



**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**  
**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW,**  
**SERVING CHARVIL, SONNING AND SONNING EYE**  
**SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023**



# **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

## **St. Andrews Church, Sonning**

**28th May 2023 at 11.30am**

### **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 2022 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) Messy Church
  - b) Sunday Club
  - c) Alpha Course
  - d) Sunday at Six
  - e) STAY on Sunday
  - f) STAY on Monday
  - g) Wednesday at 8
  - h) Thursday at 8
  - i) STAY on Friday
  - j) Music at St. Andrew's
  - k) Rendezvous Lunch Club
  - l) Bell ringers
  - m) Friends of St. Andrew's Church
  - n) Stewardship
  - o) 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 2022  
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.

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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)

During the year to 31 December 2022, 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	Liz Nelson Stuart Bowman
Deputy Churchwardens	Sue Peters Simon Darvall Molly Woodley (Emeritus Deputy Warden)
Treasurer	Richard Moore (resigned 5 December 2022) Jerry Wood (appointed 5 December 2022)
Secretary	Hilary Rennie
Representatives on the Sonning Deanery Synod (normally 5 year term)	Rory Symes (resigned 5 December 2022) Molly Woodley
Other PCC Members (normally 3 year term)	Rachel Argent Helen Craig Sandra Grist (resigned 29 May 2022) Tom Jeffery (resigned 29 May 2022) Jenny Sawyer Alison Smyly Indra Biddulph Ruth Jeffery (appointed 29 May 2022) Heather Hexter (appointed 29 May 2022) Terence Hunt (appointed 3 October 2022)

The PCC met on 4 occasions during the year and the average attendance at these meetings was 74%



## 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 29th May 2022 there were 238 people on the Electoral Roll. The total number on the 2023 Electoral Roll is 240.

## THE VICAR'S REPORT

There are number of positive developments as I reflect on 2022. I feel we have finally put Covid behind us and, with the exception of not sharing the common cup at Communion, everything is as it was in those pre pandemic days.

I have been heartened to see growth across our various services and outreach work such as Rendezvous and STAY on Friday and Sunday. We were delighted that we had 27 candidates for Confirmation, the largest number in 40 years, and I shall always remember wading into the Thames on a cold November day to baptise five young people! That was a first for me and perhaps for this parish.

The late Queen's 70th Jubilee was very well celebrated, both by our church and wider community. I was delighted that our Director of Music enabled Zadok the Priest to be sung at our special Choral Matins service and it was lovely to welcome Lord Carey, the late Queen's fifth Archbishop of Canterbury, to preach. He and the late Queen's 13th Prime Minister then unveiled 'Bertie' the buggy, which had been generously gifted by Christina Goodacre and Janet Robson, and what a difference that has made to the elderly and frail among us. I especially enjoy taking it for a spin on Rendezvous lunch club days.

I am extremely grateful to my colleagues on the Ministry Team for their support and hard work, especially in recent months when I have had to be absent. Special thanks go to our Parish Administrator, Hilary, for her tireless work and cheerful demeanour as she tries to keep me on track! There have been certain developments in the National Church around the issue of same sex partnerships and I am following these closely. I feel it necessary to put on the record that I have signed the Church of England's Evangelical Council's petition in opposition to the proposals brought at Synod and should General Synod at some stage decide to introduce blessings in church for same sex couples, I will not in good conscience be able to allow this to happen at St. Andrew's. This will be a comfort to some of you and perhaps a source of regret to others. It is unfortunate that individual Incumbents will be put in the position of having to make this decision and I am afraid that those of us who cannot accept this innovation will be targeted, but such is the Christian life. If these services are formalised, I will of course explain in detail why I think and feel as I do on the issue. It is not a matter of judging lifestyles and choices, rather it boils down to a matter of Scripture and Christian tradition, as inherited from the Apostles, and I believe we undermine these key foundations at our peril.

**Jamie**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Financial Review**

The PCC ended the year with a total net decrease in funds of £29,586, compared to a total net increase of £18,266 for the previous year. This was mainly due to a decrease in the value of our investments, which in keeping in with many other organisations, was caused by the current worldwide uncertainties.

Total income for the year was £327,029. There were grants received of £123,417, which included £113,000 from The Bull Inn Ecclesiastical Trust. Planned Giving increased over the prior year, as the number of planned givers increased. Income from collections and fees was up due to the full return of services in place during the year. Investment Income of £8,938 was received, mostly from endowments for the Churchyard and St Andrew's building maintenance.

Expenditure relating to services, mission and running costs increased as full activities were resumed after Covid restrictions.

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.

£6,652 was spent on a mobility buggy for the church and £1,920 on fitted cupboards for the Ark.

Depreciation for the Ark, the Youth Minister's House and Equipment was £33,184.

### **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 decreased in 2022 to £59,948, mainly due to a decrease in the value of underlying investments.

**Jerry Wood - Honorary Treasurer**



## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

It is always difficult looking back and reflecting over the previous year for fear of missing something or someone, given how vibrant, dynamic and busy a church St Andrews actually is. As cases in point STAY, Sunday Club, Messy Church, Sunday at Six and the Lunch Club have all continued to grow, offering amazing service to the congregation and community; thank you to all involved in these activities for your time and dedication.

