peak of this third wave of infections. Nonetheless we held moving Christmas services, including a Carol Service and two Crib Service divided exceptionally into two smaller congregations.

Thanks are due to all who offered Sunday ministries, often showing great flexibility: including those who led worship and prayers, read from scripture, and the essential role of After Service Cleaning.

Rev Dr Philip Krinks - Rector

Music Report

Music in the whole of 2021 was impacted by Covid to-ings and fro-ings. A 'socially distanced' choir of ten voices sang at 9.30 on Sunday 3 January. A week later ZOOM services resumed accompanied by pre-recorded hymns from choir volunteers accompanied remotely by assistant organist Chris Jones. We combined on-line worship with live attendances in the Parish Hall from Palm Sunday (28 March), including Good Friday and Easter Day services. Pre-recorded hymns sounded even richer when we finally returned to church on 18 April - followed at 11.00 that day by an APCM on ZOOM(!) - but no live singing was allowed until 1st August with congregational hymns behind masks.

It was joyous to welcome back members of the choir to Matins on 12 September and fifteen adult voices assembled in church for the first full choir practice of 2021. By the end of the year the Chapel Choir numbered 23, to be joined in the New Year by a new Junior Choral Scholar from Peter Symonds 'Specialist Music Course. The patience, diligence and loyalty of these volunteer voices has been exemplary and in his 35th year in charge of parish and Hospital music Derek wishes to record his gratitude for the massive support of both the choir and Chris Jones, his assistant. We look forward to building further on this enthusiastic base.

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster

Altar Servers

Once worship in the church restarted in April, the serving team returned to their duties. It was a great joy to welcome them back. First they had to adapt to a different pattern of worship, reflecting Covid precautions; then as restrictions were eased to several intermediate patterns. It was very good to welcome new servers to the team during the summer and autumn. We are very grateful to all who continue to give their time and dedication to these roles and to the parents of children who participate.

We are always interested in talking to adults and children (usually aged 7+) who are interested in trying serving.

Alison Carver - Head Server; Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks - Rector

After Church Coffee Team

We started serving coffee after the 9.30 service in July, and it has gone from strength to strength. In the first few weeks, we used only disposable cups and served individually wrapped biscuits; this was in line with the Covid restrictions that were in place at that point in time. However, later on we were able to return to using normal china cups.

At the beginning of the year, we had a healthy balance of £101.24 brought over from the previous year. In addition, at the end of 2021, we had received donations of £244.08. Thank you all for your generosity. This is a much enjoyed activity after church every Sunday, and it cannot happen without the help of our core team of volunteers. I wish to thank each and every one of them, and if you wish to help us (even if it's only on the odd Sunday) please do give me a call.

Evelyn Pringle

Chapel Flower Guild

It really has been a very strange year with the Lockdown and all weddings and events cancelled in the chapel, so we have little to report except that the spiders had a field day spinning the most glorious webs in the Flower Room. In fact one was loath to destroy it all but it was certainly so profuse that entry for us, was difficult! So, sadly for the spiders, Ian, our new groundsman kindly came and cleared it all for us and some of the members scrubbed and dusted and restored the room. Even some of the holes in the ceiling have been repaired, but still a bit more building repairs are due.

We are gearing up and look forward to the current set of booked weddings though with some modifications to quantities of arrangements possible. We do seriously need more people to join us, whether just enthusiastic volunteers or experienced, we will be delighted to welcome you. Speak to one of us. Dodie Mowat, Church Warden & Team Member is nearly always at the services.

Thank you to the kind people who do wish us well and verbally mention their approval. It is heartening to be told, as it really is hard work despite the pleasure, if you are short-handed. Also thank you for the contributions in the basket during festivals. So, here's hoping for a florally fulfilling year.

Trish Spiers - Team Leader

Silent Prayer Group

From January to August, I continued to email the Bible sayings to those in our group, and we spent some time at home individually in

quiet contemplation. In September, we were able to meet in person again in the Lady Chapel; it was a day of great joy. We continue to meet once a month on the 4th Thursday.

Evelyn Pringle

PASTORAL CARE

Occasional Offices

The 2021 wedding season began in late May for the first of our sixteen couples – many of whom had two previously postponed dates – so it was a particular delight to see them finally celebrate their special day. Despite restrictions on numbers and mask wearing in the first half of the year, all of the marriage services (and a number of marquee receptions) went ahead as planned and were each a joyous occasion for the couples and their family and friends.

For baptisms, due to the logistical restrictions, families seeking a baptism were kept on hold until late September when a new twice-monthly baptism service began for up to three families each time. The team were delighted to welcome sixteen children into the church family of St Cross at these services before the year was out.

Wendy Harrison - Parish Administrator

Pastoral Assistants

Pastoral care in the parish has continued with the help of the Link people who stepped forward during the lockdowns. Some parishioners have yet to venture out or back to church, so this has been a valuable ministry which, along with the mid-month newsletter, helps to keep people at home in touch with the Parish and its activities.

A successful Parish Visitors course was run in the Autumn with the other City Centre churches, although only one person from this parish was able to participate; so, our core team remains very small and open to new recruits.

The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative continues during the winter months; at present it is held in the Hundred Men's Hall 3 times a week to provide a cuppa, some company or a listening ear for parishioners, brothers and occasional visitors.

Pastoral Assistants' Wednesday private prayer continues. Please do let us know of any people or situations to be added to our list.

2021 has been another year of change and challenge so again, a huge 'thank you' to all who have helped.

Rev Hilary Healey

LEARNING

Sermon Series

During 2021 we had three series. In Lent we took the theme 'Walking Towards Glory' as a way to reflect on the Lectionary readings for the season. As well as our local clergy, we enjoyed hearing from Dr. Tim Peppiatt, who was with us on placement. In August we departed from the Lectionary, which called for several weeks of readings from John 6, to consider more broadly the 'I Am..' sayings of Jesus. Then in Advent we considered Wesley's great hymn 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus' to consider the Advent themes of the coming kingdom and our call to play a part in it.

Sunday sermons were followed up by discussions on Zoom on Monday evenings. Although less conducive to building fellowship among us, this format did prove to have some advantages, especially in the winter months.

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks

House Group report

The House Group, also known as the Study Group, met throughout the year via zoom. We joined the Parish for their three sermon series study groups in Lent, August, and Advent.

Following a talk by Graham Trasler we used W H Vanstone's book 'The Stature of Waiting' as the basis for a number of meetings. During the latter part of the year we studied John's letters with the help of Tom Wright's 'The Letters of John' in his bible study guides for everyone series.

We continue to meet via zoom and would welcome anyone who would like to join and see how we explore various themes in a relaxed, easy-paced way.

Roger Healey, Cheryl Irons

COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

Social Events and Fundraising

It was a busy year in spite of all the restrictions. We managed to have a variety of activities all managed in a safe way being aware of all the restrictions and followed all government advice. We began with a plant sale in the Parish hall carpark it was such a success that we had sold out by midday. We followed this up with 2 more sales and included books and toiletries and our youth group had a stall. We raised over a £1000.

In the summer we enjoyed a picnic and games in the Bowling Green after the 9.30 service. The sun shone and we all had fun. John and Evelyn also hosted a Singapore Buffet in their garden.

As Autumn was on the way some brave souls did a sponsored walk and we took part in the Ride and Stride. All this fresh air and we were keeping safe. Harvest came and we felt we could have our supper with limited numbers using both halls and with dancing outside by floodlight, what fun. In November we held an Auction of Promises it was a tremendous success and thanks to all those who promised things and bid we raised over £5000. We finished our year with a Wassail in the Parish hall windows and door open and sang and had nibbles and drinks what a joy it was to be together singing.

Thank you to all those who have helped in any way and perhaps as you read this you can think of a way you can help in the future. Gill is looking for people to help at the 2022 Fete. It is a great way to get to know people and feel part of our community. Well, we have shown that - despite Covid - we have been sociable and raised money for our Parish.
Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck

Tots and Sunday Club

Sunday Club and Tots met in person for the first Sunday in January 2021 although the restrictions that followed saw us return to online worship and activities until the 28th March when we returned to the Parish Hall. During the lockdown, we distributed activity bags and worksheets and invited families to join online. We received feedback from families to say the activities had been very much enjoyed.

The Parish Hall and car park provided a large space for different activities and at the end of the service, the children were able to show the congregation their 'work' in the front hall. Later in the year, when worship in the church resumed, we were grateful to the Master and Ruth for allowing us into their home on rainy days and their beautiful garden (particularly good for treasure hunts) on sunny ones!

Thank you to all the whole team of leaders who imaginatively created activities for the different types of services and adapted to the changing restrictions and precautions.

Magdalen Rees

St Cross Youth

The **Friday evening youth groups**, like everyone else, started the year on Zoom but we won the Pancake day quiz! Mel and Alison came up with inventive ways of chatting and playing games on Zoom but everyone was glad when after Easter we could meet up in the Parish Hall

car park for outdoor games and crafts. Thankfully, most Friday evenings were dry! We finished the school year with games and pizzas.

During August, Mel ran a very successful 'Wacky Science' holiday club. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen. It included launching our home-made rockets in the meadows! From September, there has been a slow building up of numbers and activities, including restarting table tennis, thanks to John Pringle's enthusiasm. We made items for our stall at the Michaelmas Fair; held an Open evening with refreshments to which we welcomed friends from the church and community; and joined in the Harvest Supper when we had dancing in the car park by flood light.

The **Tuesday after school Drop - In club** has a small but keen following and we enjoy games and crafts, toast and drinks and are able to chat about different topics. Some young people try the drop-in first and then have the confidence to come to youth group on a Friday.

Rev Sally Heather – Chair, Children, Youth and Families

8+ group

Candlemas was the day we chose to celebrate with a Christingle service on Zoom. This involved a lot of preparation and delivery of activity bags but was greatly appreciated.

Palm Sunday was the great day to begin 'in person' worship at the Parish Hall and the children's groups re-started in the back hall, with a representative coming through to share with the adults what we had done in the session. It felt good to be back together, even if it was a bit strange! Good Friday saw us acting out the Easter story in the car park and decorating the large wooden cross ready for Sunday and after Easter we were able to worship in the church.

The picnic on the bowling green was a great way to start the new school year and by the beginning of Advent we prepared and presented young people to receive their first Communion.

We are thankful for Mel's ministry on a Sunday morning but really need more volunteers to help lead this group. There are ideas and resources available to help and it is very rewarding to watch our young people grow.

Rev Sally Heather

Open the Book

September 2021 saw us resuming our weekly assemblies on Wednesday afternoons at St Faith's Primary after almost a 2-year break. We have a smaller and almost completely new group of people helping to present the stories. Many of the KS1 children had not experienced a

whole school assembly so it has been an interesting challenge to all of us.

As we were starting afresh it seemed appropriate to begin with the Creation and work through significant Old Testament characters like Joseph and Moses. After the nativity at Christmas, in which we managed to enlist the help of two previous church wardens as star gazers, we have concentrated on the life of Jesus as a child left behind in the temple, his baptism and his teaching through parables and healing.

As usual we always try to use child participation wherever possible. With the limitations of space in the school hall, walking long distances by only moving on the third step; conjuring up chariots stuck in mud and even letting a lame man down through the roof is no problem. We run through the story in the Parish Office which allows us an opportunity to focus on the teaching of the story, what props we will need and ask for God's direction in the presentation. Our props include costumes for adults and children, a fire, boat, tree, chariots, fishing nets, masks for sheep, pigs, camels and donkeys as well as cups, dishes etc. for feasts! To ensure a fair distribution of the participation of the children, we draw up a list of the numbers we require each week and the school choose the children accordingly. In some of the productions the children have actually taken on speaking roles and have carried them out with almost no rehearsal.

It is a rewarding experience. If anyone else would like to join in, even as an extra to be called on as required (some stories require more people than others) then please do contact me.

Cheryl Irons

St Faith's Church of England School

Following a challenging 2020 school year, where many of the class teachings were conducted remotely, we were delighted to welcome children back into classrooms for much of 2021. Careful plans were put in place to ensure that the indoor spaces were well ventilated. We were sad to have not opened up fully, but the policies we put in place meant that we stayed fully functioning for much of the year.

