

Sonning Parochial Church Council

Registered Charity No 1130763

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the **Parochial Church Council** for the year ended **31 December 2021**

INCUMBENT

The Revd. Jamie Taylor
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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**The Parochial Church Council (PCC)
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sonning**

During the year to 31 December 2021, the following served the Parish:

Incumbent (and Chairman)	Revd Jamie Taylor
Associate Vicar	Revd Kate Toogood
Licensed Lay Minister	Bob Peters
Youth Minister	Chris West
Churchwardens	Perry Mills (retired 11 July 2021) Liz Nelson (appointed 11 July 2021) Stuart Bowman
Deputy Churchwardens	Liz Nelson (to 11 July 2021) Sue Peters Simon Darvall Molly Woodley (Emeritus Deputy Warden)
Treasurer	Richard Moore
Secretary	Hilary Rennie
Representatives on the Sonning Deanery Synod (normally 5 year term)	Bob Hine (retired 11 July 2021) Rory Symes Molly Woodley
Other PCC Members (normally 3 year term)	Rachel Argent Helen Craig Sandra Grist Tom Jeffery Emma Leggett (retired 12 October 2021) Jenny Sawyer Alison Smyly Indra Bliddulph (appointed 11 July 2021) Hilary Rennie (appointed 11 July 2021)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the associate vicar, the licensed lay minister and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral role of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met on 5 occasions during the year and the average attendance at these meetings was 86%.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Sonning encompasses the thriving communities of Sonning, Sonning Eye and Charvil, located between Reading and Henley-on-Thames in a beautiful section of the Thames valley. We have a growing congregation and are welcoming and uplifting, embracing the broad Anglican tradition.

The correspondence address is:

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered Charity Number: 1130763).

Aim and Purpose

To provide:

- Regular public worship that is open to all
- Sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work which includes visiting the sick and the bereaved
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The leadership of religious assemblies in schools
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and in the distribution of literature
- Promotion of the mission of the Church through provision of activities for all ages in our Parish
- Support of other charities in the UK and overseas

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our parish and to become part of our parish community within Sonning, Sonning Eye and Charvil. The PCC vision is to:

- Serve better those who choose to worship with us and share a journey in faith
- Reach out and draw others to the knowledge and love of God
- Attend to the pastoral needs of those around us (As individuals and as an organisation)
- Preserve our Anglican heritage
- Engage with our local community and find new ways to serve it

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship – Learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Mission and pastoral care – Giving to others and the provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Buildings and Maintenance – To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our church
- Social – Arranging social events throughout the year

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between the full meetings of the PCC. These are:

Standing and Finance

This is the only committee required by law and has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members are the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Buildings and Maintenance

This committee attends to matters relating to stewardship of the church buildings and fabric. Chairman: Mrs Liz Nelson.

Mission and Pastoral

This committee attends to matters concerning external giving from the Parish. Chairman: Revd Jamie Taylor.

Social

This committee is responsible for arranging social events.
Chairman: Mrs Sue Peters.

The Parish Magazine

Delivered free to every house in the parish.
Editor: Bob Peters
Advertising and Distribution: Gordon Nutbrown

Electoral Roll

At the APCM on 11th July 2021 there were 231 people on the Electoral Roll.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd. Jamie Taylor (PCC Chairman)



Richard Moore (Treasurer)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Review

The PCC ended the year with a total net income of £18,266 compared to £50,636 for the previous year.

Total Income for the year was £280,579. There were grants received of £117,500, which included £113,000 from The Bull Inn Ecclesiastical Trust. Planned Giving decreased over the prior year, as the number of givers dropped. Income from collections and fees was up due to the further loosening of restrictions on services in place during the year. Investment Income of £7,670 was received, mostly from endowments for the Churchyard and St Andrew's building maintenance.

Expenditure relating to services, ministry, mission and administration increased as lockdown restrictions were eased.

The Parish Share contribution was maintained at £80,000.

The cost of producing the Parish Magazine continues to be covered by the revenue from advertising and the cost of distribution continues to be funded from General Funds. Magazine production costs were lower during the year due to the move to digital printing.

£10,277 was spent on a new fire Alarm system for the church.

Depreciation for the New Hall Building, the Youth Minister's House and Equipment was £39,768.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted and Undesignated Funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months normal Unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time, and approximately £60,000 is held in a Designated General Reserve Fund for this. The Reserve increased in 2021 to £61,623, mainly due to an increase in the value of underlying investments.

Richard Moore - Honorary Treasurer

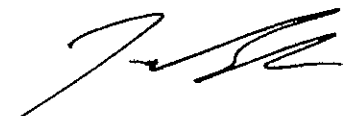
Parish of Sonning
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>	2					
Voluntary Income		232,076	5,694	--	237,770	282,760
Activities for Generating Funds		22,710	--	--	22,710	27,189
Income from Investments		891	260	6,519	7,670	7,554
Church activities		12,429	--	--	12,429	7,009
Other Income		--	--	--	--	--
Total Income		268,106	5,954	6,519	280,579	324,512
<i>Expenditure on:</i>	3					
Church activities		251,892	39,620	6,519	298,031	288,047
Raising Funds		395	--	--	395	62
Total expenditure		252,287	39,620	6,519	298,426	288,109
Net Income/(Expenditure) before Investment Gains		15,819	(33,666)	--	(17,847)	36,403
Net Gains/(Losses) on investments		2,577	1,284	32,252	36,113	14,233
Net Income		18,396	(32,382)	32,252	18,266	50,636
Transfers between Funds		--	--	--	--	--
Net movement in funds		18,396	(32,382)	32,252	18,266	50,636
<i>Reconciliation of Funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward		211,630	1,266,005	224,299	1,701,934	1,651,298
Total funds carried forward		230,026	1,233,623	256,551	1,720,200	1,701,934