We have enjoyed some really special services during this period – the jubilee celebration last summer and of course the recent Coronation service - which again highlighted the talent of our Director of Music Hannah and choir. In addition -as ever- there are so many others to thank who give service to St Andrews: the Welcome Team, Deputy Wardens, Pro Wardens, the Servers, Bell Ringers, Coffee Makers and those involved in the 'tidy up' days, again thank you all for helping make St Andrews the special place it is.

Two occasions stick out this year, firstly the confirmation service, the number and the age range of candidates was fantastic and shows the health of the church. The second occasion was Jamie returning at Easter; I know I speak for all when I say it was wonderful to see. Jamie's absence did highlight how blessed we truly are with the St Andrews team, Hilary as the parish administrator and the clerical team of Kate, Bob and Westy all stepped up to the plate seamlessly. The additional pressure and work did not phase, and the church operated without hiccup through those challenging times – thank you all for your remarkable resilience and commitment.

**Stuart 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 and Miranda Wilson are the Junior Choir Chaperones 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 2022.

**Rachel Argent - Safeguarding Officer**

## **BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

There has been the usual range of plumbing, electrical and general maintenance work undertaken. There have been no infestations of bats, birds, beetles, worms or rodents.

Significant work has been:

- A few dead or dying trees have been removed from the Churchyard. These will be replaced with similar trees in due course.
- The alarms and cctv have been maintained under contract, but a few problems remain due to non availability of components. Security is being maintained pending these parts being fitted.
- A major scheme is underway to make good the ingress of damp to the Vicar's Vestry. This entails upgrading rainwater disposal and removing and rebuilding the outer flint face. Plaster had to be removed inside to enable the wall to dry out. This revealed some wall paintings. Plaster removal has stopped until a further survey is undertaken of the paintings and a decision taken to leave them as they are or to reveal the whole work.

A number of other schemes will follow to bring the most important parts of the estate up to standard.

**Liz Nelson Church Warden & Terry Hunt Deputy Warden**

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

In 2022 we got back to more normal hospitality. With the reintroduction of Choral Evensong we have enjoyed providing homemade cakes for the afternoon tea, as always, we cater for special dietary needs – gluten free, dairy free and vegan. The Easter BBQ was a great success, as was the Platinum Jubilee where we served Prosecco, coffee and tea and an abundance of homemade cakes. Wine was served after the All Souls Service and Nine Lessons and Carols along with the traditional mince pies. Sincere thanks to all who volunteer for the Coffee Rota, those who shop, help set up, serve and clear away for events – we couldn't do it without you!

**Sue Peters**

## THE PARISH MAGAZINE

During 2022 The Parish Magazine gradually recovered from the effects of Covid and the steady increase in the number of advertisers meant we finished the year back to 'normal' with 44 pages and a monthly print run of 2,300 copies. The number of editorial pages in each issue is a direct consequence of the number of pages of advertising and is calculated on the publishing standard of 60:40 – 60 editorial and 40 advertising. Perhaps, more importantly we still made a small surplus in income which is always welcome because paper and energy costs continue to rise and our printer, who has served us well during the crisis, has warned of further increases in the coming year – most of the paper used for magazine printing in the UK is imported from Spain or France so the price is subject to the state of the world markets.

For our stability in the face of the continuing world's economic problems we thank Gordon Nutbrown - supported by his wife, Rosemary - whose publishing and business experience and careful management of the magazine's finances has steered us through a very difficult time for all church and parish magazines in this country. Many of the magazines remain closed or they have been moved to online publication only.

Gordon's contribution to the success of our magazine has been hugely significant since we changed to our current format at the end of 2012. This success was underlined in 2022 by being awarded our third overall best award in the National Parish Magazines award scheme. This brought our number of awards since 2016 to eight.

We are, as always, very grateful to Pat Livesey who does an excellent job invoicing and collecting payments from our advertisers.

Gordon has decided that it is time to pass on his magazine role to someone a little younger and fitter and so I would welcome contact from anyone who feels that he or she could take over from him. If you would like to know more about what's involved please speak to either of us.

**Bob Peters**

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church resumed in December 2021 after stopping for nearly two years due to the pandemic. Some of the volunteer team decided not to return for various reasons, but we still had a core team and a good number of Young Leaders, many of whom attended Messy Church before covid when they were younger. We readvertised in schools ready for the relaunch, and slowly and steadily numbers grew each month. It is very good to be back together and one way we have celebrated this is by creating a frame full of wooden hearts, each with the name of a child or young leader that has attended since we restarted.

**Kate**

## **SUNDAY CLUB**

It has been a joy to provide a space for children to learn about and respond to God and, while numbers are small, we have had a committed number of children attend each session. We continue to use an online resource from Urban Saints, Energize, as a basis for our sessions. Over the year we have looked at Jesus' parables, the life of Joseph, the Christian lifestyle and encounters with Jesus: finding out what happens when people in the Bible meet Jesus. Christmas and Easter are special points in the year marked by the Crib Service and making the Easter Garden, which went ahead as usual. Other notable events were making cakes for the Red Cross Ukraine refugees appeal, raising over £200 in March, and then in June creating a scarecrow of Joseph for the Sonning Scarecrow Trail. A huge thank you to the leaders and helpers of Sunday Club who so willingly give of their time.