Our year 6 children maintained their usual high standard in spite of the interruptions to their usual classroom working. We wish them all the very best adapting to life at secondary school.

We said a fond farewell to Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Maundrell and Ms. Phillips for whom this was to be their last year of working in schools. The wealth of talent from our teachers is reflected in the happy and vibrant atmosphere of the school, combined with years of outstanding academic results. We are truly grateful for their commitment to the school.

Welcoming new staff into the school, we appointed Year 5 teacher and Junior Leader Mrs. Guy, who has also been appointed to our governing board. Miss Renno moved from maternity cover to full time staff. Mrs. Penton joined the front of house as admin assistant.

We have been busy maintaining the school; a new infants teaching space and library creates a more welcoming environment for the children and Head Teacher Mr. Richard Fountain has moved his office to allow for a bigger staff working room. Anyone walking past the front of the school will have seen our much-improved wall and fencing, giving an improved look to the school as well as improving safety and security.

We continue to be grateful for the support given by the parishioners and we're saddened that the continued restrictions meant we couldn't welcome people into the school as much as we would have hoped for. We hope that 2022 brings us much closer together.

Dudley Rees - Chair of Governors

Friends for Tea

Friends for Tea meetings were able to resume in September. We still meet at the Chaplain's Lodge on the first Wednesday of the month and we are most grateful to Terry and Ruth for allowing this to happen. We were also privileged to join the Brothers for a musical entertainment given by the Winchester College boys in the Hundred Men's Hall. They joined us for tea and cake afterwards and it was very much enjoyed by all who attended. As always we try to arrange lifts for those who need help. Numbers have varied over time because of Covid, and at last, family feel free to visit their elderly relatives.

Recently Elizabeth Loader stepped down from organizing Friends for Tea after many years of service. She will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best. If you would like to know more, there is a new contact number: 01962 865586.

Sue Fairbrother

Lazy Cooks

Because of Covid restrictions, we could only start meeting in August when we had our annual fund-raising Singapore Buffet. It was a lovely summers day and everyone enjoyed the fresh air and each other's company. We were lucky to raise £400 for Parish funds. The following months we had lunches at Brasserie Blanc, Palm Pan Asia and Tom's Deli.

Then Omicron came and we had to call a halt to our meetings, but we still ended the year on a high because we managed to see each other and eat together.

Evelyn Pringle

Churchyard

Care and maintenance activities have continued. A dedicated team of volunteers has spent many Saturday mornings mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning and sweeping. Sadly our friends from the Probation Service have not been able to resume their help but if you visit the churchyard, which we encourage you to do, we hope you will agree it is looking well cared for.

During the year the Hospital arranged for dead and dangerous trees to be removed from the boundaries of the churchyard. The Hospital also arranged for a pest control company to deal with a rat infestation in one corner which seems to have been successful.

A member of the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust staff visited the churchyard and gave valuable advice on encouraging wildflowers to flourish. As a result an area of the churchyard is being prepared for sowing with flower seed in 2022.

We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers who would enjoy some gentle Saturday morning exercise. Please contact me or any of the team (John Lunt, Robert Wheatley, Hilary Healey, Chris Maguire, Chris Pyke) to find out more.

John Pringle

COMMON GOOD

Common Good Project

Because of Covid restrictions, links with Winchester Prison have been very limited during 2021. There has been no opening-up of the facility to provide teas for families visiting prisoners, and so those in the parish who have volunteered to help have not been able to do so – although the rotas may be starting again around Easter 2022. At the end of 2020 and start of 2021, Anna-Maria Holt finalised preparations for helping those prisoners due for release with small rucksacks of clothing items (Bags of Faith), complete with a luggage tag + logo (see above). Sadly, this did not get off the ground, although we were able to



help one prison inmate who was in need of some special footwear.

Christina Mathews is a trainee Prison Visitor and has been shadowing a qualified Prison Visitor. As Covid restrictions are lifted, it is to be hoped that access to the prison will become easier, and that in the coming months, we will be able to activate some of the plans which have been in abeyance over the past year.

John Lunt

St Faith's Parish Hall

On 31 December 2021 Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy, Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Magdalen Rees and I were the seven members of the hall committee. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently. The year has seen regular users steadily returning to SFPH, and latterly a marked increase in one-off bookings, which is cheering. Mary Ayres of the Nancy Harper Nursery has valiantly continued her daily cleaning regime in line with the SFPH Coronavirus Risk Assessment; all who use the building owe her a great debt of thanks for this.

One significant improvement was made to the building's fabric in the year. A hot-water feed was taken from the new cylinder in the gents' loo through the corridor and into the kitchen ceiling for the kitchen sink, thereby making redundant the failing kitchen boiler, which has been removed, saving gas, space and the need for annual servicing. The external flint wall and the interior plaster and paintwork have been repaired and made good.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will increasingly wish to return to SFPH and its excellent facilities this year. To book, please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC's website, on 07850 231497 or at stfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk.

Peter Sawbridge - Chairman, St Faith's Parish Hall Committee

St Cross Fête

For the second year running we were not able to hold the fete due to the pandemic. However we were able to run lots of fundraising events which were also great fun. The good news is that we are planning to hold the fete this year, on Saturday 25th June, 1.30—5pm. Please put the date in your diary and have a word with me or Murray if you would like to be involved and have not done so before.

Gill Beck - Secretary, St Cross Fete Committee

Good Causes supported during 2021

Good Cause	Amount *	Remarks
Diocese of Muhabura	£560	From General Funds
Potters Village in Uganda (through Church Missionary Society)	£1,000	
Winchester Churches Christmas Project	£1,000	
The Children's Society	£1,035	From Retiring Collections
Farm Africa	£410	
Winchester Basics Bank	£385	
Winchester GoLD - supporting adults with learning disabilities	£407	
Royal British Legion	£503	
Total	£5,300	

Murray Dixon

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Stewardship Working Group

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously. During 2021 it met seven times and has focused on these activities, mainly to raise funds to replace lost Fete and Wedding income:

- Conducted a Planned Giving Appeal
- With a letter and a leaflet reminded worshippers and other members of the community of the importance of Legacies to our long-term financial stability.
- Researched alternative hands-free options to encourage non-cash collections and donations. This resulted in a second Goodbox terminal being purchased, to be used at major festivals and other large church services.
- Arranged a fund-raising concert by the Winchester College Quiristers. Another concert with the full Winchester College

Chapel Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra is fixed for 2nd December 2022.

The group has been encouraged by the response to our work but recognizes the need for further efforts to maintain financial support for all Parish activities.

John Pringle - Chair

Communications (Magazine, website)

The monthly Parish Magazine has continued to be produced this year. Most people now receive their copy electronically, via the weekly Parish email. Around 60 copies are still printed and distributed in the traditional way, mainly to those without computer access but also to some people who just prefer a hard copy. Many thanks to Diana Snagge who organises the distribution and to her delivery team.

Sarsen Press have continued to offer an excellent printing service throughout all the Covid restrictions of the past year. Regular advertisements in the Magazine contribute towards its printing costs.

Thanks are due to all those who provide material for the Magazine, whether regularly or occasionally. It would not exist without you!

In addition a one sheet mid-month Newsletter is distributed to those who receive a printed Magazine and to the Nursing Homes within the parish. We hope it helps them to keep in touch with Parish activities.

The Parish website at www.parishofstfaith.org carries general information about the church at St Cross (including how to make contact regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals), the parish and its activities, and the Parish Hall. The website is also updated each month with details of forthcoming church services and particular events eg the Auction of Promises.

Thanks to Dudley Rees, the hosting of the website was moved during 2021 onto a faster and more secure hosting platform. 2021 saw a slight fall in the number of 'visits' to the website compared with 2020, from just over 8,000 to just over 6,000. This undoubtedly reflects the fact that many people already receive up to date information about parish activities via the weekly emails. In addition, social gatherings were not possible for several months in 2021 and so there was a drop in the usual number of people looking for example to arrange a wedding or to hire the Parish Hall. Information about church activities and services is also shared via the Parish Twitter account.

Clare Dixon and Magdalen Rees

List of Sidespeople during 2021

Victoria Arthur, Lynne Chapman, Murray Dixon, Brian Eames, Jen Eames, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, James Harris, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Wendy Marsden, Christina Matthews, Julia Maxlow Tomlinson, Harry Mowat, Jeremy Ouvry, Evelyn Pringle, John Pringle, Lou Scott-Joynt, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath, Carol Wade and Chloe Wheywell.

Parochial Church Council Members

(from 18 April 2021 - 24 April 2022)

Ex officio:

Rev. Dr Philip Krinks	Chair
Rev. Hilary Healey	
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Member
Gill Beck	Churchwarden

Elected:

Murray Dixon	2022	
Victoria Arthur	2022	
Lynn Chapman	2022	
Craig Clark	2022	retired on 19.01.2022
Anna-Maria Holt	2023	
Chris Maguire	2023	
Magdalen Rees	2023	
Carol Wade	2023	
Rosco Noott	2024	
Michele Brannigan	2024	
Diana Snagge	2024	
Brian Eames	2024	
Matt McDonnell	2024	
John Pringle	2024	

Co-opted:

Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 05.05.2021)

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
opened at 11.03 am on Sunday 18 April 2021 via Zoom**

Item	Subject
1	Welcome and apologies
	<p>The Rev. Dr Philip Krinks, taking the chair, said that it was the first time the Parish had met for the two annual meetings with these only accessible via Zoom. This exceptional arrangement was due to the inability to meet in person owing to Coronavirus restrictions. He also mentioned that it was only 6 months since the previous, delayed, Annual Meeting, rather than the usual 12 months.</p> <p>There were over 30 participants on Zoom, some in pairs.</p> <p>Rev. Dr Krinks declared the meeting open at 11.04 am explaining the Meeting of Parishioners was the first of two meetings to be held with the purpose of electing the Churchwardens. He said that for this meeting the electorate included both to those on the St Faith's Electoral Roll and residents in the Parish of St Faith.</p> <p>Apologies: Michele Brannigan</p>
2	Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 25 October 2020
	<p>The Minutes of the 2020 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report and no questions were raised. The minutes were proposed by Cheryl Irons, seconded by Clare Dixon and approved unanimously by a show of hands (checked on screen by the Rev Dr Krinks).</p>
3	Election of Churchwardens for 2021
	<p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked John Pringle and Dodie Mowat for their extraordinary service during the challenges of recent months.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p>He thanked Dodie Mowat for agreeing to stand for a further year as Churchwarden. He said that John Pringle had stated at the outset of taking on the role of Churchwarden that he would step down after 3 years and sadly that time had arrived. He proposed a vote of thanks to John for considerable work as Churchwarden, this was seconded by Dodie Mowat.</p> <p>Rev. Dr Krinks thanked Gill Beck for agreeing to stand for election a Churchwarden saying she has a deep knowledge of church life at St Cross and is hugely respected by everyone. He said that as there were no other candidates both Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck were elected to fill the two vacancies. He congratulated them both and there was 'Zoom applause'.</p>

The Rev. Dr. Krinks closed the meeting at 11.08 am

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2020
held at 11 am on Sunday 18 April 2021 via Zoom**

The meeting commenced at 11.08 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Apologies had been received from Michele Brannigan. The Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks chaired the meeting. Rev. Dr. Krinks advised that the electorate consisted of all those on the Parish's Electoral Roll.