Parish of Sonning
Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	This Year Total	Last Year Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	6					
Tangible assets		79,384	1,129,690	-	1,209,074	1,238,565
Investments		27,268	10,216	256,551	294,035	257,922
		106,652	1,139,906	256,551	1,503,109	1,496,487
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	7	4,005	-	-	4,005	4,963
Cash at bank and in hand	8	147,705	95,072	-	242,777	231,639
		151,710	95,072	-	246,782	236,602
Liabilities	9					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		28,336	1,355	-	29,691	31,155
Net current assets / (liabilities)		123,374	93,717	-	217,091	205,447
Total assets less current liabilities		230,026	1,233,623	256,551	1,720,200	1,701,934
Total net assets		230,026	1,233,623	256,551	1,720,200	1,701,934
Represented by	10					
General fund		77,083	-	-	77,083	67,168
Organ		73,500	-	-	73,500	73,500
Choral Foundation		500	-	-	500	-
Mission & Development		2,386	-	-	2,386	3,461
Parish Magazine		12,009	-	-	12,009	6,898
General Reserve		61,623	-	-	61,623	58,178
External Giving		2,925	-	-	2,925	2,425
New Hall		-	659,471	-	659,471	680,759
Youth		-	2,697	-	2,697	3,544
Frances Cooper		-	3,295	-	3,295	2,881
Jacqueline Hadida		-	6,921	-	6,921	6,051
Ecclesiastical Fund		-	561,239	-	561,239	572,770
Price Davies		-	-	936	936	818
Churchyard Trust		-	-	4,724	4,724	4,130
Dickson Memorial Trust		-	-	119,600	119,600	104,564
Mitchell Trust		-	-	4,677	4,677	4,089
Palmer Charity		-	-	125,212	125,212	109,472
Witherington Trust		-	-	1,240	1,240	1,084
William Payne		-	-	162	162	142
Funds of the church		230,026	1,233,623	256,551	1,720,200	1,701,934

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Revd. Jamie Taylor (PCC Chairman)



Richard Moore (Treasurer)

The Notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts

Parish of Sonning
Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Net Cash from operating activities		13,745		84,850
Cash Flows from Investing activities				
Dividends and Interest from Investments	7,670		7,554	
Equipment Costs	(10,277)		(73,500)	
Buildings Cost	—		(10,506)	
Net Cash provided by / (used in) Investing activities		(2,607)		(76,452)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in reporting period		11,138		8,398
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		231,639		223,241
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		242,777		231,639
Reconciliation of net Income/expenditure				
Net Income before Investment gains/(losses) 31 Dec		(17,847)		36,403
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation Charges		39,768		37,033
Dividends, Interest and Rent from Investments		(7,670)		(7,554)
Decrease / (Increase) in debtors		958		25,665
(Decrease) / increase in creditors		(1,464)		(6,697)
Net Cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		13,745		84,850
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents				
Cash and Bank		238,917		227,781
Short term deposits (less than 3 months)		3,860		3,858
		242,777		231,639

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair' provisions, together with FRS 102 as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants received for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investments is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds (including designated funds) are general funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received, if necessary by estimated amounts. Grants (including government grants) and legacies are accounted for under the performance model when the PCC is entitled to use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. Dividends and rental income are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued (where material). All other income is generally recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over an appropriate number of years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving	80,030	300	—	80,330	85,188
Tax Recoverable	17,734	189	—	17,903	21,837
Collections (Open Plate)	3,049	—	—	3,049	877
Other Donations	13,763	5,225	—	18,988	46,970
Grants	117,500	—	—	117,500	127,688
	<u>232,076</u>	<u>5,694</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>237,770</u>	<u>282,760</u>
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Magazine Advertising	22,710	—	—	22,710	27,159
Sundry Activities	—	—	—	—	30
	<u>22,710</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>22,710</u>	<u>27,189</u>
2(c) Income from Investments					
Dividends and Interest	891	280	6,519	7,670	7,554
	<u>891</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>6,519</u>	<u>7,670</u>	<u>7,554</u>
2(d) Income from Church Activities					
Lettings	1,758	—	—	1,758	180
Fees	8,429	—	—	8,429	4,964
Sundry Income	2,242	—	—	2,242	1,865
	<u>12,429</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>12,429</u>	<u>7,009</u>
Total Income	<u>268,108</u>	<u>5,954</u>	<u>6,519</u>	<u>280,579</u>	<u>324,512</u>

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3(a) Charitable Activities					
Missionary & Charitable Giving					
Church Overseas: Missionary Societies	3,000	—	—	3,000	4,000
Church Overseas: Relief and Development Agencies	750	—	—	750	750
Home Mission and Other Church Societies	5,250	—	—	5,250	5,750
Secular Charities	3,091	—	—	3,091	4,000
Diocesan Parish Share	80,000	—	—	80,000	80,000
Ministry Team Costs	56,577	13,929	—	70,506	68,705
Upkeep of Services	3,942	—	—	3,942	2,283
Parish Training and Mission Costs	6,211	4,143	—	10,354	7,867
St Andrew's Running Costs and Maintenance	19,622	84	3,188	22,892	19,120
Organ, Organist, Choir, Music	13,773	—	—	13,773	11,875
Upkeep of Churchyard	8,680	178	3,333	12,089	7,414
St Sank Room Running Costs and Maintenance	175	—	—	175	325
The Ark Running Costs and Maintenance	5,029	14,591	—	19,620	17,800
Administration	28,011	6,897	—	34,708	31,475
Magazine Printing and Other Costs	17,503	—	—	17,503	21,935
Miscellaneous	378	—	—	378	1,298
New Buildings/Churchyard	—	—	—	—	3,450
	<u>251,892</u>	<u>39,620</u>	<u>6,519</u>	<u>298,031</u>	<u>288,047</u>
3(b) Cost of Generating Funds					
Cost of Generating Voluntary Income	320	—	—	320	62
Fundraising Trading Cost of Goods Sold & Other Costs	75	—	—	75	—
	<u>395</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>62</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>252,287</u>	<u>39,620</u>	<u>6,519</u>	<u>298,426</u>	<u>288,109</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

The PCC had three employees at the end of the year. Details of costs are as follows:

Salary	45,424
Pension Contribution	2,308
	<u>47,732</u>

The above amounts are included in Ministry Team Costs and Administration Costs in Note 3 above.