**The Sunday Club Team**

## **ALPHA COURSE**

We ran the Alpha course again in 2022 for the second time and again we saw people either come to faith for the first time or renew their faith. It is an amazing and relaxed way to get to know people and deepen our faith in God. We ran the Alpha course on zoom and watched the videos together through sharing our screen. We then gave space for discussion at the end. We had 11 people along to the second Alpha course and it then formed the group now known as Wednesday at 8.

**Chris West**

## **SUNDAY AT SIX**

Our monthly Sunday at Six service takes place on the last Sunday of each month. It aims to be a service where we sing modern worship songs, hear a biblical talk and have space for prayer. We usually see around 50 people gather each month and the feedback has been positive. People really seem to appreciate a space to just be with God in worship, teaching and ministry.

**Chris West**

## **STAY ON SUNDAY**

Looking back over 2022, our fortnightly STAY on Sunday group has grown both in number and in depth. We have each grown in faith, friendship and purpose. The young people are imaginative, creative and often very

insightful. Over the year we looked at the themes of: relationships & parables. My favourite one being when we thought about 'the parable of the lost sheep'. I've never heard the young people be so honest about where in their lives they feel lost and need God. We gave them time to chat and space for prayer at the end too. It's been lovely cementing the parables into our everyday lives and circumstances.

**Chris West**

### **STAY ON MONDAY**

Off the back of the River Baptisms and confirmation classes in 2022 we wanted to keep meeting on a Monday night, the weeks we didn't meet on the Sundays. So STAY on Monday was born. It is a fortnightly group where the young people meet in each others homes for food, fun and faith. We play games, ask questions and follow a theme of content that helps them explore who they are, who God is and all that he wants for their lives.

**Chris West**

### **WEDNESDAY AT EIGHT**

As mentioned above, this fortnightly small group came out of the Alpha course where people wanted to continue meeting and growing in faith. The group meets every other Wednesday at 8pm on zoom. We gather to chat, watch a short video, discuss the video and give space for prayer at the end. There's currently 10 of us meeting on Wednesdays and we love just spending time getting to know each other better and having space each week to ask questions around faith and God.

**Chris West**

### **THURSDAY AT EIGHT**

Thursday @ 8 is now a well established homegroup who meet in person. We meet each week to chat, study God's word and pray. We have studied different stories including The Prodigal God and books of the Bible including James. We have watched videos and also used study guides. During Lent we followed Dust & Glory the Church of England study and are currently looking at The Creeds. We meet in Sonning and regularly have between 6 and 12 people. Thursday @ 8 is open to anyone from St Andrews, and if you would like more information please speak to either Ruth Jeffery or Helen Craig or you can email Helen on [helen.craig50@gmail.com](mailto:helen.craig50@gmail.com).

**Ruth Jeffery**

## **STAY ON FRIDAY**

The weekly Friday night youth club at the Ark was a total blast in 2022. We hit a high of 75 young people one week when we welcomed the year 6's along to help with their transition to year 7. We also had all the usual big games, such as football, volleyball, pool, table tennis, foosball, air hockey, kubb and skipping. Plus some of the more quieter games, like chess, connect 4, kerplunk, uno, operation, jenga, Xbox & PlayStation. We also had the weekly yummy treats with Liz in the kitchen, including rice krispy cakes, biscuits, cookies, brownies and cupcakes! The young people keep inviting friends and younger siblings can't wait to join as they hit the right age. The team of volunteers are legends and give up their Friday nights each week! All thanks must go to them!

**Chris West**

## **MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S**

Music has continued to thrive at St Andrew's over the last year. We welcomed a number of new members into the Junior Choir, including Martha and Joshua Wilson and Elspeth Young and it has been a privilege to see their musicality strengthen over time. We also welcomed Miranda Wilson and Martina Leoncini into the Senior Choir and sadly said goodbye to Trevor Watson and Kenneth Craig.

A highlight of the choir's year was the Jubilee Celebration service held in June. The choir pulled off an astonishing performance of Handel's Zadok the Priest, among other items, and we were delighted to be joined by Peter Wright (organist), Mark Dallas (trumpet), Nathan May (timpani) and eight professional guest singers. It was an occasion thoroughly enjoyed by all those involved.

At the end of the summer we were very sorry to say goodbye to Head Chorister, Celeste Hexter, who devoted so many years of musical service to St Andrew's. Her significant contribution was appreciated by members across the community and it was nice to give her a proper send-off in the Ark following her final service with us. We continue to wish her all the best with her studies in Cardiff and with her Choral Scholarship at Llandaff Cathedral.

Amelia Smyly and Noah Toogood were appointed Joint-Head Choristers in the autumn term. They have each contributed a great deal to the Junior Choir, both musically and as positive role models for the younger members. Their dedication to church music is clearly evident: Noah took up the St Andrew's Organ Scholarship in the autumn and has made great progress already. Amelia has begun work on her RSCM Gold Award and her singing has come on a great deal in this short period of time.



Following an 'Open Rehearsal', where we invited new members to come and try the choir out, we ended the year with another fantastic Nine Lessons & Carols Service and offered a variety of music throughout the festive period.