Item	Subject
1	<p>Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25 October 2020</p> <p>The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Trish Spiers, seconded by David King and approved unanimously.</p>
2	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None.</p>
3	<p>Mandatory Reports (for discussion & recommendations to PCC)</p> <p>A. Annual Report Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, for her superb work maintaining the electoral roll. He confirmed that at the end of 2020 there were 201 names on the roll of which 71 were resident in the parish. Valerie Carver gave an update of current figures: 71 residents are on the roll and 120 non-residents, i.e. a total of 191 names.</p> <p>B. PCC Activities Rev. Dr. Krinks referred to information given in the Annual Report. In addition to this he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spoke of the 2020 Covid pandemic and the challenges deprivations and new perspectives it had brought;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • said that great effort had gone into the Annual Report and thanked everyone who had contributed to it saying that, in future, if there is one year when future historians will research, it will be 2020; • spoke of the flexibility, patience, good collaboration with the Master, the Hospital staff and Trustees who faced unprecedented challenges; • thanked everyone for all that had been done during the Pandemic; • thanked Valerie Carver as leader of Sunday Club for many years saying that she had given so much to generations of children and young people; • spoke of safeguarding saying the Parish followed the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks asked for any comments about the PCC activities; there were none.</p> <p>C. Deanery Synod</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks reminded everyone that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat are the lay representatives on the Deanery Synod. He reminded the meeting that the area covered by the Deanery is not only the city of Winchester but reaches to near Andover, Otterbourne and Owslebury.</p>
4	Financial Statements for 2020
	<p>Rev. Dr. Krinks asked Murray Dixon, the PCC Treasurer, to report on the Financial Report and Statements for 2020, hard copies having been available at services and electronically.</p> <p>Murray Dixon referred to the various parts of the Report including the supporting notes at the end. He highlighted that 2020 had presented new and unprecedented challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic which had dramatically affected the Parish finances.</p>

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	<p><u>Income:</u> Murray Dixon said income receipts for 2020 were £108,705, i.e. a £14,334 reduction when compared to the 2019 receipt of £123,039. He referred to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fall in value of investments of £4,259 • surplus of £724 from Parish Hall • fall of £10,799 in “routine” activity. <p>He explained routine income decreased from £137,722 (2019) to £103,218 (2020) (<i>note 2e</i>) due to inability to hold in person activities and gave the following examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collections and donations income fell by circa £16,000 (£23,969 to £8,234) • wedding and funeral fees fell by circa £7,000 (£7,576 to £741) • fundraising and fête income fell by circa £14,000 (£14,645 to £688) and that the major fundraising event for the Parish in 2020 was Ride & Stride. <p>He said the decrease would have been much larger but for the donations given to the Parish Resilience Fund Appeal and thanked everyone who had contributed.</p> <p><u>Expenditure:</u> Following the initial lockdown restrictions in April 2020 Murray Dixon said that the PCC reviewed finances and took action to minimise expenditure. The main reductions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribution to the Diocese with a Parish Share payment of £71,000 (reduced from the pre-Covid agreed figure of £86,000) • contributions to the Hospital for (i) upkeep of church fabric from £17,750 (agreed pre Covid) to £14,750 and (ii) utilities which were reduced by around £7,000 • reduced payments to Parish post holders <p>The total 2020 expenditure amounted to £114,017 (the 2019 figure having been £156,190).</p> <p>Murray Dixon questioned whether continuing with reductions in 2021 would be sustainable referring to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact on both the Diocese and the Hospital following reductions; and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Reserve held which he confirmed to be in accordance with both Parish and Church of England policy at 45% of budgeted expenditure. <p>Murray Dixon confirmed that the PCC is addressing the inevitable financial pressures and necessity to balance reserves held against the impact of reduced payments again in 2021, and will continue to. (He said that the PCC is very grateful to everyone one who responded to the Planned Giving Appeal at the start of 2021.)</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks and John Pringle thanked Murray for his work in compiling the 2020 Accounts and his clear presentation.</p>
5	<p>Elections</p> <p>1. Deanery Synod Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat have served one year of their 3-year term and no action is necessary.</p> <p>2. PCC Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked all members of the PCC for their service during the last year and especially Cheryl Irons who is not standing for re-election following many years on the PCC, he referred to her as an especially calm, experienced and level-headed member.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks named and thanked the candidates who were standing for the PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosco Noott, standing for a further term • Michele Brannigan, standing for a further term • Diana Snagge, standing for the first time • Brian Eames, standing for the first time • Matt McDonnell, standing for the first time, and • John Pringle who is standing following his retirement as churchwarden <p>He declared that they were elected, filling the vacancies.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks also thanked Victoria Arthur for her continued work as PCC Secretary.</p>

Item	Subject
6	Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021
	The appointment of Yvonne Goddard as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2021 was proposed by Dodie Mowat and seconded by Murray Dixon.
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that having good governance and a breadth of people willing to take on leadership roles with support is an important part of our life together in Christ in the Parish. He thanked everyone for their partnership in the Gospel.</p> <p>The following thanks were given:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dodie Mowat thanked the Ministry Team for their hard work. 2. Trish Spiers thanked the Clergy and Churchwardens for keeping parishioners well informed. 3. Jonathan Sleath thanked Dudley Rees for the IT support and the virtual choir for their respective contribution behind the scenes. <p>John Spiers said that, following the death of the Winchester Representative for Ride & Stride, no information had been received this year about the event and that this may need to be discussed in Synod.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.33 am.

Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending and said the Grace.

GIVING CAN PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE



Have you enjoyed reading about the many different areas of ministry that the Parish undertakes? We are blessed with the help of so many of you as willing volunteers, but we do have considerable expenses that we need to pay on a regular basis.

Many of you already help us with regular Planned Giving through the Parish Giving Scheme or with Standing Orders. We are most grateful for your generosity.

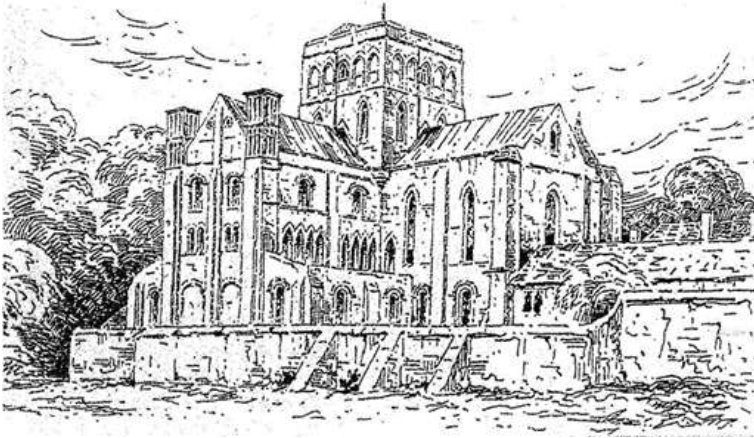
If you have not made a commitment to regular giving, could you please consider helping us in this way? You can make a real difference in areas such as our choir and music, our work with children, young people and families, and our Common Good work in Winchester prison. You will also help us continue to worship in the beautiful Hospital of St Cross by contributing to the costs of running and maintaining the church building.

Your giving will help secure the future success of our Parish for us and future generations of worshippers at St Cross.

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INTRODUCTION

2020 was an extraordinary year for our Parish. It began with the church full for an emotional farewell to Rev. Reg Sweet, as he retired as Master; and for a warm St Cross welcome to Rev. Terry and Ruth Hemming. Then came the Covid-19 virus, with the suspension of public worship from late March to July, the need to lockdown the Hospital site for much of the year, to cancel our much-loved Summer Fete and to close St Faith's School for the summer term.

Despite the disruption, there were occasions to celebrate later in the year. We commissioned Mel Wroe-Parker as our new Youth Leader in May. At Petertide we saw Ellie Phipps ordained Deacon. In December we returned with joy to the church for Christmas.

It was very heartening to see the flexibility and resourcefulness with which we were - by God's grace - able to meet 2020's challenges. We maintained weekly worship and established a new rhythm of daily morning prayer. We used the Parish Hall for services during the summer and autumn; and YouTube and Zoom to connect worshippers at home. Sunday morning children's work was creatively redesigned to take place in the Back Hall. The ministry of readers, intercessors and sidespeople continued, plus the crucial new role of After-Service Cleaners. Fine

music was recorded virtually, and the choir was mixed, another crucial new role.

Meanwhile an enlarged pastoral team formed a network to ensure people could keep in touch from home and receive help when they needed it. The Tea & Chat, Youth and Study Groups met in new ways, including outdoor and on-line sessions. Our St Faith's Day Pilgrimage and Sermon Series discussions took place in adapted formats. The Parish Hall Committee enabled the Hall to be a Covid-secure venue, not only for worship, but for other community activities. The Parish Magazine and website became still more important ways to keep in touch, supplemented now with email and hard copy updates. Our Parish Resilience Fund saw over £20,000 pledged in financial support.

But we must also lament the pain of the year: the loneliness and depression felt by many in their isolation; the pain of separation from family members; the sad interruption of many ministries, activities and forms of fellowship; the suffering of those who became ill with the Covid-19 virus or who were bereaved.

In last year's report I recalled Romans 12.12: 'Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people; extend hospitality to strangers.' None of us anticipated the patience and perseverance called for in 2020, nor the novel ways in which we would meet needs and show hospitality, from making mask extenders for NHS staff, to an open-air Crib Service on a crisp Christmas Eve afternoon. I thank God for all those who have served him and their neighbours through the activities described in these pages (carefully collated for us by Victoria Arthur); for the support given to our parish by the Trustees, Brothers and Staff of the Hospital; and for those near and far who have supported us with their prayers. May God protect and sustain our community in the months ahead.

Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Priest in Charge

AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Opening prayers.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 25th October 2020.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2021.
4. Close of meeting.

AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25th October 2020.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion, and any recommendations to the PCC):
 - a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
 - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2020, and the activities of the parish.
 - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2020.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2020, including the Independent Examiner's report.
5. The Elections:
 - a. Members of the Deanery Synod.
 - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any Other Business (relating to the PCC or Parish).

Closing Prayers.

Notes:

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

GOVERNANCE

MANDATORY REPORT ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL

On 31st December 2020 there were 201 names on the electoral roll of which 71 were resident and 130 were non resident.

Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer

MANDATORY WINCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

John Pringle and Murray Dixon were re-elected at the 2020 APCM as representatives. Jo Gordon-Watson stood down at the APCM after many years of devoted service to the Deanery and we record our thanks to her. Dodie Mowat was elected as our third representative. There is one vacancy.

The Synod met once in 2020. The meeting on the 18th November was the first in the new triennium. Members of the Deanery Committees, Finance and Mission and Pastoral, were re-elected and one new member joined the Mission and Pastoral Committee. Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks is the Assistant Area Dean and Rev. Hilary Healey the Deanery Secretary. The topic was 'Exploring the Way Forward'.

Recognising that Covid-19 has had a radical impact on the way we lead our lives, this Synod was an opportunity to share advice and gather ideas and tips on three aspects of parish ministry that are having to be approached in new and creative ways. Short presentations were given:

- Pastoral Ministry Ruth Guy, Deanery Lay Chair
- Worship in Church Rev John Rennie, Priest-in-Charge, Upper Dever
- Live-streaming Worship Rev Ed Dines, St Barnabas and St Luke

These were followed by breakout conversations in small groups, talking about what had been helpful, what people could add to what had been described, and what encouragement or inspiration could be taken back to the parish. A summary of these comments is available from the undersigned.

John Pringle – Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Member

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

From March 2020 our efforts have been devoted to helping to ensure worship could continue in some location and form, and in keeping everyone attending worship safe. When we were able it was a joy to welcome people to the Parish Hall, and for a short time in December, to the Church. Throughout the year the Choir has been marvellously flexible

to bring us live or recorded music, and volunteers have always been willing to help with welcoming and cleaning, as well as reading and leading intercessions. Throughout the year we have kept in touch with the Ministry team at a weekly meeting. Our thanks to everyone for their great support during these challenging times.

John Pringle and Dodie Mowat – Churchwardens

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities continues to be a crucial priority for the PCC. Safeguarding is always a standing agenda item for every PCC meeting helping to keep safeguarding to the forefront. With the increase of internet use as a means of communication we have reviewed online safety and our Youth Group team in particular have been making sure that our online procedures have been robust, providing the youth of our parish a means to continue engaging in activities in a safe and secure manner. We continue to conduct Disclosure and Barring Service checks to enable people to take on roles within the church and parish and are extremely grateful to Janet Rowland - White for keeping this often difficult and lengthy process on track. We continue to get advice and support from the Diocesan safeguarding team and the PCC has at all times complied with our duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding.

Michele Brannigan - Parish Safeguarding Officer

Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Priest in Charge

John Pringle and Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens

PCC MATTERS

The PCC members are trustees and thus they must comply with charity law. They must also act in accordance with regulations in the Church Representation Rules.