Chris West, a trustee, was employed as Youth Minister and his remuneration is included in the above amounts.

Hilary Rennie, a trustee, was employed as Office Administrator and her remuneration is included in the above amounts.

5 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Expenses paid to Clergy, the Youth Minister and the Lay Minister may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC members or their related parties, except to directly reimburse items paid for on behalf of the PCC.

6 FIXED ASSETS

(a) Tangible

		Freehold Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1st January 2020	1,229,775	128,963	1,358,728
	Disposals	—	—	—
	Additions at Cost	—	10,277	10,277
	As At 31 December 2021	<u>1,229,775</u>	<u>139,230</u>	<u>1,369,005</u>
DEPRECIATION	At 1st January 2020	77,582	42,581	120,163
	Withdrawn on Disposal	—	—	—
	Charge for the Year	24,595	15,173	39,768
	As At 31 December 2021	<u>102,177</u>	<u>57,754</u>	<u>159,931</u>
NET VALUES	At 1st January 2020	1,152,193	86,372	1,238,565
	Additions at Cost	—	10,277	10,277
	Depreciation for Year	(24,595)	(15,173)	(39,768)
	As At 31 December 2021	<u>1,127,598</u>	<u>81,476</u>	<u>1,209,074</u>

(b) Investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Market Value at 1 January	257,922	243,689
Revaluation Gain	36,113	14,233
As At 31 December 2021	<u>294,035</u>	<u>257,922</u>

The Market Value represents Investments for

Unrestricted Funds	27,268	24,691
Restricted Funds	10,216	8,932
Endowment Funds	256,551	224,299
	<u>294,035</u>	<u>257,922</u>

7 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Tax Recoverable	4,005	4,679
Prepayments	—	284
	<u>4,005</u>	<u>4,963</u>

8 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

CAF Bank Acc Balance	203,084	198,557
CAF Bank Mag Acc Balance	33,408	28,045
CCLA (CBF) Deposit Acc	3,860	3,858
Cash In Hand	2,425	1,179
	<u>242,777</u>	<u>231,639</u>

9 LIABILITIES

Magazine Adverts Next Year	20,852	21,147
Other	8,839	10,008
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>29,691</u>	<u>31,155</u>

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>	2				
Voluntary Income		282,075	685	—	282,760
Activities for Generating Funds		27,189	—	—	27,189
Income from Investments		1,012	251	6,291	7,554
Church activities		7,009	—	—	7,009
Other Income		—	—	—	—
Total Income		317,285	936	6,291	324,512
<i>Expenditure on:</i>	3				
Church activities		247,941	33,815	6,291	288,047
Raising Funds		62	—	—	62
Total expenditure		248,003	33,815	6,291	288,109
Net Income/(Expenditure) before Investment Gains		69,282	(32,879)	—	36,403
Net Gains/(Losses) on		(832)	578	14,487	14,233
Net Income		68,450	(32,301)	14,487	50,636
Transfers between Funds		(11,423)	11,423	—	—
Net movement in funds		57,027	(20,878)	14,487	50,636

11 FUNDS

Fund	Notes	Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances Carried Forward
Unrestricted Funds							
General Fund		67,168	237,263	187,323	(40,025)	—	77,083
Organ		73,500	4,625	—	(4,625)	—	73,500
Choral Foundation		—	500	—	—	—	500
Mission & Development		3,461	2,141	35,366	32,150	—	2,386
Parish Magazine		6,898	22,709	17,598	—	—	12,009
General Reserve	10(a)	58,178	868	—	—	2,577	61,623
External Giving		2,425	—	12,000	12,500	—	2,925
		211,630	268,106	252,287	—	2,577	230,026
Restricted Funds							
New Hall		680,759	—	21,288	—	—	659,471
Youth	10(b)	3,544	5,694	6,541	—	—	2,697
Frances Cooper	10(d)	2,881	84	84	—	414	3,295
Jacqueline Hadida	10(c)	6,051	176	176	—	870	6,921
Ecclesiastical Fund		572,770	—	11,531	—	—	561,239
		1,266,005	5,954	39,620	—	1,284	1,233,623
Endowment Funds							
Price Davies	10(c)	818	24	24	—	118	936
Churchyard Trust	10(c)	4,130	120	120	—	594	4,724
Dickson Memorial Trust	10(c)	104,564	3,039	3,039	—	15,036	119,600
Mitchell Trust	10(c)	4,089	119	119	—	588	4,677
Palmer Charity	10(d)	109,472	3,182	3,182	—	15,740	125,212
Witherington Trust	10(c)	1,084	31	31	—	156	1,240
William Payne		142	4	4	—	20	162
		224,299	6,519	6,519	—	32,252	256,551
		1,701,934	280,579	298,426	—	36,113	1,720,200

10(a) Reserve of 3 months expenditure

10(c)

Income to be applied to upkeep of graveyard and certain graves

10(b) Funds for Youth Work

10(d)

Income to be applied to Repairs and Maintenance of St Andrew's

11 FUNDS (continued)

Comparatives for movement in funds (2020 figures)