**Hannah Towndrow - Director of Music**

### **RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB**

We continue to work hard to create a twice monthly lunch club which is a welcoming place to meet and enjoy an excellent meal together, in a convivial atmosphere, in The Ark. I would like to thank all the volunteers who help with the front of house roles, particularly Thelma and Ian Hutton-Penman, Molly Woodley, all the Bertie the Buggy drivers, and of course Hilary Rennie for taking the bookings and doing all the associated administration. Special 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**

We now have 15 members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. We also have one adult learner and one young ringer who are learning bell handling. We ring regularly for the 10.30am Sunday morning service and now have so many ringers that some of us can support Wargrave who are short of ringers. At the moment Evensong at Sonning is only on the first Sunday and we have not rung regularly for it. We rang for ten weddings during the year. Our learners are making gradual progress and the rest of us are attempting Stedman and Grandsire.

In April 2022 Peter Kemm and his family moved to Dorset. Peter had rung with us for 20 years and his daughter is also a ringer. We had a meal at The Bull to say goodbye to them.

On Easter Saturday afternoon we opened the tower for tours to see the ringing room and view from the roof.

In June, to mark the Platinum jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and Sonning Ringers rang call changes. This was at the same time as the Scarecrow trail so the ringing was heard by many people.

After the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II we tolled the tenor and rang fully muffled on several occasions including on the day of her funeral on 19th September.

On a happier note in November 2022 we rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Geoff Harvey's first peal. During February and March 2022 most of us completed the Church of England's on line Basic Awareness Safeguarding Course. This is a requirement for all ringers. The Deputy Tower Captain and Children's Officer and I also completed the Foundations Course.

The tower clock had not been working for some time and the clock repairer gave a very large quote to look at it. Geoff Harvey and Bob Hine identified that the rewind trip switch wasn't being activated so the clock wasn't being rewound. They adjusted this and the clock is now working again although we have not been able to get the hour bell to chime. We had arranged for an inspection of the bells by two members of the Oxford Guild's Towers and Belfries Committee to take place in December. This was postponed until January 2023. They highlighted several minor problems with the stays on the bells. We were able to fix these ourselves. However they did point out that we needed emergency lighting on the tower stairs and in the belfry. The lighting in the ringing room also needs attention. Terry Hunt is investigating the best solution to this. He also looked at the wood debris on the window sill in the ringing room. This seems to have stopped at the moment but we will keep an eye on it in case more appears when the weather gets warmer.

The handbell group is not been active at the moment.

**Pam Elliston - Tower Captain**

## **THE FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH (FoStAC)**

FoStAC exists as a registered charity in its own right to support the fabric of our beautiful St. Andrew's Church building via grants made to St. Andrew's Church PCC for specific projects. FoStAC raises money via a combination of (1) regular donors – thank you to all those who donated during 2022 – and (2) fundraising community events, which came back to life during 2022 after limited activity in 2021. We also in some years – not 2022 – receive grants made by other local charities for specific projects, which in recent years have touched our senses whilst reducing the running costs for the PCC. This includes for the main church building replacement heating and energy efficient lighting. These were well timed given energy price increases begin in 2022.

For FoStAC events in 2022, March saw our successful AGM and Quiz Night evening hosted by Trustee Sally Wilson, with more enjoyment possible than at most AGM events! April saw a return of Ascot Brass Band to St. Andrew's Church, along with two Bulmershe School Choirs and our Head Chorister Celeste Hexter soloing again. This event left a

legacy of over a £1k raised for FoStAC and very positive coverage in the Henley Evening Standard. We are all indebted to Trustee Keith Nichols for coordinating this biannual Musical Evening.

May 2022 saw the scarecrows raised up across Sonning and Sonning Eye and Trustee Liz Nelson and her family led on the mammoth catering efforts in The Ark over the two days. Combined with generous donations of cakes from many FoStAC supporters and volunteers helpers on both days ( thank you all ), another £1.5k+ was raised for FoStAC. Our surplus supplies were donated to the Salvation Army in Reading, who were pleased to receive them.

We had a break from our annual Garden Tea Party in 2022 before its return in 2023 and decided not to present at the Sonning Village Show given its proximity to Her Late Majesty's passing. We successfully ran our first social meal in The Village Hamper in the Autumn and look to repeat and refine this event in 2023. In the run up to last Christmas we took the opportunity to sell through all remaining stocks of our recent FoStAC Christmas Cards. Beyond fundraising, we also coordinated the Annual Church Clean in October before the seasons of Remembrance and Advent. Ian McCann joined FoStAC as a Trustee in early 2022, serving alongside Bob Hine and Keith Hawkins and the other Trustees named above and below during 2022. Rosemarie Rixon replaced Liz Nelson as FoStAC Trustee in March 2023. Any of us would be delighted to share more about FoStAC.

Lastly but importantly, we appreciate all those who regularly donate £5 or £10 per month ( or more ) by standing order, under Gift Aid where available. As we work on quantifying the scale of the works needed on the vestry wall – northeast corner of the church building – this regular giving to FoStAC is ever more important. Our total net income of just under £11k for 2022 has already been allocated towards the known initial costs of these vestry wall works.