The January and March PCC meetings took place as usual. Soon after the March meeting the Government introduced national lockdown due to Covid-19 and The Rev'd Dr Philip Krinks called a PCC meeting at short notice under the provisions of Church Representation Rule M25(8); this was held via Zoom on 2 April 2020 to consider urgent Parish matters and particularly financial consequences of lockdown and sustainability.

It was announced at that meeting that the APCM (scheduled for 19 April) was to be postponed following receipt of a Direction from the Bishop of Winchester which extended the deadline for holding APCMs and Annual Meeting of Parishioners until 31 October 2020. Following the issue of a

further Direction from the Bishop permitting meetings to be held online, the APCM and Annual Meeting of Parishioners took place on 25 October 2020 at the Parish Hall (there being no permitted access to St Cross Church at that time) both in person and via a Zoom link.

As the PCC were unable to make the usual appointments at their May meeting, they were made in November following the APCM. The annual Financial Controls Review also took place in November.

In September the PCC were reminded of the proposed end of Suspension of Presentation. The Bishop of Winchester lifted the Suspension as from 13 December 2020 and the signed notice was displayed at St Cross Church.

Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary

MISSION ACTION PLANNING GROUP (MAP)

The group did not meet in 2020 but progress has been made by adapting our objectives to changing circumstances:

Objective 1: Offering Pastoral Care

- Brothers' shopping
- Regular telephone contact with sectors of the congregation
- Mid-monthly newsletter for those not on email.

Objective 2: Uplifting Worship

- Virtual church services via Zoom and You Tube. Reaching out beyond our normal congregation via You Tube.
- Virtual choir participation
- Weekly activities for children and families
- Daily Morning Prayer and Compline during Advent being led by people not normally involved.

Objective 3: Growing in Faith and Knowledge

- Virtual House Group holding regular evening meetings.

Objective 4: Gospel for all Generations

- Youth programme adapted for virtual participations.
- Virtual coffee after Sunday Services

Objective 5: Serving the Common Good

- Clothes and shoes provision to needy prisoners continued.
- Funds provided for literature for prisoners.

Major initiative not envisioned in Mission Action Plan 2018 – 2022

- Successful Resilience Fund appeal that raised over £20,000 to help replace income not generated during lockdown.

John Pringle – Churchwarden and MAP Group Chair

HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS TRUSTEES' REPORT

2020 will go down in the Hospital's history as a unique year, unfortunately not for good reasons. We are unsure when the Hospital has closed its doors in the past but suspect that the occasions have been few. To keep the vulnerable community at St Cross safe from the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Trustees had no option but to close the doors to visitors and, for the majority of the year, ask the parishioners of St Faiths to worship at the Parish Hall or remotely via Zoom. The Trustees are extremely grateful to the Parish, not only for their understanding and patience, but also for the excellent and much appreciated support many gave to help the Brothers and St Cross team through a very difficult time.

The Brothers: Whilst frustrated by the restrictions imposed on them, the Brothers were lucky in many ways. They got to enjoy the special environment of St Cross all by themselves! A decision was taken early on in 2020 that the Brothers should form one household, so they did not have to isolate in their individual flats. We are happy to report that the whole community remained in good humour and many enjoyed getting to know each other better. There were no cases of Covid among Brothers or Staff during 2020.

We welcomed one new Brother, who managed to move to St Cross just before the first lock down took hold. **Brother Graham Davies** moved to St Cross in March; he was already very familiar with the Hospital having been organist in the Chapel in his twenties. Graham contributed a great deal to keeping the Brothers entertained last year with musical recitals and has thrown himself 'in the deep end' by becoming the Brothers' Representative on the PCC and he has also joined the Brothers' Social Committee.

Very sadly, **Brother Julian Sturdy** died on Boxing Day at Westacre Nursing Home. He was admitted to RHCH for about a week before Christmas and moved to the nursing home on Christmas Eve for end-of-life care. His illness was not COVID related. Brother Julian was 82 and moved to St Cross to become a Red Brother in 2010.

The Master: A wide range of farewell events took place in the first weeks of 2020 to mark Reverend Reg Sweet's retirement after twenty years of service to the Hospital as Chaplain and Master. On 8 March our new Master, Reverend Terry Hemming, was licensed at a service in the Chapel. There followed a difficult time for Terry and his wife Ruth as they tried to begin their new life in the community, initially at distance from their home in Andover whilst the Chaplain's Lodge was refurbished. Finally, in July, they moved into their new home. However, it has been anything but straightforward for Terry to settle into his role as Master with the ups and downs of the lock downs. The Trustees are very grateful to both Terry and Ruth for their patience and resilience through this time. Terry has made an immediate impact and has provided

tremendous support to the Brothers, former Brothers and the St Cross team during the pandemic.

Trustees: Alongside the change in Master, the St Cross Board faced a further change when it received the sad news that the Chairman of Trustees, Dr David Firebrace had to retire due to suffering a stroke at the end of 2019. The Trustees were grateful for David's long service as a Trustee and latterly as Chairman. Having handed over the Chairmanship to David, William Corbett kindly moved back into the role and the Board very much appreciated his strong leadership and guidance during the year as the issues of keeping St Cross and its community safe threw up many challenges. I have much appreciated his support, both prior to handing over to me in October and subsequently.

Two new Trustees joined the Board in April, both possessing experience and skills in finance in order to take on Finance Committee roles on Sue Woodward's retirement. Mike Killingley has become Chairman of the Finance Committee and Felicity Pennycook took over as Treasurer. Like Terry, their induction and experience of St Cross has been severely hampered by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and we look forward to a time when they can attend meetings and get to know the Brothers and staff in person! Sue Woodward officially retired in December after 15 dedicated years of service. She has continued to help Mike and Felicity settle in and we look forward to being able to thank both Sue and also David for their contributions at a celebratory event when it's permitted. We had one further vacancy and were pleased to welcome Dr Tim Foster to the Board in December. Tim will bring much needed medical expertise.

Staff: I would like to put on record my warm appreciation of the resilience and hard work of the whole St Cross team during what was a year of unexpected and often frustrating challenges

Hundred Men's Hall: The HMH did not open in 2020, but the Trustees were grateful to Janet and the volunteers who helped to shop for the Brothers and also provided car lifts and assistance with prescription collections. In recognition of this help, a £1,000 donation has been made to the Parish by the Hospital. The Friends of St Cross are generously sponsoring the refurbishment of the HMH. The work got underway in December 2020.

Building Projects: Apart from the refurbishment of the Chaplain's Lodge, other major building projects had to be put on hold in 2020 due to financial pressure on the Hospital's income streams and safety concerns. A planning application for the refurbishment of the Brothers' flats was submitted in January 2020. This process has suffered delays, but a formal response from the Council is expected soon.

Jonathan Cooke - Chairman of Board of Trustees

WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME

SUNDAY SERVICES

Services during the early months of 2020 saw our usual pattern of worship continuing in St Cross Church: weekly 8.00am and 9.30am Eucharists, Choral Matins at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and a Said Eucharist at 11.00am on the 1st Sunday.

Once public worship was suspended, we moved first to the Parish Office on Sunday March 29th, and then to the homes of Clergy. From Palm Sunday to Sunday July 19th Holy Communion was celebrated weekly by one of the Clergy at home with everyone else participating on YouTube. This was only possible thanks to the amazing technical skills of Dudley and Magdalen Rees, to whom the Parish owes an enormous debt of gratitude.

From Sunday July 26th, with public worship once again allowed but St Cross closed in order to protect the Brothers, we used the Parish Hall for services. Part of the congregation attended in-person with the Zoom platform enabling an interactive experience for worshippers at home. The November lockdown meant only the Clergy could be present at the Hall for four Sundays, with the congregation returning on Sunday December 6th. Finally with great joy we returned to St Cross Church on December 13th, with again part of the congregation attending in-person and part connected at home through an excellent internet connection to the Church achieved with the kind permission and assistance of the Hospital Trustees and Staff and through the ingenuity of Dudley Rees.

Thanks are due to all who offered Sunday ministries, including leading worship and prayers, reading – and in the all-important new role of After Service Cleaners.

Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Priest in Charge

MUSIC REPORT

2020 began with choral services to mark the retirement of Rev Reg Sweet and the Installation of Rev Terry Hemming as Masters. For these we were able to field an adult choir of 28 voices plus the new group of junior choristers. Covid has changed that. We did not return to the Chapel until Christmas and access to the organ was restricted to weekly checks on the instrument's condition.

Congregational singing is currently forbidden on health grounds and the few Christmas services (including a slimmed down Carol Service) had

just 10 volunteer singers who had rehearsed socially distanced in the Parish Hall - with windows wide open.

On-line services have been complemented by pre-recorded hymns and organ music. Chris Jones, assistant organist, has recorded voluntaries and accompaniments on his electronic house organ and the volunteer singers have managed to record themselves individually at home. Their efforts were then mixed into a final recording by choral scholar Edward Sleath until his university term began in September when chairman Terence Halfpenny took on the role.

The adult choir meets socially via weekly ZOOM sessions but will only reconvene 'live 'in full when members and the wider community feel it would be safe medically and regulations permit. Re-forming a junior choir must also wait for local and national conditions to be appropriate.

Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster

ALTAR SERVERS

The first months of 2020 saw continued ministry by our servers, until the suspension of public worship in March. In the summer and autumn the lack of space and simplified liturgy at the Parish Hall prevented their ministry restarting. It was a great joy to welcome our servers back for Advent and Christmas. We are very grateful to all who continue to give their time and dedication to these roles. We are always interested in talking to adults and children (usually aged 7+) who are interested in trying serving.

Alison Carver - Head Server; Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks

AFTER CHURCH COFFEE TEAM

This has been a very different year for after Church refreshments with the last session proceeding with caution on the 15th March. Since then it has reinvented itself as tea and chat online, via Zoom.

The year had started as normal and on January 12th, at the reception to mark Master Reg's retirement, some of the team helped to set up and man the drinks, while others attended to the eats. Paul Maxlow-Tomlinson was, as usual, our chief sommelier and I know that he will be sadly missed, both for his expertise and for the pleasure it gave those who worked with him.

On the 8th March a reception was held for the new Master and once again some of the team provided support, distributing refreshments.

Outgoings of £20.41 were recorded during the first two months of the year and donations to Church funds amounted to £200. At the end of the year, the bank account displayed a balance of £61.70, plus £11.32 in cash.

Once again, a big thank you to all those who volunteer and the hope that when normal life returns, this reliable band will be able to resume this service. I would also like to add that we are always on the hunt for additional volunteers whom we can call on if the need arises.

Celia Harris

CHAPEL FLOWER GUILD

The members of the chapel Flower Guild were getting braced up for a very busy year as the number of weddings booked soared and then, quite out of the blue we were shaken by the virulent COVID 19 Virus, which meant that so much had to be cancelled and so many disappointed, hurt, sick or simply lost their lives; such a ghastly year. The thought that much could be postponed, soon became apparent as not this year. Then that hope faded further and further into the distance.

The danger to the vulnerable Brothers made it even more necessary to close the chapel and in fact the entire Hospital to the public, which included the Parish, so no services except for the Brothers, so no flowers. Must say the Guild's first reaction was relief, giving us a much-needed rest. Then as it dragged on, we became despondent. We had caught up with all the chores, tidied our homes and gardens, but soon realised it was no compensation for hoicking heavy buckets around to do the flowers! We haven't been able to access our Flower Room, so dear Les kindly cleared all the fresh plant material we have in stock and hopefully left it entirely safe for the mice to enjoy.

What has been even more important is we couldn't access our Cutting Garden. The office said that Matthew, the Hospital Gardener, who has little spare time, would look after our garden for us. Matthew is meticulous and an excellent gardener, but a Cutting Garden has to be pruned to ensure the shrubs are kept in check but not lose the flowing long stems necessary for Floral Arranging. All of the plants have been bought with donations to celebrate or commemorate events in Donors' lives, so every one is precious.

So, despite that despondent note, we do still ask for more people to join our friendly group. You don't have to be a flower arranger, just love

flowers and we will happily guide you with as much or as little help as you wish to contribute to enhance our beautiful chapel. We do go out for lunches and certainly enjoy coffee breaks together, so it isn't all work! Friendship through flowers is our motto, and remains a cheering philosophy.