Fund	Notes	Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances Carried Forward
Unrestricted Funds							
General Fund		61,052	228,585	173,083	(49,386)	—	67,168
Organ		—	59,187	—	14,313	—	73,500
Mission & Development		28,572	1,488	38,424	11,825	—	3,461
Parish Magazine		1,704	27,190	21,996	—	—	6,898
General Reserve	10(a)	58,175	835	—	—	(832)	58,178
External Giving		5,100	—	14,500	11,825	—	2,425
		154,603	317,285	248,003	(11,423)	(832)	211,830
Restricted Funds							
New Hall		691,324	—	22,488	11,923	—	680,759
Youth	10(b)	2,860	684	—	—	—	3,544
Frances Cooper	10(d)	2,695	82	82	—	186	2,881
Jacqueline Hadida	10(c)	5,659	170	170	—	392	6,051
Ecclesiastical Fund		584,345	—	11,075	(500)	—	572,770
		1,286,883	936	33,815	11,423	578	1,266,005
Endowment Funds							
Price Davies	10(c)	765	18	18	—	53	818
Churchyard Trust	10(c)	3,864	116	116	—	266	4,130
Dickson Memorial Trust	10(c)	97,811	2,935	2,935	—	6,753	104,564
Mitchell Trust	10(c)	3,825	115	115	—	264	4,089
Palmer Charity	10(d)	102,399	3,073	3,073	—	7,073	109,472
Witherington Trust	10(c)	1,014	30	30	—	70	1,084
William Payne		134	4	4	—	8	142
		209,812	6,291	6,291	—	14,487	224,299
		1,651,298	324,512	288,109	—	14,233	1,701,934
10(a) Reserve of 3 months expenditure	10(c)	Income to be applied to upkeep of graveyard and certain graves					
10(b) Funds for Youth Work	10(d)	Income to be applied to Repairs and Maintenance of St Andrew's					

12 RELATED PARTIES

The Vicar and Churchwardens, who are trustees of the PCC, are also trustees of The Bull Inn Ecclesiastical Trust, from which the PCC received grants of £113,000 during the year (2020 - £84,750) to support the work of the PCC in the Parish.

The Vicar and Churchwardens are also trustees of The Ranmore Trust, to which the PCC made payments of £12,000 during the year (2020 - £12,000) for the use of a house for the Associate Vicar. The PCC also settled certain invoices on behalf of The Ranmore Trust which were directly reimbursed by the Trust during the year.

The Vicar and Churchwardens are also trustees of The Sonning School and School House Trust, to which the PCC made a donation of £1,500 during the year (2020 - £1,500) to help the Trust support the work of Sonning Primary School.

Mr R Hine, who was a trustee of the PCC and Mrs E Nelson, who is a trustee of the PCC, are also trustees of The Friends of St Andrew's Church, Sonning, from which the PCC received a grant of £nil during the year (2020 - £720) to fund certain repair and maintenance work for the church.

Mr R Hine, who was a trustee of the PCC, is also a trustee of The Sonning Vicarage Maintenance Trust Fund, from which the PCC received a grant of £nil during the year (2020 - £30,168) towards the Organ Fund.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sonning Parochial Church Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

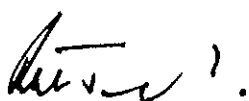
Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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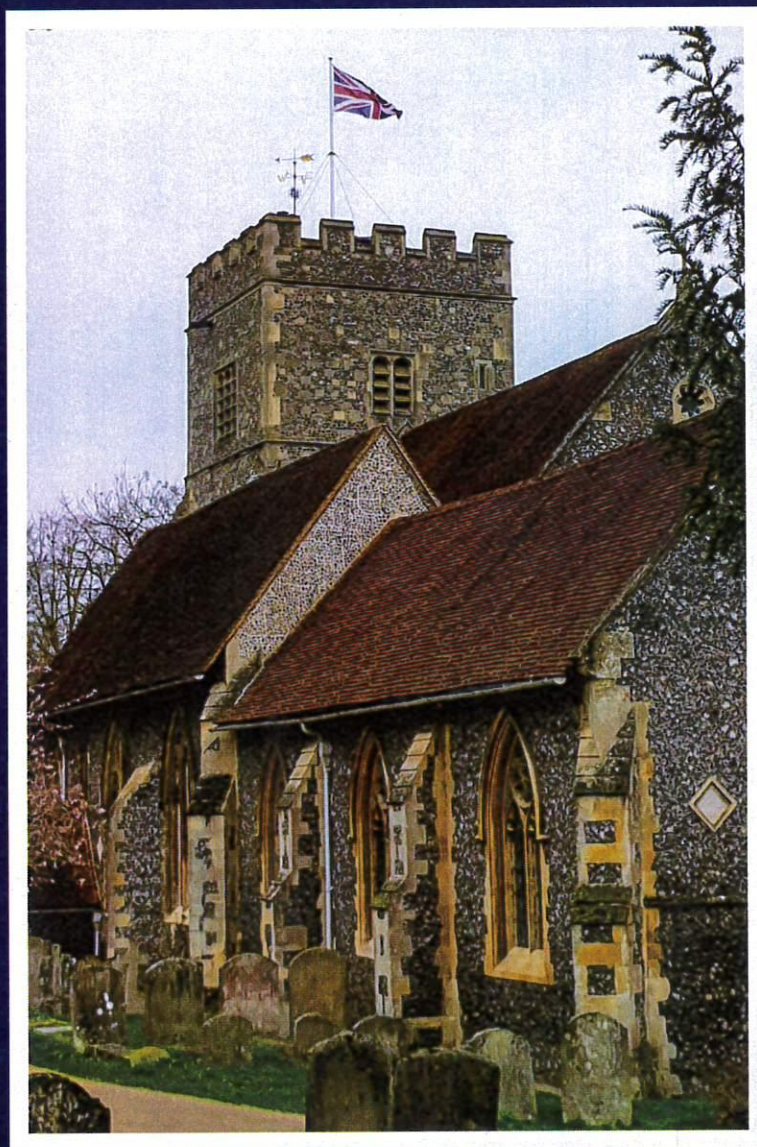
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 29 May 2022