**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](mailto:treasurer@sonningparish.org).

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

**Jerry Wood - Treasurer and Stewardship Co-ordinator**

## THE PARISH OF SONNING - Giving outside the Parish 2022

It was agreed at the PCC on 27 January 2016 that the list of recipients presented to that meeting would remain largely the same, 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 2022 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 2022 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:**

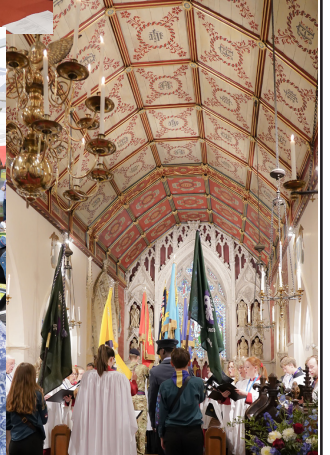
Berkshire Clergy Charity	£ 750
Christian Community Action (CCA)	£ 750
Parents and Children Together (PACT)	£ 750
Salvation Army, Reading	£ 750
Faith Christian Group	£ 750
Thames Valley Air Ambulance	<u>£ 750</u>
Total of charities serving the wider local area	£ 4,500

### **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

<b>TOTAL GIVING OUTSIDE THE PARISH 2022</b>	<b>£12,000</b>
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# **Sonning Parochial Church Council**

*Registered Charity No 1130763*

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** of the **Parochial Church Council** for the year ended **31 December 2022**

**INCUMBENT**  
The Revd. Jamie Taylor  
The Vicarage  
Thames Street  
Sonning

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
Banks & Co.  
1 Carnegie Road  
Newbury

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

During the year to 31 December 2022, 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	Liz Nelson Stuart Bowman
Deputy Churchwardens	Sue Peters Simon Darvall Molly Woodley (Emeritus Deputy Warden)
Treasurer	Richard Moore (resigned 5 December 2022) Jerry Wood (appointed 5 December 2022)
Secretary	Hilary Rennie
Representatives on the Sonning Deanery Synod (normally 5 year term)	Rory Symes (resigned 5 December 2022) Molly Woodley
Other PCC Members (normally 3 year term)	Rachel Argent Helen Craig Sandra Grist (resigned 29 May 2022) Tom Jeffery (resigned 29 May 2022) Jenny Sawyer Alison Smyly Indra Biddulph Ruth Jeffery (appointed 29 May 2022) Heather Hexter (appointed 29 May 2022) Terence Hunt (appointed 3 October 2022)

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 4 occasions during the year and the average attendance at these meetings was 74 %.

## **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).

## **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. Chair: 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.  
Chair: Mrs Sue Peters.

### **The Parish Magazine**

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

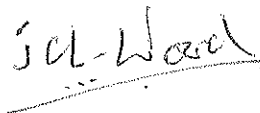
## **Electoral Roll**

At the APCM on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 there were 238 people on the Electoral Roll.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd. Jamie Taylor (PCC Chairman)



Jerry Wood (Treasurer)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Financial Review**

The PCC ended the year with a total net expenditure of £29,586, compared to a total net income of £18,266 for the previous year.

Total income for the year was £327,029. There were grants received of £123,417, which included £113,000 from The Bull Inn Ecclesiastical Trust. Planned Giving increased over the prior year, as the number of planned givers increased. Income from collections and fees was up due to the full return of services in place during the year. Investment Income of £8,938 was received, mostly from endowments for the Churchyard and St Andrew's building maintenance.

Expenditure relating to services, mission and running costs increased as full activities were resumed after COVID restrictions.

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.

£6,652 was spent on a mobility buggy for the church and £1,920 on fitted cupboards for the Ark.

Depreciation for the Ark, the Youth Minister's House and Equipment was £33,184.

### **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 decreased in 2022 to £59,948, mainly due to a decrease in the value of underlying investments.

**Jerry Wood - Honorary Treasurer**

**Parish of Sonning**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
For the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

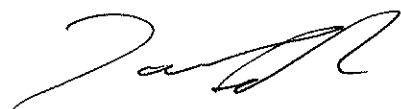
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>	2					
Voluntary Income		273,300	3,525	--	276,825	237,770
Activities for Generating Funds		23,003	--	--	23,003	22,710
Income from Investments		1,928	269	6,741	8,938	7,670
Church activities		18,263	--	--	18,263	12,429
Other Income		--	--	--	--	--
<b>Total income</b>		<b>316,494</b>	<b>3,794</b>	<b>6,741</b>	<b>327,029</b>	<b>280,579</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>	3					
Church activities		278,320	37,536	6,741	322,597	298,031
Raising Funds		161	--	--	161	395
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>278,481</b>	<b>37,536</b>	<b>6,741</b>	<b>322,758</b>	<b>298,426</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) before Investment Gains</b>		<b>38,013</b>	<b>(33,742)</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>(17,847)</b>
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments		(2,593)	(1,197)	(30,067)	(33,857)	36,113
<b>Net income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>35,420</b>	<b>(34,939)</b>	<b>(30,067)</b>	<b>(29,586)</b>	<b>18,266</b>
<b>Transfers between Funds</b>		<b>(6,893)</b>	<b>6,893</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>28,527</b>	<b>(28,046)</b>	<b>(30,067)</b>	<b>(29,586)</b>	<b>18,266</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>230,026</b>	<b>1,233,623</b>	<b>256,551</b>	<b>1,720,200</b>	<b>1,701,934</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>258,553</b>	<b>1,205,577</b>	<b>226,484</b>	<b>1,690,614</b>	<b>1,720,200</b>