Trish Spiers

SILENT PRAYER GROUP

We met in January and February before the March lockdown. Since then, I have sent via email all the Bible sayings to those in our group and we encourage each other to spend some time in quiet contemplation in our own homes. We pray that we will soon be able to meet again in the Lady Chapel.

Evelyn Pringle

PASTORAL CARE

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

The 2020 wedding season began joyously in early March with the annual Wedding Preparation Morning hosted by Reverend Philip, Reverend Hilary, Wendy Harrison and a guest appearance from the incoming Master, Reverend Terry. It was attended by all but one of the sixteen couples due to marry and the morning was full of hope, excitement and anticipation of the year ahead. Alas, no weddings took place and as the year unfolded the majority of couples gradually transferred into 2021 (and subsequently some into 2022) and a small number married quietly elsewhere with our blessings and prayers.

Wendy Harrison – Parish Administrator

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS

This year the Pastoral Assistants Group has been helped during the pandemic by more than 20 Parish Link people who each keep in touch with 4/5 people on behalf of the parish. They represent the Parish and provide support to parishioners and their families. And a dedicated team of volunteers shop regularly for the Hospital Brothers.

The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative has continued either socially distanced in gardens or the parish hall, or on-line. In-person it was a particularly

valuable support to those living alone, lonely or without internet connections.

A hard copy mid-month Parish Newsletter has been distributed to elderly or isolated parishioners and the two local nursing homes to help keep them in touch with current news and events in the Parish.

PAs met regularly on Wednesdays to pray for those who had asked for private or public prayer support. This has continued throughout lockdowns with members sharing prayer requests and updates together, and praying individually at home. 2020 has been an amazing year for community spirit and parishioners supporting each other. A huge 'thank you 'to you all.

Rev. Hilary Healey

LEARNING

SERMON SERIES

During 2020 we had two series. In Lent we took as our theme 'Care for God's Creation'. We supported these talks with the Church of England's Lent booklet, which was based on Ruth Valerio's book *Saying Yes To Life*. We considered the days of Creation: 1. Light & Energy, 2. Water, 3. Land & Plants, 4. Stars & Seasons (for which we welcomed Jo Crocker from Winchester Green Week), 5. Creatures of Sea & Sky and 6. Humans & Other Animals.

Sermons 5. and 6. were 'firsts' for us. Sermon 5. was our first preached on-line, by Terry from our makeshift altar in the Parish Office. Sermon 6. was the first preached away from St Cross: delivered into a laptop camera in my dining room.

In Advent we tackled *Preparing For Christ's Coming*, looking at the readings for each Sunday: Staying awake, Finding the way, Giving voice to hope and Answering God's call. Due to the suspension of public worship, it was not possible to hold the usual discussions for the last two sermons in the Lent series, but in Advent we held weekly discussions on Zoom.

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks

HOUSE GROUP REPORT

Under the conditions of the year 'Study Group' seems more appropriate name than 'House Group'. However, in practice 'Study Group' is the House Group meeting online by zoom. The Group met every other week on a Thursday evening with usually about 6 people attending.

For the first part of the year, we studied one of the Holy Communion readings for the previous Sunday. Thus, various types of Old and New Testament Bible passages were considered. During the latter part of the year the Book of Amos was studied in some detail.

If you are interested in joining the group, you will be welcome to give it a try.

*Roger Healey
Cheryl Irons*

COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

SOCIAL EVENTS

We went into the new year full of ideas and some dates set for the coming months. Unfortunately that was not to be so we did what we could a zoom quiz in September and another to be held in February. In October there was the pilgrimage walk and a service on the way. We had hoped to have a talent show on zoom in December but suddenly getting ready to be able to worship in church took over our time so that is something to look forward to perhaps even in person. Looking forward to spending social time together.

Dodie Mowat

TOTS AND SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club and Tots met during the 9.30 service between January and the middle of March when the Coronavirus restrictions began. Each week, we hosted between 7 and 12 children and followed the theme of the service using crafts and storytelling.

March to December saw us adapt between online and in person sessions as restrictions changed. We sent out worksheets with challenges and invited the children to send back their photos, videos and art to show during the online service. It was wonderful to see so much creativity and

keep contact with the young people. Later in the year, we were able to host some in person Sunday Club sessions in the Parish Hall and Church Office (with Covid-safe measures in place) with activity sheets available for families joining online.

Thank you to all the whole team of leaders who imaginatively created activities for the different types of services and adapted to the changing restrictions and precautions.

*Valerie Carver
Magdalen Rees*

ST CROSS YOUTH

2010 been a strange year for all of us and has had an impact on the Youth groups and their activities, the same as it has for every other part of everyday life.

For the first part of the year Erin carried on running the Youth activities brilliantly meeting with the 8+ and 12+ groups, holding bible studies and running the Tuesday after school Drop In. Despite the limitations of lockdown she continued to do an excellent job online and her efforts were well and truly appreciated by all. She was ably assisted by a team of helpers and we are grateful for all their assistance during this unusual period of time.

In May, I started work as new Youth Leader, under the difficult circumstances of Lockdown and all activities having to be done online. The rest of the year consisted of periods of Lockdown and meeting in person with restrictions and social distancing. I am so grateful for the team of helpers without whom there would not be a youth group.

There have been some highlights of the year and these are as follows

- Creating a special memories book to thank Erin for all her hard work and dedication to the youth of St Faith's at St Cross.
- We ran the first ever holiday club, The Eco Club, where we created equipment that allowed us to survey the flora and fauna of St Faith's Church Yard and we produced a display to show what we had learned for both the church and Winchester Green Week
- In August, which is normally a month of the year that the youth group does not meet in we gathered in the Water Meadows for games and crafts which was luckily allowed to happen because of the beautiful weather.
- Members of the older youth group decorated pebbles and chose bible verses to give to those who were lonely, unable to leave their homes

or just needed to know that someone cared about them. These were gratefully received with some beautiful thank you letters and cards

- The Brothers and the Master all received a hand painted wooden decoration at Christmas from the Youth groups to let them know that the youth held them in our thoughts and prayers.
- Drop in has included crafts , doing homework and playing games and having a time to chill and chat and catch up on each other's news over a hot chocolate and a slice of toast.
- 8+ on Sunday mornings ran whilst we met up in the Parish Hall where we carried out activities that mirrored the readings that the young people had heard in church. The youngsters then showed what they had made and learnt to the church as a whole.

During meetings on a Friday night. In person or online, we have been carrying out a combination of games, crafts and bible lessons. These times of being able to meet have also been a great time of fellowship, fun and friendship and I got to know the youngsters better and am touched by the kindness and encouragement received from the parents.

This year has been difficult, but we have been blessed in so many ways and although there will be challenges continuing in 2021 the young people of St Faith's at St Cross will continue to be looked after, supported and encouraged by me and the congregation of the church which we are part of.

Mel Wroe-Parker – Youth Leader

8+ GROUP

A growing group of young people aged 8 and above met in the vestry during the sermon for discussion, reflection and prayer. Many of the young people are choristers or servers and they are keen to take part. We had to keep getting more chairs!

Ellie Phipps designed some sessions to teach about the meaning of Communion and January was a very special time when 8 young people were admitted to Communion. We were sad to say 'Goodbye' to Ellie when she moved on at her ordination and we remain thankful for all that she gave to the group.

On the second Sunday in March many of them helped to lead the All Age service. Little did we know that it would be the last in this form for a long time!

During the lockdowns, we have been pleased to see that many of the young people have taken part in Zoom services, using the activity sheets each week and sending photos of what they have done. In the summer and autumn we were able to meet in person, with socially distanced activities, during the service. It has been good to welcome Lysbeth Sleath to the team and to have Mel, our Youth Leader, involved in some of the sessions as she leads that age group on a Friday night.

Thank you to everyone on the team for being adaptable during this year and thank you to you all for your prayers and support.

Rev. Sally Heather – Chair, Children, Youth and Families

OPEN THE BOOK

Little did we realise when we embarked on the weekly assemblies last January (2020) that they would end so abruptly in March. Since then the Open the Book team has not been able to go into St Faith's Primary School. We have kept in contact with the school by email, in our prayers and the occasional wave through the window. We hope in the future we will be able to resume our link.

We sadly said goodbye to three of our team last summer, and so we would warmly welcome anyone who has a couple of hours available on a Tuesday afternoon (on a rota basis during the school term) during which they would be prepared to narrate and enact Bible stories to children. The children love them, and we enjoy their participation and enthusiasm.

Cheryl Irons

ST FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school has adapted quickly in 2020 to the challenges faced with being closed for some of the spring and much of the summer terms, staying open for children of key workers and to prepare and deliver learning-at-home activities.

With SATs being cancelled, we can't report on academic progress this year, other than to note that our year 6 children had been on track for excellent results. We wish them all the very best adapting to life at secondary school.

We said a fond farewell to Miss Croker, Mrs Hanson and Mrs Matcham for whom this was to be their last year of teaching before retirement. The

combined wealth of talent from our teachers is reflected in the happy and vibrant atmosphere of the school, combined with years of outstanding academic results. We are truly grateful for their commitment to the school.

We were also delighted by the announcement of the birth of Mrs Frances' (Year 3 teacher) daughter and wish her well during her maternity leave.

Welcoming new staff into the school, we appointed Year 1 teacher Miss Langrish, who trained with us at St. Faith's this academic year. Miss Berry returned to St Faiths as Year 2 teacher and Infant Leader, as well as a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Her years of St. Faith's experience mean that she will be an excellent bridge between the outgoing and incoming team. Teaching Year 3 is Miss Renno; a highly experienced teacher who knows St. Faiths and its children well, having taught at the school on many occasions over the years. Teaching Year 6 (Tuesday-Thursday) is Mrs. Wetherell, who brings years of KS3 experience into play and is acutely aware of how our Year 6s need to be prepared to move on. She knows the Year 6 curriculum well, having worked with Mrs. Hanson over the last five years.

We have been busy maintaining the school; new carpets fitted in some parts of the school with plans to replace more, an IT refresh to support the teachers and children in class, and a completely refreshed website at <https://www.st-faiths.hants.sch.uk>

We continue to be grateful for the support given by the parishioners and we're saddened that the restrictions meant we couldn't welcome people into the school as much as we would have hoped this year. We did, however, welcome the parish into the school playground on a very frosty Christmas Eve for an interactive carol service - complete with a real donkey!

Dudley Rees – Chair, Foundation Governing Body

FRIENDS FOR TEA

There we were, bumbling along, quite happily for all those years then, out of the blue came Covid. We've had no alternative but to retreat, realising as the months went by, that this beastly little virus is formidable. Vicious in its attack and relentless in the way it has scythed through our communities. Making plans for the future seems to add to the confusion and we have had enough of that recently so we can only waitwill

we be able to meet in the summer.....won't we ? With so much hidden artillery on its side we can only abide by our restrictions or buckle under its attack.

The moment we can offer to reinstate 'Friends for Tea' together we (Sue Fairbrother and myself) will be available, ready with the Tea and Cake and hoping that we can enjoy something in the not-too-distant future. Much Love to All

Elizabeth Loader

LAZY COOKS

We were able to only meet twice in 2020 before the March lockdown. In January, we had our annual Sunday lunch at The Chesil Restaurant. Then in February, we celebrated Chinese New Year by having our Chinese banquet at Mr. So. We all miss meeting and eating together, and hope we can resume soon.

Evelyn Pringle

MONDAY GROUP

Sadly, we were only able to arrange two talks for the Group before the first Lockdown hit us all in March 2020. The first was given by Dr Kate Goble on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and we learned a lot about the history and current work of the Commission in carefully maintaining its cemeteries around the globe. It was a notably windy evening and Kate did well to keep her audience's attention despite the banging of the doors in the Hundred Men's Hall.

The February talk was given by Eleanor Houghton, who is a costume consultant on historical dramas such as the television series Gentleman Jack. She gave a fascinating talk tracing the history of Charlotte Bronte's "Thackeray Dress", referencing the scientific research into the fibres, dyes, and methods used to produce the distinctive blue fabric.