Written Reports for 2021



THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, SERVING
CHARVIL, SONNING AND SONNING EYE

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St. Andrews Church, Sonning

29th May 2022 at 11.45am

A G E N D A

1. Opening prayers
2. Appointment of Secretary
3. Election of Churchwardens and Deputy Church Wardens
4. Apologies
5. Minutes of 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting
6. Matters arising from Minutes
7. Vicar's Report
8. Treasurer's Report and PCC Financial Statements
9. Churchwardens' Report and presentation of Terrier
10. Safeguarding Report
11. Election of members to the PCC
12. Electoral Roll
13. PCC Committee Reports
 - a) Buildings and Maintenance Committee
 - b) Social Committee
 - c) The Parish Magazine
14. Other Reports
 - a) Sunday Club
 - b) STAY on Sunday
 - c) Sunday at Six
 - d) Thursday at 8
 - e) Alpha Course
 - f) Music at St. Andrew's
 - g) STAY on Friday
 - h) Rendezvous Lunch Club
 - i) Bell ringers
 - j) Friends of St. Andrew's Church
 - k) Stewardship
 - l) Giving outside the Parish
15. Appointment of independent examiner
16. Any other business
17. Closing prayers

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SONNING

For the year ended 31st December 2021

**Incumbent: The Revd. Jamie Taylor,
The Vicarage, Thames Street, Sonning, RG4 6UR**

Independent Examiner: Banks & Co, Newbury, Berkshire

Aim and Purpose

To provide:

- Regular public worship that is open to all
- Sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work which includes visiting the sick and the bereaved
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The leadership of religious assemblies in schools
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and in the distribution of literature
- Promotion of the mission of the Church through provision of activities for all ages in our Parish
- Support of other charities in the UK and overseas

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our parish and to become part of our parish community within Sonning, Sonning Eye and Charvil. The PCC vision is to:

- Serve better those who choose to worship with us and share a journey in faith
- Reach out and draw others to the knowledge and love of God
- Attend to the pastoral needs of those around us (As individuals and as an organisation)
- Preserve our Anglican heritage
- Engage with our local community and find new ways to serve it

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship – Learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Mission and pastoral care – Giving to others and the provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Buildings and Maintenance - To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our church
- Social – Arranging social events throughout the year

Administrative Information

The Parish of Sonning encompasses the thriving communities of Sonning, Sonning Eye and Charvil, located between Reading and Henley-on-Thames in a beautiful section of the Thames Valley. We have a growing congregation and are welcoming and uplifting, embracing the broad Anglican tradition.

The correspondence address is:
St Andrew's Church Office
Thames Street
Sonning
READING
Berkshire
RG4 6UR

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. (Registered Charity Number: 1130763)

During the year, the following served the Parish:

Incumbent (and Chairman)	Revd Jamie Taylor
Associate Vicar	Revd Kate Toogood
Licensed Lay Minister	Bob Peters
Youth Minister	Chris West
Churchwardens (normally 5 year term)	Stuart Bowman Liz Nelson (<i>appointed 11 July 2021</i>)
Deputy Churchwardens	Sue Peters Simon Darvall Molly Woodley (<i>Emeritus Deputy Warden</i>)
Treasurer	Richard Moore
Secretary	Hilary Rennie
Representatives on the Sonning Deanery Synod (normally 5 year term)	Rory Symes Molly Woodley
Other PCC Members (normally 3 year term)	Rachel Argent Helen Craig Sandra Grist Tom Jeffery Emma Leggett (<i>retired 12 October 2021</i>) Jenny Sawyer Alison Smyly Indra Biddulph (<i>appointed 11 July 2021</i>) Hilary Rennie (<i>appointed 11 July 2021</i>)

The PCC met on 5 occasions during the year and the average attendance at these meetings was 86%

COMMITTEES

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between the full meetings of the PCC. These are:

Standing and Finance

This is the only committee required by law and has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members are the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Buildings and Maintenance

This committee attends to matters relating to stewardship of the church buildings and fabric. Chairman: Liz Nelson

Mission and Pastoral

This committee attends to matters concerning external giving from the Parish. Chairman: Revd Jamie Taylor

Social

This committee is responsible for arranging social events.
Chairman: Sue Peters

The Parish Magazine

Delivered free to every house in the parish.

Editor: Bob Peters

Advertising and Distribution: Gordon Nutbrown

ELECTORAL ROLL

At the APCM on 11th July 2021 there were 231 people on the Electoral Roll. The total number on the 2022 Electoral Roll is 238.

THE VICAR'S REPORT

In all honesty, I am not sure what to write in this report as it is so hard to recall what we have done and when because of the disruptions of covid. I shall therefore be brief.

It is my view that we as a church have weathered the pandemic storm reasonably well, keeping things going as best we can and returning to once banned activities such as gathering for worship and singing as soon as has been allowed. Some churches went to sleep in March 2020 and it seems to me are now having rather a hard time coming back to life. I take absolutely no pleasure in that and only mention it as a means of encouragement and appreciation for how we have all bounced back, even growing as a congregation and initiating a new Sunday at 6 service as well. Having encouraged most of you to give your offering via standing order has helped enormously during the periods where we could have no services, enabling stability and continuity and also meaning that we have not been on the back foot financially as we've come back to life.

I am, as always, very grateful for those I work closely with. We work well together, and I value their support and individual gifts. I believe we as a parish are blessed indeed by the contributions of these colleagues, in the Ministry Team, Hilary in the parish office, Hannah looking after our musical life and our wardens, deputies and PCC members. Finally, five years after it was opened, I am pleased to report that the Ark is once again a vital hub of our collective life together and it is a personal joy to me to see it being used by all ages through the week. We have much to give thanks for.