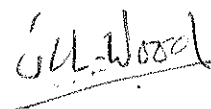
**Parish of Sonning**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	This Year Total	Last Year Total
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>	7					
Tangible assets		77,913	1,106,549	-	1,184,462	1,209,074
Investments		24,675	9,019	226,484	260,178	294,035
		<b>102,588</b>	<b>1,115,568</b>	<b>226,484</b>	<b>1,444,640</b>	<b>1,503,109</b>
<b>Current assets</b>						
Debtors and prepayments	8	5,187	180	-	5,367	4,005
Cash at bank and in hand	9	180,303	93,504	-	273,807	242,777
		<b>185,490</b>	<b>93,684</b>		<b>279,174</b>	<b>246,782</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	10					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		29,525	3,675	-	33,200	29,691
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>155,965</b>	<b>90,009</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>245,974</b>	<b>217,091</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>258,553</b>	<b>1,205,577</b>	<b>226,484</b>	<b>1,690,614</b>	<b>1,720,200</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>258,553</b>	<b>1,205,577</b>	<b>226,484</b>	<b>1,690,614</b>	<b>1,720,200</b>
<b>Represented by</b>	12					
General fund		82,223	-	-	82,223	77,083
Organ		64,711	-	-	64,711	73,500
Choral Foundation		26,000	-	-	26,000	500
Mission & Development		4,272	-	-	4,272	2,386
Parish Magazine		16,224	-	-	16,224	12,009
General Reserve		59,948	-	-	59,948	61,623
External Giving		5,175	-	-	5,175	2,925
New Hall		-	646,334	-	646,334	659,471
Youth		-	124	-	124	2,697
Frances Cooper		-	2,909	-	2,909	3,295
Jacqueline Hadida		-	6,110	-	6,110	6,921
Ecclesiastical Fund		-	550,100	-	550,100	561,239
Price Davies		-	-	826	826	936
Churchyard Trust		-	-	4,171	4,171	4,724
Dickson Memorial Trust		-	-	105,583	105,583	119,600
Mitchell Trust		-	-	4,129	4,129	4,677
Palmer Charity		-	-	110,538	110,538	125,212
Witherington Trust		-	-	1,094	1,094	1,240
William Payne		-	-	143	143	162
<b>Funds of the church</b>		<b>258,553</b>	<b>1,205,577</b>	<b>226,484</b>	<b>1,690,614</b>	<b>1,720,200</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20 February 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Revd. Jamie Taylor (PCC Chairman)



Jerry Wood (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 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Net Cash from operating activities</b>		30,664		13,745
<b>Cash Flows from investing activities</b>				
Dividends and Interest from investments	8,938		7,670	
Equipment Costs	(6,652)		(10,277)	
Buildings Cost	(1,920)		--	
Net Cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		366		(2,607)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in reporting period</b>		31,030		11,138
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		242,777		231,639
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>		<b>273,807</b>		<b>242,777</b>
 <b>Reconciliation of net income/expenditure</b>				
Net Income before investment gains/(losses) 31 Dec		4,271		(17,847)
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation Charges	33,184		39,768	
Dividends, Interest and Rent from investments	(8,938)		(7,670)	
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(1,362)		958	
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	3,509		(1,464)	
<b>Net Cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>30,664</b>		<b>13,745</b>
 <b>Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</b>				
Cash and Bank	269,896		238,917	
Short term deposits (less than 3 months)	3,911		3,860	
	<b>273,807</b>		<b>242,777</b>	

# Notes to the financial statements

## For the year ended 31 December 2022

### 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.

Buildings are depreciated over 50 years. Church Equipment items above £1000 value are depreciated over 5 years with the exception of the new digital church organ which is being depreciated over 20 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 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>2(a) Voluntary Income</b>					
Planned Giving	82,067	650	--	82,717	80,330
Tax Recoverable	18,642	75	--	18,717	17,903
Collections (Open Plate)	6,224	--	--	6,224	3,049
Other Donations	45,450	300	--	45,750	18,988
Grants	120,917	2,500	--	123,417	117,500
	<u>273,300</u>	<u>3,525</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>276,825</u>	<u>237,770</u>
<b>2(b) Activities for Generating Funds</b>					
Magazine Advertising	22,993	--	--	22,993	22,710
Sundry Activities	10	--	--	10	--
	<u>23,003</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>23,003</u>	<u>22,710</u>
<b>2(c) Income from Investments</b>					
Dividends and Interest	1,928	269	6,741	8,938	7,670
	<u>1,928</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>6,741</u>	<u>8,938</u>	<u>7,670</u>
<b>2(d) Income from Church Activities</b>					
Lettings	1,226	--	--	1,226	1,758
Fees	10,874	--	--	10,874	8,429
Sundry Income	6,163	--	--	6,163	2,242
	<u>18,263</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>18,263</u>	<u>12,429</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>316,494</b></u>	<u><b>3,794</b></u>	<u><b>6,741</b></u>	<u><b>327,029</b></u>	<u><b>280,579</b></u>