Murray Dixon, as ever, worked hard to track down interesting speakers, but we are always happy to receive suitable suggestions from the good folk of St Cross. Finally, as a reminder for when we are allowed to reconvene, the Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Hundred Men's Hall, and all are very welcome.

James Harris

ST CROSS SINGERS

At the start of 2020 we only had a very short time - Covid was already making its way from China. I think we had four meetings. The St Cross Singers started in May 2018 for non-singers who wanted to sing. They studied hard and they found they could sing. By 2020 we had sung in two concerts both in unison and in parts. What I wanted to do in 2020 was to consolidate what we had learnt. This I started to do by revising basic singing technique and breathing. We revised following the music, some members still found it hard to know which line of music to follow.

When we do start again which I hope won't be too long, we shall continue where we left off. I do hope the students - around 15 of them - have at least been doing some humming or following one of the many websites available.

Penny Terrell

CHURCHYARD

Care and maintenance of the Churchyard has continued throughout 2020 under the active leadership of John Pringle, assisted by Chris Maguire and a small group of parish volunteers. The grass has been kept in order, the green paths regularly mown, and the ample undergrowth gradually cleared, especially on the Kingsgate Road side and in the vicinity of the gate. Unfortunately, because of the coronavirus lockdowns, the Probation service have had to pause the regular help provided by some of those on Community Service orders.

In May Philip Krinks asked me to coordinate a group to participate in Winchester Green Week in late September. Happily this coincided with our youth worker, Mel Wroe Parker's planning for a two-day Holiday Club in August for the young people to explore the biodiversity of the churchyard. With Mel's environmental skills, they would learn and put into practice some techniques to discover what wildlife was present there. It was agreed that their findings would be presented as our parish contribution to Green Week. The Holiday Club was a great success, much enjoyed by those who took part in it, and it was very good to participate for the first time in Winchester Green Week.

With the PCC's warm approval we have now embarked on an ongoing environmental project, with a vision to explore, encourage and protect the churchyard's natural heritage, so that it becomes a still more attractive, peaceful green space where wildlife thrives and for visitors to enjoy. 3 compost bins have been built by John to avoid the need for

polluting bonfires - and more will follow, made from donated pallets; we are subscribing to the Church of England's 'Caring for God's Acre' network and are in contact with Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust as resources for information and advice; and Chris Pyke has been taking photographs of the churchyard to provide a visual record. Much else is planned and we're excited to be doing something to enhance the churchyard and encourage the future sustainability and thriving of its wildlife.

Lou Scott-Joynt, on behalf of the "Caring for St Faith's Churchyard" team: John Pringle, Chris Maguire, Rev. Hilary Healey, Robert Wheatley, John Lunt and Bro. Chris Pyke

COMMON GOOD

COMMON GOOD PROJECT

Sadly, our Common Good Project work at Winchester Prison has been seriously disrupted by Covid-19. The recruitment of people to share in the work of providing a welcome and refreshments to prisoners' families ('Caring Faith' led by Lysbeth Sleath) is currently on hold, but under regular review.

The funding of Christian books and magazines for prisoners ('Learning Faith' led by Murray Dixon) is ongoing, although there have not been any recent requests for funds to help with this.

Christina Mathews has applied to become an Official Prison Visitor with the aim of working with the Chaplains to provide non-judgmental listening to prisoners, but this, too, is currently on hold.

The provision of items of clothing for prisoners on their release ('Bags of Faith' led by Anna-Maria Holt) was also on hold while the Basics Bank was closed to donations of clothing, but the end of 2020 saw this being re-opened, and we were able to assist 2 prisoners. Hopefully there will be more opportunities to assist in the course of 2021.

John Lunt - Chair, Common Good Project

ST FAITH'S PARISH HALL

On 31 December 2020 the hall committee comprised Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy, Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Magdalen Rees and myself. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently.

For much of the year under review, SFPH was closed to bookings because of the ongoing pandemic. This resulted in a significant loss of income. The Nancy Harper Nursery reopened when lockdown regulations permitted. Church services moved from St Cross to the Front Hall on Sunday mornings and were streamed online. As regular groups gradually began to return, the committee published its Coronavirus Risk Assessment to set out cleaning requirements for group leaders. Mary Ayres continues to clean the building thoroughly before nursery every weekday morning.

Various improvements were made throughout the year. A new water heater was installed for all handbasins in the various loos, as was a cupboard to enclose it. An electronic keypad on the kitchen door has revolutionised access for users. New consumer units (fuse boxes) with the highest-rated safety trip switches have been fitted in both halls. Periodic Appliance Testing has been aligned with St Cross. Several broken outside lights have been replaced and LED lamps fitted to all.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will be able to return to their hall and its excellent facilities soon. Please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC’s website, on 07850 231497 or at sfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk.

Peter Sawbridge - Chair, St Faith’s Parish Hall Committee

ST CROSS FÊTE

Sadly, due to the pandemic, we were not able to hold the Fête in 2020. However, the Parish did give a donation of £850 to each of the 2 charities we chose to support, namely Hampshire and IoW Air Ambulance and Winchester Family Counselling Trust.

Gill Beck - Chair, Fête Committee

GOOD CAUSES SUPPORTED DURING 2020

The Good Causes supported by the Parish during 2020, which covered local, national and overseas charities, are listed below.

Good Causes	Amount	Remarks
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	£279	Retiring Collection

Bishop's Ordination Fund	£324	Licensing Collection
Muhabura Diocese	£547	Retiring Collection Donated via Christchurch
Winchester Basics Bank	£433	Harvest Collection
Farm Africa	£453	Harvest Retiring Collection
The Royal British Legion	£308	Remembrance Sunday Retiring Collection
Muhabura – Medical support at Potter's Village	£500	PCC Allocation from General Fund. Donated via CMS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance	£850	PCC Allocation from General Fund – both had been nominated as Fete Charities.
Winchester Home-Start	£850	
Bags of Faith, part of Common Good Project supporting HM Prison Winchester	£420	Donations from Tea & Chat.
Total	£4,964	

Our giving remains in line with PCC policy i.e. each year we give circa 5% of income (less that from the Parish Hall) to Good Causes. This is normally made up of retiring collections, an allocation from the General Fund and a percentage of fete income. As there was no fete in 2020, an element of the General Fund allocation was used to support the two charities that, earlier in 2020, had been nominated as the fete charities.

Murray Dixon – Hon. Treasurer

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously.

During 2020 it met nine times, a reflection of the need for proactive steps to be taken to generate Parish income to replace that lost from not being able to hold the Fete and the cancellation of most weddings.

Plans early in the year to launch a Legacy Appeal were put on hold in March and a Resilience Fund Appeal proposed. This took place successfully in April and May and raised over £22,000.

On-line giving was encouraged with a Just Giving page set up for both Sunday collections and Good Causes special collections. A phone Text Giving capability was used extensively following the 'Journey to the Manager' services. The Goodbox hands-free facility was available when church worship was possible.

Regular giving, principally through the Parish Giving Scheme, was the focus in the latter part of the year with an Appeal planned for October/November 2020 in the hope that it could be launched in the church, though later restrictions meant this was postponed in early 2021.

John Pringle – Chair, Stewardship Working Group

COMMUNICATIONS

In a year when many aspects of life have gone online, the main method of communication for the Parish since the spring has been the new weekly email updates.

The Parish Magazine has continued to be produced each month, and I'm grateful to Celia Harris who kindly agreed to be in charge of the April edition while I was out of the country but ended up having to deal with all the uncertainties of the first Lockdown. From then onwards most people have received their Parish Magazine electronically via the weekly emails. A comparatively small number who do not have easy access to a computer still had a printed Magazine delivered to them. A photocopied mid-month Newsletter has also been introduced so that those who do not receive the emails can stay up to date with the rapidly changing arrangements for church services and other activities.

Especial thanks are due to Jo Gordon Watson who retired in 2020 after many years of organising the distribution of the Magazine. As 2021 begins, Diana Snagge has kindly taken over the role with a newly re-established team of distributors. Do contact her if you would like to start or go back to receiving a physical copy of the Magazine.

The parish website at www.parishofstfaith.org has required frequent updating in 2020 to keep up with the latest information about church services and activities. The website has been 'viewed' on average 22 times per day, which is a slight drop on 2019, but still adds up to more than 8000 visits over the year. The nature of life in 2020 has meant that fewer people have come to the website looking for information about eg the Fete or hiring the Parish Hall, and more to find the Zoom and YouTube links for the parish.

Philip runs the parish Twitter account which is useful to connect with other parishes and share information about our services.

Clare Dixon – Editor, Parish Magazine
Magdalen Rees – Parish Website Coordinator

SIDESPEOPLE DURING 2020

Tony Carver, John Casson, Mavis Casson, Lynne Chapman, Anne Dolan, Brian Eames, Jen Eames, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, James Harris, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Christina Matthews, Julia Maxlow-Tomlinson, Harry Mowat, Jeremy Ouvry, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath, Carol Wade, Chloe Wheywell

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

(from 25 October 2020 - 18 April 2021)

Ex officio:

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks	Chair
Rev. Hilary Healey	
John Pringle	Vice-Chair, Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Member
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Member

Elected:

	Until:	
Gill Beck	2021	
Cheryl Irons	2021	
Michele Brannigan	2021	
Rosco Noott	2021	
Murray Dixon	2022	Hon. Treasurer and Deanery Synod Member
Victoria Arthur	2022	Hon. Secretary
Lynn Chapman	2022	
Craig Clark	2022	
Anna-Maria Holt	2023	
Chris Maguire	2023	
Magdalen Rees	2023	
Carol Wade	2023	

Co-opted:

Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 11.11.2021)

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

held at 11.00 am on Sunday 25 October 2020 in St Faith's Parish Hall, 10 St Cross Back Street, Winchester SO23 9SB and via Zoom

Item	Subject
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Immediately prior to the opening of the meeting the Rev. Dr Philip Krinks referred to the postponement of this meeting (and the APCM) from April 2020, due to the inability to hold meetings at that time shortly after the lockdown measures following the outbreak of Covid-19. He referred to the Diocesan permissions to enable the meetings to take place later in the year (either wholly, or in part virtually, via Zoom).</p> <p>There were 19 present in the Parish Hall and around 12 on Zoom.</p> <p>The Rev. Dr Philip Krinks opened the meeting at 11.03 am explaining the Meeting of Parishioners was the first of two meetings to be held with the purpose of electing the Churchwardens. He said that the meeting was open to those on the electoral role and all residents in the Parish of St Faith.</p> <p>Apologies: Craig Clark</p>
2	<p>Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 7 April 2019</p> <p>The Minutes of the 2019 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report.</p> <p>No comments were raised except to say there was an error in the published Report which stated the year as 2018 rather than 2019.</p> <p>The minutes were proposed by John Pringle, seconded by Sue Fairbrother and approved unanimously by a show of hands.</p>

Item	Subject
3	Election of Churchwardens for 2020
	The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked John Pringle and Dodie Mowat for agreeing to stand for a further year as Churchwardens and said that as there were no other candidates, they were elected to fill the two vacancies. He congratulated them both.

Rev. Dr. Krinks closed the meeting at 11.06 am

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES**

of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2019

**held at 11 am on Sunday 25 October 2020 at St Faith's Parish Hall,
10 St Cross Back Street, Winchester SO23 9SB and via Zoom**

The meeting commenced at 11.07 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Apologies had been received from Craig Clark. The Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks chaired the meeting and said that normally he would have asked the Churchwardens to come forward at the start of the meeting but was unable to do this with current social distancing requirements due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks explained that the electorate consisted of all those on the parish's Electoral Roll and confirmed that included everyone physically present and all those attending via Zoom.