Jamie

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Review

The PCC ended the year with a total net income of £18,266 compared to £50,636 for the previous year.

Total income for the year was £280,579. There were grants received of £117,500, which included £113,000 from The Bull Inn Ecclesiastical Trust. Planned Giving decreased over the prior year, as the number of givers dropped. Income from collections and weddings was up due to the further loosening of restrictions on services in place during the year. Investment Income of £7,670 was received, mostly for the Churchyard and St Andrew's building maintenance.

Expenditure relating to services, ministry, mission and administration increased as lockdown restrictions were eased.

The Parish Share contribution was maintained at £80,000.

The cost of producing the Parish Magazine continues to be covered by the revenue from advertising and the cost of distribution continues to be funded from General Funds. Magazine production costs were lower during the year due to the move to digital printing.

£10,277 was spent on a new fire alarm system for the church.

Depreciation for the New Hall Building, the Youth Minister's House and Equipment was £39,768.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted and Undesignated Funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months normal Unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time, and approximately £60,000 is held in a Designated General Reserve Fund for this. The Reserve increased in 2021 to £61,623, mainly due to an increase in the value of underlying investments.

Richard Moore - Honorary Treasurer

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The last twelve months have seen a slow return to normality to the life of St Andrews, and thankfully for most of those who worship there too, as we have moved out of the Covid restrictions. Looking back over the year, it was wonderful to be able to celebrate again as a congregation both Easter and Christmas; perhaps the only positive from the pandemic has been to make us all realise how special and enriched our lives are by the simple things we take for granted, including being able to worship at St Andrews.

The last twelve months has seen the installation of our new organ which is a wonderful asset to the church and enhances our worship; coupled with this, following the appointment in the summer of Hannah Towndrow as Director of Music, we have seen our choir has gone from strength to strength – thank you all.

We have seen STAY, Sunday Club, Messy Church and Sunday at Six all return; with all being as vibrant as ever. Thank you to all who give up your time to make these so successful and enjoyable.

We would also like to convey our thanks and gratitude to the Welcome Team, Deputy Wardens, Pro Wardens, the Servers, Bell Ringers, Coffee Makers and countless others who contribute to the running of our church. We would like to also thank Hilary for her quiet efficiency and dedication in the office, who enables so much for St Andrew's.

Finally, our thanks go to our wonderful ministry team – Jamie, Kate, Bob and Westy - we are genuinely blessed to have such a hardworking, dynamic and dedicated team.

Stu Bowman and Liz Nelson - Churchwardens

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at the PCC meetings and the PCC is working in line with Church of England Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and clergy discipline measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Rachel Argent is the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Hilary Rennie is the DBS Recruiter and Verifier, Alison Smyly is the Children's Officer for Choir, Caroline Taylor is the Junior Choir Chaperone and Sue Portsmouth is the Children's Officer for Bellringers.

The PCC has adopted the model Parish Safeguarding Policy from the Diocese of Oxford. Completion of the Church of England online

safeguarding learning pathways and DBS checks are mandatory for all staff and volunteers, dependant on their role. There were no safeguarding allegations or concerns reported in 2021.

Rachel Argent - Safeguarding Officer

BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

One of the most notable changes to the church this year was the installation of a fire alarm, which was long overdue. Our thanks goes to The Fire Brigade Trust for helping to fund this.

This year the task of keeping our beautiful church and other buildings in good repair has been greatly assisted by the hard work of the Building Committee members; so I would like to thank Keith Nichols, Keith Hawkins, Peter Rennie, Simon Darvall and Stuart Bowman for all their assistance and advice, as I couldn't do the job without them. I would also like to thank Chris West for his great help in creating more storage cupboards at The Ark, which will make a huge difference in keeping the hall tidy and helps with the smooth running of the many different groups that use The Ark each week.

Liz Nelson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

It's been a really quiet year for the social committee because of covid. Our first event was the Songs of Praise service in July where we served tea with homemade cakes and biscuits after the service. In November we served wine after the All Souls Service and then wine and mince pies for Nine Lessons and Carols.

Many thanks to all who helped to set up, serve and clear away at these events – your help is greatly appreciated and we couldn't do it without you.

Sue Peters

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

I am pleased to report that at the end of 2021, in a time of great uncertainty for the future of many church and parish magazines around the country, that almost all The Parish Magazine advertisers not only decided to continue advertising with us but were willing, as always, to pay for their space in the magazine for the forthcoming year. And, equally as important, was the good news that the space vacated by a small number

of advertisers who no longer had a need to advertise, was soon replaced by new advertisers, ensuring that we were well placed for 2022.

My thanks for achieving this in what continued to be a difficult year for many magazine publishers, churches, and local businesses, is down to my colleague, Gordon Nutbrown, whose tireless work behind the scenes ensures that we maintain a strong financial position and so enables us to produce the magazine free of charge for our readers.

During 2021 we occasionally adjusted the number of issues printed each month to reflect the reduced numbers of visitors in church caused by Covid restrictions. However, we are pleased to report that it is now back to the full quantity of 2,400 copies per month. The small reduction in the number being printed made little difference financially but it meant that we saved unnecessary wastage – any spare copies are always recycled, and we try to keep this to a minimum.

As well as the printed version of the magazine, it continued to be available online at <http://www.theparishmagazine.co.uk> Throughout the year we received an average of just over 900 views per issue. Interestingly, almost all the copies that are available online were also visited regularly. In 2021 the magazine received its 7th national parish magazine award in the previous 6 years. The 2021 award was for 'best content' for which I thank our band of contributors who keep me informed of what's going on, who write interesting and informative articles, who provide good quality photographs, and our readers who not only encourage us, but also make suggestions for future content. The Parish Magazine continues to be a truly team effort.