## 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

<b>3(a) Charitable Activities</b>					
Missionary & Charitable Giving					
Church Overseas: Missionary Societies	3,000	--	--	3,000	3,000
Church Overseas: Relief and Development Agencies	1,750	--	--	1,750	750
Home Mission and Other Church Societies	4,682	--	--	4,682	5,250
Secular Charities	4,000	--	--	4,000	3,091
Diocesan Parish Share	80,000	--	--	80,000	80,000
Ministry Team Costs	55,783	14,913	--	70,696	70,506
Upkeep of Services	5,710	--	--	5,710	3,942
Parish Training and Mission Costs	14,490	7,296	--	21,786	10,354
St Andrew's Running Costs and Maintenance	23,804	87	3,294	27,185	22,892
Organ, Organist, Choir, Music	18,174	--	--	18,174	13,773
Upkeep of Churchyard	10,342	182	3,447	13,971	12,089
St Sarik Room Running Costs and Maintenance	258	--	--	258	175
The Ark Running Costs and Maintenance	5,787	14,620	--	20,407	19,620
Administration	28,843	438	--	29,281	34,708
Magazine Printing and Other Costs	19,033	--	--	19,033	17,503
Miscellaneous	2,664	--	--	2,664	378
New Buildings/Churchyard	--	--	--	--	--
	<u>278,320</u>	<u>37,536</u>	<u>6,741</u>	<u>322,597</u>	<u>298,031</u>
<b>3(b) Cost of Generating Funds</b>					
Cost of Generating Voluntary Income	--	--	--	--	320
Fundraising Trading Cost of Goods Sold & Other Costs	161	--	--	161	75
	<u>161</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>395</u>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<u><b>278,481</b></u>	<u><b>37,536</b></u>	<u><b>6,741</b></u>	<u><b>322,758</b></u>	<u><b>298,426</b></u>

**4 STAFF COSTS**

The PCC had three employees at the end of the year.

Details of costs are as follows:

Salary	53,032
Pension Contribution	2,843
	<u>55,875</u>

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

No employees receive benefits in excess of £60,000

Chris West and Hilary Rennie, who are both trustees, were employed as Youth Minister and as Office Administrator respectively and their remuneration is included within the disclosed amounts above. The remuneration paid to the aforementioned trustees is considered to have been paid in respect of their responsibilities as employees and is not related to their trusteeships.

The Charity's legal authority to remunerate its Trustees for providing goods or services to the Charity is given in "Section 7A of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956", the Charity's governing document.

**5 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS**

Expenses paid to Clergy, the Youth Minister and the Lay Minister do not include any which relate 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 PAYMENTS TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS**

Professional fees for the independent examination of the accounts paid to Banks & Co, Chartered Certified Accountants of 1 Carnegie Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 5DJ were £1500 including VAT. The equivalent fees in 2021 were also £1500 including VAT.

**7 FIXED ASSETS****(a) Tangible**

		<b>Freehold Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Church Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1st January 2021	1,229,775	139,230	1,369,005
	Disposals	--	--	--
	Additions at Cost	1,920	6,652	8,572
	As At 31 December 2022	<u>1,231,695</u>	<u>145,882</u>	<u>1,377,577</u>
DEPRECIATION	At 1st January 2021	102,177	57,754	159,931
	Withdrawn on Disposal	--	--	--
	Charge for the Year	24,624	8,560	33,184
	As At 31 December 2022	<u>126,801</u>	<u>66,314</u>	<u>193,115</u>
NET VALUES	At 1st January 2021	1,127,598	81,476	1,209,074
	Additions at Cost	1,920	6,652	8,572
	Depreciation for Year	(24,624)	(8,560)	(33,184)
	As At 31 December 2022	<u>1,104,894</u>	<u>79,568</u>	<u>1,184,462</u>

**(b) Investments**

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Market Value at 1 January	294,035	257,922
Revaluation Loss	(33,857)	36,113
As At 31 December 2022	<u>260,178</u>	<u>294,035</u>

The Market Value represents investments for

Unrestricted Funds	24,675	27,268
Restricted Funds	9,019	10,216
Endowment Funds	226,484	256,551
	<u>260,178</u>	<u>294,035</u>

**8 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

Tax Recoverable	5,367	4,005
Prepayments	--	--
	<u>5,367</u>	<u>4,005</u>

**9 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

CAF Bank Acc Balance	230,214	203,084
CAF Bank Mag Acc Balance	37,275	33,408
CCLA (CBF) Deposit Acc	3,911	3,860
Cash in Hand	2,407	2,425
	<u>273,807</u>	<u>242,777</u>

**10 LIABILITIES**

Magazine Adverts Next Year	21,051	20,852
Other	12,149	8,839
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>33,200</u>	<u>29,691</u>