Item	Subject
1	<p>Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 7 April 2019</p> <p>The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Murray Dixon, seconded by Diana Snagge and approved by all present.</p>
2	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None.</p>
4	<p>Mandatory Reports (for discussion and recommendations to the PCC)</p> <p>A. Electoral Roll Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, confirmed that at the end of 2019 there were 200 persons on the roll made up of 71 parish residents and 129 non-residents. The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked Valerie for her superb work maintaining the roll.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p>B. PCC Activities</p> <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks referred to information given in the Annual Report. In addition to this he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • referred to the 2020 Covid pandemic and consequent work undertaken by many to maintain worship and contact, he thanked parishioners for their support; • spoke of the Safeguarding policies of the Parish and mentioned that they continued to operate in the current pandemic.
	<p>C. Deanery Synod</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that within the Deanery we are particularly involved in the City Centre Cluster of parishes and referred to the report of activities in the Annual Report booklet. He thanked Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Jo Gordon-Watson for representing the Parish, and especially thanked Jo as she retired.</p> <p>A vote of thanks to Jo was proposed with everyone in favour.</p>
4	Financial Statements for 2019
	<p>Rev. Dr. Krinks referred to the Accounts/Financial Statements for 2019 (copies of which were available) and asked the PCC Treasurer, Murray Dixon, to summarise them.</p> <p>Murray reminded the meeting the Statements/Accounts referred to the 2019 calendar year and thanked Marilyn Fletcher the former PCC Treasurer for her work in producing them and arranging for them to be independently examined.</p> <p>Murray Dixon referred to income received in 2019 of £166,797 shown in the section 'Incoming Resources' and expenditure of £172,117 in the section headed 'Resources Used', saying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoming resources from donors of £100,229 were largely made up of Planned Giving receipts and gift aid; • Income of £45,392 from charitable and ancillary trading included £29,000 from the Parish Hall; • Income from investments represented dividend income;

Item	Subject
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses included costs associated with the Parish Hall amounting to £15,493; • Breakdowns of the figures were shown in the notes on pages 6 and 7; • The above showed a net loss of £5,320 but after taking account of the unrealised gain on investments of £10,570, there was a surplus of £5,250 resulting in an end of year balance of £123,039 (shown on the Balance Sheet on page 5). <p>Murray Dixon went on to emphasise that there is an operating deficit of £18,468 if the investment gain and Parish Hall profit are discounted (as referred to on page 2).</p> <p>Thanks were given to Peter Sawbridge and the Parish Hall committee for their excellent work. Despite this, there was bound to be a decrease in income for 2020 due to Covid-19 lockdown measures.</p> <p>Murray Dixon said that with current reserves an operating loss could be sustained for a few years, but not long term. He said that as scope for reducing costs is limited there was a need to increase income, particularly through Planned Giving.</p>
5	<p>Elections</p> <p>1. Deanery Synod Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that a new 3-year term commenced this year. He said Murray Dixon and John Pringle have agreed to continue as members and Dodie Mowat had also been nominated. He said there were 3 positions and therefore confirmed Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat to be duly elected.</p> <p>2. PCC Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked all members of the PCC for their service and especially Marilyn Fletcher for her service as Treasurer. He added his grateful thanks to her for her excellent handover to Murray. Rev. Dr. Krinks also named and thanked the candidates who were standing for the PCC:</p>

Item	Subject
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna-Maria Holt, standing for a further term; • Magdalen Rees, standing for a further term; • Carol Wade, standing for a further term; • Chris Maguire, standing for the first time. <p>He declared that they were elected, there being four vacancies. They were congratulated.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks also thanked Victoria Arthur for her continuing work as PCC Secretary.</p>
6	Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2020
	<p>The appointment of Yvonne Goddard as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2020 was proposed by Sue Fairbrother and seconded by Sally Heather.</p>
7	Any other business
	<p>The following questions were asked/points were raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some people might wonder why this APCM had not appointed sidesmen, but Rev. Dr. Krinks said that the current Church Representation Rules confirm that their appointment should be made at the first meeting of the new PCC meeting. 2. Would there be an APCM in 2021? Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks said an APCM was expected to take place in April 2021, even if this had to be virtual, which the new rules now allowed for 3. When would there be a return to worship in the Chapel of St Cross? Rev. Dr. Krinks said that he is in discussion with the Master and hoped to be able to report favourably in the near future. 4. Whether there is a fourth vacancy for a member from the Parish on the Deanery Synod? Rev. Dr. Krinks said that he would check. He clarified that the Parish is well represented with the lay members, as well as all licensed clergy (i.e. The Master, Rev. Hilary Healey and himself).

Item	Subject
	There was a motion from the floor for a vote of thanks to the clergy and those in leadership for all their work during the Covid crisis in maintaining worship, keeping in contact and support. All present supported the motion.

The meeting concluded at 11.43 am.

Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending and led those present in saying the Grace.

***The content of this Annual Report was approved
by the PCC on 17th March 2021***

GIVING CAN PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE



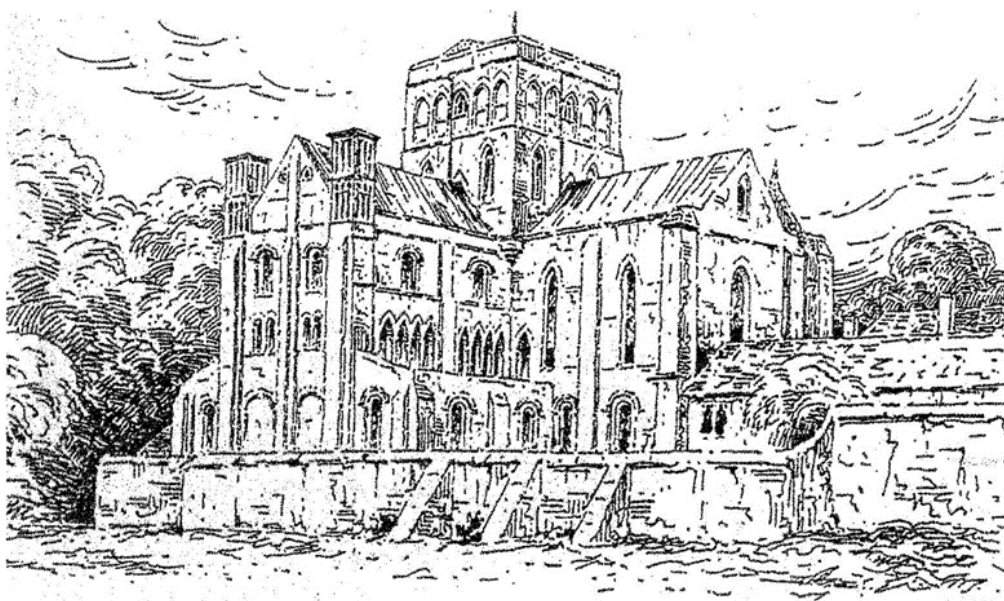
Have you enjoyed reading about the many different areas of ministry that the Parish undertakes? We are blessed with the help of so many of you as willing volunteers, but we do have considerable expenses that we need to pay on a regular basis.

Many of you already help us with regular Planned Giving through the Parish Giving Scheme or with Standing Orders. We are most grateful for your generosity.

If you have not made a commitment to regular giving could you please consider helping us in this way? You can make a real difference in areas such as our choir and music, our work with children, young people and families, and our Common Good work in Winchester prison. You will also help us continue to worship in the beautiful Hospital of St Cross by contributing to the costs of running and maintaining the church building.

Your giving will help secure the future success of our Parish for us and future generations of worshippers at St Cross.

THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH



Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Annual Report

1. 2020 presented new and unprecedented challenges to the Parish, as the impact of COVID 19 from April onwards changed the shape of our activities. The funds held by the Parish fell by £14,334 in 2020, from £123,039 on 31 Dec 19 to £108,705 on 31 Dec 20. This was made up of a shortfall of £10,799 in routine activity, a small surplus of £724 in operation of the Parish Hall and a reduction in the value of investments of £4,259.

Routine Activity

2. Routine activity covers Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income dropped from £137,722 in 2019 to £103,218 in 2020. Not surprisingly, given the reduced scope for in person worship and large gatherings, the main reductions were in:

- Collections and sundry donations, from £23,969 to £8,234,
- Wedding and funeral fees, from £7,576 to £741, and
- Fundraising and the fete, from £14,645 to £688, net of costs. Ride & Stride was our major fundraising event – thank you to everyone who supported it.

3. The reductions were offset to a considerable extent by the Parish Resilience Fund which was so generously supported and raised a very welcome £22,371. This was a tremendous result – again, thank you to everyone who contributed.

4. In April 2020 we realised COVID 19 restrictions would lead to reduced income and the PCC carried out a review of expenditure. As a result, routine expenditure was reduced from £156,190 in 2019 to £114,017 in 2020. After discussions with those involved, principal reductions were in:

- Contributions to the Diocese – we reduced Parish Share payments from the originally agreed £86,000 to £71,000.
- Contributions to the Hospital - we reduced payments for upkeep of the church fabric from the originally agreed £17,750 to £14,750.

We recognise there is an impact in both cases. Ultimately, such reductions mean the Diocese will have less funds to provide clergy to Parishes and the Hospital will have less funds for the upkeep of the church – and so we carefully considered the impact of our reduced payments against the need to maintain adequate reserves.

5. With their agreement, we also reduced payments to Parish post holders.

Parish Hall

6. Nancy Harper Nursery was able to continue for most of the year, but other lettings were greatly reduced, and income fell from £29,075 in 2019 to £18,539 in 2020. Expenditure increased slightly from £15,927 in 2019 to £17,814, partly because of the need to replace old electrical wiring and fitting a new hot water cylinder.

Investments

7. At one point during the year the value of our investments fell to under £60,000 (from £71,122 at 31 Dec 19) though they had recovered to £66,863 by the end of the year.

Designated Funds

8. The amount of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased by £1,113 at the end of 2020 in line with the reserves policy described in para 10 below.

9. £4,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker.

Reserves Policy

10. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure

PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18 and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

11. For information, as of 31 Dec 20 our reserves were circa 45% of the budgeted expenditure for 2021 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	97,478	100,229
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	938	18,167
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	20,750	45,392
Income from investments	2d	2,590	3,009
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		121,756	166,797
RESOURCES USED			
Charitable Giving	3a	2,943	4,668
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	102,890	137,481
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	14,248	15,493
Parish Hall major repairs		4,538	3,946
Church management and administration	3d	7,212	10,529
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		131,831	172,117
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES		-10,075	-5,320
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	-4,259	10,570
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-14,334	5,250
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2020		123,039	117,789
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		108,705	123,039

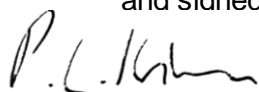
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

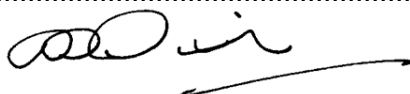
	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	<u>66,863</u>	<u>71,122</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	2,462	18,308
Short term bank deposits		18,499	28,484
Cash at bank and in hand		22,011	20,674
GROSS CURRENT ASSETS		<u>42,972</u>	<u>67,466</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due with one year	5	1,130	15,549
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>41,842</u>	<u>51,917</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>108,705</u>	<u>123,039</u>
FUNDS			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Fund (Undesignated)	7	59,292	76,768
Music Fund (PCC Designated)	7	2,257	1,746
Children and Youth Fund (PCC Designated)	7	3,569	2,775
St Faith's Parish Hall (PCC Designated)	7	38,587	36,750
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>103,705</u>	<u>118,039</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
St Cross Flowers	7	5,000	5,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>108,705</u>	<u>123,039</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10 March 2021

and signed on their behalf by:



..... Philip Krinks (Chairman)



..... Murray Dixon (Hon Treasurer)

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES See Appendix A attached

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2020	2019
	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors		
Planned giving:		
Income from donors	53,965	57,669
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	12,908	18,591
Collections (Plate) at all services	4,402	14,688
Sundry donations	3,832	9,281
Parish Resilience Fund, incl Gift Aid	22,371	0
TOTAL	97,478	100,229
2b Other voluntary incoming resources		
Churchyard income	250	250
Legacy	0	1,200
Fete income	0	12,776
Other fundraising (incl. Music Fund, Ride & Stride)	688	3,941
TOTAL	938	18,167
2c Income from charitable and ancillary trading		
Parish Hall income	18,539	29,075
Fees for services	741	7,576
Parish Magazine	845	1,253
Flowers	5	6,670
Contribution from Sunday Coffee	200	818
Tea and Chat	420	0
TOTAL	20,750	45,392
2d Income from Investments		
Dividends and interest	2,590	3,009
2e Routine Activity Income (2a+2b+2d+2c less Parish Hall)	103,218	137,722
3 RESOURCES USED		
3a Charitable Giving		
Overseas charities	500	1,000
National charities	0	76
Local charities	2,443	3,592
TOTAL	2,943	4,668
<i>(also, retiring collections for Good Causes totalled £2021 (2019, £1816): overseas £1280, national £308, local £433 and £655 was collected in the Parish and paid direct to Christian Aid (2019, £1,004)).</i>		
3b Activities directly for the work of the church		
Parish Share	71,000	83,612
Clergy costs and expenses	1,669	6,391
Church running expenses	1,778	8,562
Church maintenance	14,750	14,750
Choir and organ expenses	1,229	3,457
Music Fund	489	1,896
Upkeep of churchyard	374	287
Flowers	246	5,978
Children's activities	11,354	12,548
TOTAL	102,890	137,481