Bob Peters

SUNDAY CLUB

It continues to be a privilege to create a space for children to learn about and respond to God and we have been encouraged by the number of families attending Sunday Club, including during the online sessions which dominated the spring term. We use an online resource from Urban Saints called Energize, and we started the year looking at the nature of God, followed by Bible characters in the summer term and ended the year with Christian Commitments: living like Jesus. Christmas and Easter are special points in the year marked by the Crib Service, which was great to be able to do 'live' again, and making the Easter Garden. A huge thank you to the leaders and helpers of Sunday Club who so willingly give of their time.

The Sunday Club Team

STAY ON SUNDAY

At the beginning of 2021 the country went into lockdown so STAY on Sunday started on zoom and didn't meet in person until March 28th 2021. We managed to still have fun, play games and think about our Christian faith. From the end of March until now we have been meeting in person, which has made planning the sessions a whole lot easier. We've covered a range of themes from the Bible and from September 2021 we've been looking at relationships. From friends to family and toxic relationships to intimate ones. We've pretty much covered them all. We've laughed until it hurts, we've stuffed our faces until we can't eat anymore and we've prayed for our lives to be forever changed into being all that God calls us to be. The group has doubled from the 10 or so we had last year to 21 this year. Mind, that's if they all came on the same day!

Chris West

SUNDAY AT SIX

Having hoped to start this new service in March 2020 we waited until it was safe to do so in 2021. Sunday at Six began in September 2021 & we met outside. We had an amazing time of singing modern worship songs, hearing some great biblical teaching and gave space to pray for people's needs. The monthly service continues on the last Sunday of each month at 6pm and we've grown in number from around 17 to 60 who gather regularly. Sunday at Six has followed a theme of 'Heroes of the faith' and we've had some wonderful thoughts shared on some amazing heroes - Esther, David, Mary and Paul to name a few. Every few months we try to have a guest speaker and the worship lead by an excellent collection of local musicians and singers.

Chris West

THURSDAY AT EIGHT

Thursday @ 8 started as a homegroup in 2020 on zoom with a few people who wanted to meet together to build community at St Andrews in what was a really challenging time. We met each week to chat, pray and study God's word at 8pm each Thursday which is where the group got its name from. We took it in turns sharing a thought and then we decided it would be good to do the Alpha course together as a group. We started Alpha at the beginning of 2021 and when we had finished launched Alpha to the wider community. When Alpha finished we started to meet again as Thursday @ 8 and were joined with some of the people who had done Alpha. Since then we have followed a few different courses including a

prayer course and discipleship course. We have recently started to meet in person and would invite anyone who would like to join us to contact Helen Craig on helen.craig50@gmail.com.

Helen Craig

ALPHA COURSE

In April 2021 we started the Alpha course and had around 10 guests join us for the 12 weeks of videos and discussion. It was so exciting and by the end we had people becoming Christians, others reigniting their faith, others prayed out loud, some read the Bible for the first time and others still, felt like their eyes had been opened to the wondrous world God has created. The videos lend themselves really well to being on zoom and with the discussion notes to accompany each video it makes for some amazing conversations.

Chris West

MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S

September 2021 marked several new beginnings in the musical life of the church: The "Songs of Praise" service on 12th September – a triumph for both Senior and Junior choirs and visiting singers from Papplewick School, Ascot, and a very well-attended service – saw the official launch of the new Choral Foundation as well as the formal dedication of the new Viscount organ by Lord Carey. Also in September, I joined as the Director of Music.

Despite the outbreak of COVID within the church community in the following weeks, meaning another break from choral singing, the choirs resumed their usual work at the start of October. November saw both an evening All Souls service (07/11) as well as a special service for Remembrance Day (14/11) at which the choirs were present. Unlike in previous years, the choir were not joined by the Salvation Army band for the latter service, but it was a moving and well-supported occasion nonetheless.

December was a busy month for both choirs, with the first "normal" run of Advent and Christmas services for a couple of years. The first Sunday of December (05/12) saw the return of the Family Service, which was played for by Nathan May (Organ Scholar) and Jamie Taylor, as I was away. The Nine Lessons and Carols service (19/12) was a resounding success, and featured music by Palestrina, Willcocks, Rutter and many others. We were delighted to be joined by Guest Organist, Isaac Adni (The Queen's

College, Oxford), who accompanied this service. On Christmas Eve, the Junior Choir sang at the Crib Service and the Senior Choir at Midnight Mass. Both choirs joined together to lead the sung worship on Christmas morning.

These months saw slight changes in membership to each choir. Jean Tinson retired from the Senior Choir following the "Songs of Praise" service, following many loyal years of service to the choir. In December, we were delighted to welcome Trevor Watson to the bass section, though just on a temporary basis in the knowledge that he would shortly be moving house. Thanks to a collaboration between the Junior Choir and STAY, we recruited one more member into the Junior Choir (Jos Marsh), who sang with the choir for the first time at the Crib Service.

Throughout this period of time, each choir has shown promising developments. Through a focus on elements of choir- and ensemble-training aspects in rehearsals, in addition to preparing the hymns and anthems for upcoming services, the choirs now each sing more coherently as an ensemble and are even better equipped to lead the congregation during sung worship. They look forward to continuing and strengthening these skills, as well as welcoming new members into their ranks, in the new year.

Hannah Towndrow - Director of Music

STAY ON FRIDAY

The youth club on Friday nights has continued to grow and reach more young people from the local area. With so little for young people to do nowadays it's of paramount importance to keep safe places, like youth clubs, open for young people to enjoy themselves. We get an around of 50-60 young people each week and together we enjoy games, sports, the nail bar, baking cookies, skipping, Xbox and to end each term we bring out the donut wall and hire inflatables to play on.