11 COMPARATIVE FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2021 FIGURES)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>	2				
Voluntary Income		232,076	5,694	--	237,770
Activities for Generating Funds		22,710	--	--	22,710
Income from Investments		891	260	6,519	7,670
Church activities		12,429	--	--	12,429
Other Income		--	--	--	--
<b>Total income</b>		<b>268,106</b>	<b>5,954</b>	<b>6,519</b>	<b>280,579</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>	3				
Church activities		251,892	39,620	6,519	298,031
Raising Funds		395	--	--	395
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>252,287</b>	<b>39,620</b>	<b>6,519</b>	<b>298,426</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) before Investment Gains</b>		<b>15,819</b>	<b>(33,666)</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>(17,847)</b>
Net Gains/(Losses) on		2,577	1,284	32,252	36,113
<b>Net income</b>		<b>18,396</b>	<b>(32,382)</b>	<b>32,252</b>	<b>18,266</b>
<b>Transfers between Funds</b>		<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>18,396</b>	<b>(32,382)</b>	<b>32,252</b>	<b>18,266</b>

12 FUNDS

Fund	Notes	Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances Carried Forward
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>							
General Fund		77,083	253,342	196,246	(51,956)	--	82,223
Organ		73,500	--	8,789	--	--	64,711
Choral Foundation		500	25,500	--	--	--	26,000
Mission & Development		2,386	13,441	42,082	30,527	--	4,272
Parish Magazine		12,009	23,293	19,114	36	--	16,224
General Reserve	12(a)	61,623	918	--	--	(2,593)	59,948
External Giving		2,925	--	12,250	14,500	--	5,175
		<b>230,026</b>	<b>316,494</b>	<b>278,481</b>	<b>(6,893)</b>	<b>(2,593)</b>	<b>258,553</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>							
New Hall		659,471	--	15,057	1,920	--	646,334
Youth	12(b)	2,697	3,525	11,071	4,973	--	124
Frances Cooper	12(d)	3,295	87	87	--	(386)	2,909
Jacqueline Hadida	12(c)	6,921	182	182	--	(811)	6,110
Ecclesiastical Fund		561,239	--	11,139	--	--	550,100
		<b>1,233,623</b>	<b>3,794</b>	<b>37,536</b>	<b>6,893</b>	<b>(1,197)</b>	<b>1,205,577</b>
<b>Endowment Funds</b>							
Price Davies	12(c)	936	25	25	--	(110)	826
Churchyard Trust	12(c)	4,724	124	124	--	(553)	4,171
Dickson Memorial Trust	12(c)	119,600	3,143	3,143	--	(14,017)	105,583
Mitchell Trust	12(c)	4,677	123	123	--	(548)	4,129
Palmer Charity	12(d)	125,212	3,290	3,290	--	(14,674)	110,538
Witherington Trust	12(c)	1,240	33	33	--	(146)	1,094
William Payne		162	4	4	--	(19)	143
		<b>256,551</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>(30,067)</b>	<b>226,484</b>
		<b>1,720,200</b>	<b>327,030</b>	<b>322,759</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>(33,857)</b>	<b>1,690,614</b>

12(a) Reserve of 3 months expenditure

12(c) Income to be applied to upkeep of graveyard and certain graves

12(b) Funds for Youth Work

12(d) Income to be applied to Repairs and Maintenance of St Andrew's



## 12 FUNDS (continued)

### Comparatives for movement in funds (2021 figures)

Fund	Notes	Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances Carried Forward
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>							
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	12(a)	58,178	868	--	--	2,577	61,623
External Giving		2,425	--	12,000	12,500	--	2,925
		<b>211,630</b>	<b>268,106</b>	<b>252,287</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>2,577</b>	<b>230,026</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>							
New Hall		680,759	--	21,288	--	--	659,471
Youth	12(b)	3,544	5,694	6,541	--	--	2,697
Frances Cooper	12(d)	2,881	84	84	--	414	3,295
Jacqueline Hadida	12(c)	6,051	176	176	--	870	6,921
Ecclesiastical Fund		572,770	--	11,531	--	--	561,239
		<b>1,266,005</b>	<b>5,954</b>	<b>39,620</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,233,623</b>
<b>Endowment Funds</b>							
Price Davies	12(c)	818	24	24	--	118	936
Churchyard Trust	12(c)	4,130	120	120	--	594	4,724
Dickson Memorial Trust	12(c)	104,564	3,039	3,039	--	15,036	119,600
Mitchell Trust	12(c)	4,089	119	119	--	588	4,677
Palmer Charity	12(d)	109,472	3,182	3,182	--	15,740	125,212
Witherington Trust	12(c)	1,084	31	31	--	156	1,240
William Payne		142	4	4	--	20	162
		<b>224,299</b>	<b>6,519</b>	<b>6,519</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>32,252</b>	<b>256,551</b>
		<b>1,701,934</b>	<b>280,579</b>	<b>298,426</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>36,113</b>	<b>1,720,200</b>
12(a) Reserve of 3 months expenditure	12(c)	Income to be applied to upkeep of graveyard and certain graves					
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## 13 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 (2021 - £113,000) 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 (2021 - £12,000) for the use of a house for the Associate Vicar.

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 (2021 - £1,500) to help the Trust support the work of Sonning Primary School.

## **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 2022 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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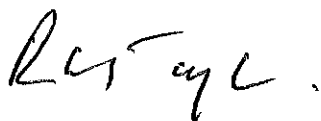
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