3c Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity		
Parish Hall running costs	13,276	11,981
Magazine expenses	972	1,440
Fundraising (Fete/ Ride & Stride)	0	2,072
TOTAL	14,248	15,493

3d Church management and administration		
Printing and copying	536	2,108
Clergy administrative support	3,885	5,824
Information Technology	1,706	0
Hospitality	0	269
General administrative expenses	1,084	2,328
TOTAL	7,212	10,529

3e Routine Activity Expenditure (3a+3b+3d+3c less Parish Hall)	114,017	156,190
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4 DEBTORS		
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	797	1,651
Other receivables	0	1,023
Parish Hall Debtors	0	14,098
Parish Hall Prepayments	1,665	1,536
TOTAL	2,462	18,308

5 AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Accrued expenses	1,049	13,854
Parish Hall accrued expenses	81	1,695
	1,130	15,549

6 INVESTMENT ASSETS	Historical Costs		Market Value		
	£	£	£	£	£
	2020	2019	2020	Gain	2019
Charifund Income Units	4,076	4,076	31,486	-6,609	38,095
CCLA Investment Fund Units	9,015	9,015	35,377	2,350	33,027
	13,091	13,091	66,863	-4,259	71,122

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS						
	General	Music	Youth	Hall	Flowers	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1 January 2020	76,768	1,746	2,775	36,750	5,000	123,039
Net (decrease)/ increase 2020	-20,363	511	4,794	724	0	-14,334
Transfers	2,887	0	-4,000	1,113	0	
	59,292	2,257	3,569	38,587	5,000	108,705

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Appendix A

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

In the year-end Balance Sheet the PCC has no funds which are required to be identified as "Endowment" or "Restricted", except for a donation of £5,000 made to the Flower Fund in 2000. Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted such as the Hall.

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

Incoming Resources

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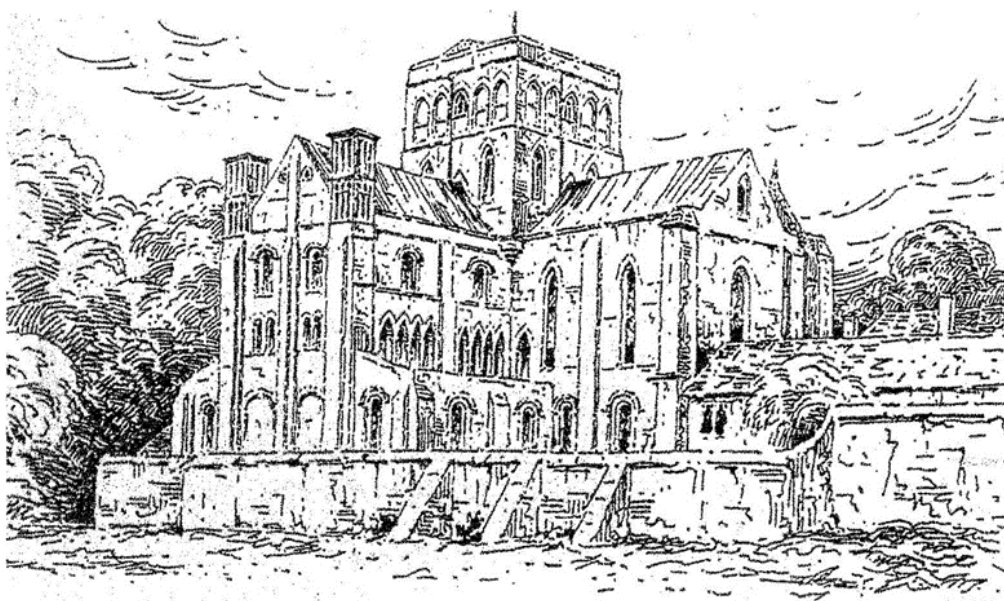
Signed



3rd April 2021

Yvonne Goddard BSc ACA CTA

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Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Annual Report

1. 2020 presented new and unprecedented challenges to the Parish, as the impact of COVID 19 from April onwards changed the shape of our activities. The funds held by the Parish fell by £14,334 in 2020, from £123,039 on 31 Dec 19 to £108,705 on 31 Dec 20. This was made up of a shortfall of £10,799 in routine activity, a small surplus of £724 in operation of the Parish Hall and a reduction in the value of investments of £4,259.

Routine Activity

2. Routine activity covers Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income dropped from £137,722 in 2019 to £103,218 in 2020. Not surprisingly, given the reduced scope for in person worship and large gatherings, the main reductions were in:

- Collections and sundry donations, from £23,969 to £8,234,
- Wedding and funeral fees, from £7,576 to £741, and
- Fundraising and the fete, from £14,645 to £688, net of costs. Ride & Stride was our major fundraising event – thank you to everyone who supported it.

3. The reductions were offset to a considerable extent by the Parish Resilience Fund which was so generously supported and raised a very welcome £22,371. This was a tremendous result – again, thank you to everyone who contributed.

4. In April 2020 we realised COVID 19 restrictions would lead to reduced income and the PCC carried out a review of expenditure. As a result, routine expenditure was reduced from £156,190 in 2019 to £114,017 in 2020. After discussions with those involved, principal reductions were in:

- Contributions to the Diocese – we reduced Parish Share payments from the originally agreed £86,000 to £71,000.
- Contributions to the Hospital - we reduced payments for upkeep of the church fabric from the originally agreed £17,750 to £14,750.

We recognise there is an impact in both cases. Ultimately, such reductions mean the Diocese will have less funds to provide clergy to Parishes and the Hospital will have less funds for the upkeep of the church – and so we carefully considered the impact of our reduced payments against the need to maintain adequate reserves.

5. With their agreement, we also reduced payments to Parish post holders.

Parish Hall

6. Nancy Harper Nursery was able to continue for most of the year, but other lettings were greatly reduced, and income fell from £29,075 in 2019 to £18,539 in 2020. Expenditure increased slightly from £15,927 in 2019 to £17,814, partly because of the need to replace old electrical wiring and fitting a new hot water cylinder.

Investments

7. At one point during the year the value of our investments fell to under £60,000 (from £71,122 at 31 Dec 19) though they had recovered to £66,863 by the end of the year.

Designated Funds

8. The amount of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased by £1,113 at the end of 2020 in line with the reserves policy described in para 10 below.

9. £4,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker.

Reserves Policy

10. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure

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(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18 and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

11. For information, as of 31 Dec 20 our reserves were circa 45% of the budgeted expenditure for 2021 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	97,478	100,229
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	938	18,167
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	20,750	45,392
Income from investments	2d	2,590	3,009
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		121,756	166,797
RESOURCES USED			
Charitable Giving	3a	2,943	4,668
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	102,890	137,481
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	14,248	15,493
Parish Hall major repairs		4,538	3,946
Church management and administration	3d	7,212	10,529
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		131,831	172,117
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES		-10,075	-5,320
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	-4,259	10,570
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-14,334	5,250
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2020		123,039	117,789
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		108,705	123,039

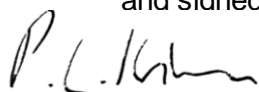
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

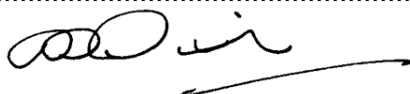
	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	<u>66,863</u>	<u>71,122</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	2,462	18,308
Short term bank deposits		18,499	28,484
Cash at bank and in hand		22,011	20,674
GROSS CURRENT ASSETS		<u>42,972</u>	<u>67,466</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due with one year	5	1,130	15,549
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>41,842</u>	<u>51,917</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>108,705</u>	<u>123,039</u>
FUNDS			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Fund (Undesignated)	7	59,292	76,768
Music Fund (PCC Designated)	7	2,257	1,746
Children and Youth Fund (PCC Designated)	7	3,569	2,775
St Faith's Parish Hall (PCC Designated)	7	38,587	36,750
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>103,705</u>	<u>118,039</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
St Cross Flowers	7	5,000	5,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>108,705</u>	<u>123,039</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10 March 2021

and signed on their behalf by:



..... Philip Krinks (Chairman)



.....Murray Dixon (Hon Treasurer)

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES See Appendix A attached

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2020	2019
	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors		
Planned giving:		
Income from donors	53,965	57,669
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	12,908	18,591
Collections (Plate) at all services	4,402	14,688
Sundry donations	3,832	9,281
Parish Resilience Fund, incl Gift Aid	22,371	0
TOTAL	97,478	100,229
2b Other voluntary incoming resources		
Churchyard income	250	250
Legacy	0	1,200
Fete income	0	12,776
Other fundraising (incl. Music Fund, Ride & Stride)	688	3,941
TOTAL	938	18,167
2c Income from charitable and ancillary trading		
Parish Hall income	18,539	29,075
Fees for services	741	7,576
Parish Magazine	845	1,253
Flowers	5	6,670
Contribution from Sunday Coffee	200	818
Tea and Chat	420	0
TOTAL	20,750	45,392
2d Income from Investments		
Dividends and interest	2,590	3,009
2e Routine Activity Income (2a+2b+2d+2c less Parish Hall)	103,218	137,722
3 RESOURCES USED		
3a Charitable Giving		
Overseas charities	500	1,000
National charities	0	76
Local charities	2,443	3,592
TOTAL	2,943	4,668
<i>(also, retiring collections for Good Causes totalled £2021 (2019, £1816): overseas £1280, national £308, local £433 and £655 was collected in the Parish and paid direct to Christian Aid (2019, £1,004)).</i>		
3b Activities directly for the work of the church		
Parish Share	71,000	83,612
Clergy costs and expenses	1,669	6,391
Church running expenses	1,778	8,562
Church maintenance	14,750	14,750
Choir and organ expenses	1,229	3,457
Music Fund	489	1,896
Upkeep of churchyard	374	287
Flowers	246	5,978
Children's activities	11,354	12,548
TOTAL	102,890	137,481

3c Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity		
Parish Hall running costs	13,276	11,981
Magazine expenses	972	1,440
Fundraising (Fete/ Ride & Stride)	0	2,072
TOTAL	14,248	15,493

3d Church management and administration		
Printing and copying	536	2,108
Clergy administrative support	3,885	5,824
Information Technology	1,706	0
Hospitality	0	269
General administrative expenses	1,084	2,328
TOTAL	7,212	10,529

3e Routine Activity Expenditure (3a+3b+3d+3c less Parish Hall)	114,017	156,190
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4 DEBTORS		
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	797	1,651
Other receivables	0	1,023
Parish Hall Debtors	0	14,098
Parish Hall Prepayments	1,665	1,536
TOTAL	2,462	18,308

5 AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Accrued expenses	1,049	13,854
Parish Hall accrued expenses	81	1,695
	1,130	15,549

6 INVESTMENT ASSETS	Historical Costs		Market Value		
	£	£	£	£	£
	2020	2019	2020	Gain	2019
Charifund Income Units	4,076	4,076	31,486	-6,609	38,095
CCLA Investment Fund Units	9,015	9,015	35,377	2,350	33,027
	13,091	13,091	66,863	-4,259	71,122

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS						
	General	Music	Youth	Hall	Flowers	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1 January 2020	76,768	1,746	2,775	36,750	5,000	123,039
Net (decrease)/ increase 2020	-20,363	511	4,794	724	0	-14,334
Transfers	2,887	0	-4,000	1,113	0	
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Appendix A

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