We end each week with a final thought where the young people are challenged, given something to provoke their thinking and asked what they think about some bit topics. In 2021 we covered; 'being different and that's ok', 'who are the voices we listen to', 'who influences our decisions', 'how to deal with stress' and 'when are the times we need to persevere and when should we move on?'

Chris West

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB

Like all the other church actives in 2021 Rendezvous Club was disrupted by the pandemic, but we have bounced back remarkably well. Initially there was naturally some concern about meeting together inside at The Ark, so we put in place some extra safety measures, such as initially limiting tables to just 4 people, opening windows and doors and limiting the number of people serving. We have worked hard to return the twice monthly lunch club to a thriving and welcoming place to meet and enjoy an excellent meal together.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who help with the front of house work and especial thanks to Emma Saville and Serena Goodwin who produce fabulous food and take such special care to provide meals for everyone to enjoy, including those with allergies and special dietary requirements.

Liz Nelson

BELL RINGERS

There was no tower bell ringing for the first part of the year. We met socially on zoom and practiced ringing electronically using a computer programme called Ringing Room. The ringers can see a circle of ropes on their computer screen and ring their bell by pressing a particular key on the keyboard. All the bells can be heard on each computer and we can see each other on zoom. This is still used by many ringers as it can link together ringers in different parts of the country and around the world.

One ringer came into the tower in February and tolled the tenor bell half muffled in memory of Sir Tom Moore and in April to mark the death and funeral of Prince Philip. We resumed tower bell ringing in May. We tested for covid before attending, wore masks and ventilated the ringing room with fans. We have rung for all the Sunday morning services since then and rang a half muffled quarter peal before the All Souls service.

Pam Elliston - Tower Captain

THE FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH (FoStAC)

2021 saw the return of some of annual fundraising activity after the forced pause of 2020 as well as sadly the passing of some of our longstanding members, including former FoStAC Trustees. After a forced slow start to the year including an online AGM for the 2020 Annual Report and Accounts, the August Bank Holiday Garden Party held by kind permission of Wendy & Allan Williams was a great success, both from the enjoyment of those attending and also for the fund-raising opportunities. Christmas card sales were buoyant, and Wendy Williams' preserves continued to be in demand.

2021 saw the exceptional continuation of Bob Hine as Chairman and myself as Honorary Treasurer for a fourth consecutive year given the circumstances of COVID-19, in line with a resolution passed at our AGM. The Trustees only met twice in 2021 given the lack of fundraising activity, however, with the regular support of our members and associated Gift Aid from 2020, FoStAC was able to accrue over £9,000 towards its reserves to support future grants to St. Andrew's Church, Sonning.

2021 saw the departure of Janet Giles and Paul Grist as Trustees following many years of service to FoStAC between them. They have been replaced by Keith Hawkins, and in early 2022, Ian McCann, respectively. Together with Sally Wilson as Honorary Secretary, Keith Nichols as my replacement as Honorary Treasurer, Liz Nelson and Bob Hine, we have a full complement of FoStAC Trustees in preparation for our planned events in 2022. I would like to thank them all for their voluntary time and effort, which is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I thank you as our members and supporters of our events. It has been a welcome return to FoStAC events in 2021 which we will look to build on during 2022 and subsequent years. It is a privilege to create the opportunities to socialise, have fun and build community whilst also enhancing the fabric of our beautiful church building. If anyone would like to find out more about FoStAC, please approach one of the Trustees or look on the St. Andrew's Church website.

Magnus Smyly - Chairman

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

I am pleased to report that the level of planned giving continued to grow during the year, with more donors, old and new, committing to regular standing orders, as well as increasing amounts given.

Cash giving at services has declined as givers switch to standing orders or use the contactless terminal, which, despite some issues from time to time, has proved a worthwhile addition to our ways of giving.

We continue to encourage people to use standing order as the preferred method of giving as this provides the treasurer with a better level of certainty when forecasting our income and involves less work for those doing the weekly bankings. Also if you are able to give under Gift Aid as a UK tax payer this increases the value of your gift by 25% as we are able to claim the relevant tax from HMRC.

If anyone would like a standing order form or a gift aid form to complete please e-mail me at treasurer@sonningparish.org or call me on 0118 9692588.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Richard Moore - Treasurer and Stewardship Co-ordinator

THE PARISH OF SONNING - Giving outside the Parish 2021

It was agreed at the PCC on 27 January 2016 that the list of recipients presented to that meeting would remain largely the same for 5 years, unless there were significant reasons for any variation, with a view to supporting smaller, largely local, organisations and giving amounts that would be more significant to them. Outside Giving in 2021 continued to be based on this list.

A range of areas are covered, including Christian outreach, older people, children and families, health and homelessness. The PCC is also committed to supporting the worldwide church and in view of the continuing situation in the Middle East we are supporting Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East (FRRME), a UK based Christian charity which aims to rebuild lives and restore hope in the Middle East.

At the same time, it was agreed to maintain a small reserve, from which specific requests might be met during the year.

Donations made during 2021 were as follows:

Charities in the parish and local area:

Age Concern Twyford & District	£ 750
Sonning School and School House Trust	£ 1,500
Woodley Foodbank	£ 750
Yeldall Christian Centre	<u>£ 750</u>
Total of charities serving the parish and local area	£ 3,750

Charities serving the wider local area:

Berkshire Clergy Charity	£ 750
Christian Community Action (CCA)	£ 750
Parents and Children Together (PACT)	£ 750
Salvation Army, Reading	£ 750
Faith Christian Group	£ 750
Thames Valley Air Ambulance	<u>£ 750</u>
Total of charities serving the wider local area	£ 4,500

Charities serving internationally:

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline (Ukraine)	£ 750
Foundation for relief & reconciliation - Middle East	£ 2,000
Karun Orphanage and School (India)	<u>£ 1,000</u>
Total of charities serving internationally	£ 3,750

TOTAL GIVING OUTSIDE THE PARISH 2021 **£12,000**