THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SOUTHBOURNE WITH WEST THORNEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1130876

Details

Other names	PCC OF SOUTHBOURNE WITH WEST THORNEY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Stein Road Southbourne Emsworth Hampshire PO10 8LB
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Activities

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

Activities: Provision of Anglican church services, children's and young people's groups and activities, prayer groups, wide range of clubs and groups for people of all ages and interests, fellowship and social activities, charitable giving within the Church of England, Christian youth work, Christian agency and mission work within the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£242,727	£201,374	-	-
2024-12-31	£177,270	£187,412	-	-
2023-12-31	£182,934	£220,815	-	-
2022-12-31	£205,813	£210,617	-	-
2021-12-31	£215,930	£191,793	-	-
2020-12-31	£150,020	£159,585	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Thomas Iain Robson	Chair	2023-02-20
Andrew Melvin Hill		2026-05-07
Carol Anne Jones		2022-04-27
Christine Margaret Liddle		2017-04-27
David Brian Williams		2026-05-07
Dylan Dalli		2024-04-25
Gillian Rosemary Cruickshank		2022-04-27
Ian Charles Maclennan		2022-04-27
James Philip Granado Chester		2026-05-07
Julia Mary Collins		2026-05-07
Kim Christine Carter		2022-04-27
Kylee Jayne Pearce		2022-04-27
Malcolm Cornelius Fieldhouse		2026-05-07
Maria Rosihina Aminata Carvajal-Neal		2025-10-23
Michelle Ann O'Mahony		2023-04-27
Sarah Lisbeth Maclennan		2025-05-22
Susan Mary Hall		2026-05-07

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Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Southbourne with West Thorney

St John's Church, Stein Road, Southbourne, Emsworth PO10 8LB

Registered Charity no. 1130876

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

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Website:	https://stjohnssouthbourne.com/
Incumbent:	Rev. Thomas I. Robson
Independent examiner:	Mrs. Carol Groves
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, Rev. Thomas Robson in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical;
- Working together to make Christ known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
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The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objects

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

For 2025 we planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

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- Developing our Families and Youth Ministry within the Parish.
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- Giving to Christian mission organisations.
- Positively engaging with our community through our coffee shop, Love Southbourne community events, clubs, groups and local events.
- Maintaining the church and grounds as a focus of village life.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church welcomes members and visitors from the locality and those visiting the area. We firmly believe that the provision of services of worship is a major public benefit of our activities. During 2025, the parish had an average weekly congregation of 191 across St John's and St. Nicholas, this is an increase of 11 over 2024.

St Nicholas continued to hold services and fellowship gatherings with around 16 people attending each week. We also held a midweek communion service with an average congregation of 17, and a monthly reflective evening communion service with an average congregation of 25.

In addition, we provided seasonal services, worship and prayer opportunities throughout the church calendar, including Taizé worship, reflective services, 'Holy Presence' and a mix of opportunities to share the gospel at Christmas and Easter.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Across the parish we had 16 baptisms and dedications, and 6 confirmations. We have added an additional homegroup, all of which meet regularly to share and encourage people in their faith.

We offered a number of seasonal and one-off opportunities for people to grow in faith, including a Lent course and joint services with other local churches. In February we hosted a Deanery service with Ruth Bushyager, the Bishop of Horsham. Many prayer groups continue to meet throughout the week, in-person and online.

Mission and outreach

The gifts from our Harvest Festival were distributed to the Food Bank; the church supports the Food Bank as a point of collection for food donations and also as an emergency distribution point for food parcels. During Advent we raised over £1,000 to provide Christmas gifts to local families going through hard times.

Our parish policy is to give a proportion of our income to Christian charities and missions, locally and globally. In 2025 we supported a wide range of organisations including: 2serve, Emmanuel International, The Mande family, Education West Africa, Concordis, Callum and Rianne Adams, Japan Christian Link, B.E.A.T.S., SIM Malawi, Christian Aid, Tearfund, and Family Support Work.

We also held collections for the work of the British Legion, Children's Society and Stone Pillow.

We ran a ‘Hope Explored’ course to give people a chance to hear and explore about the Christian faith, and a self-produced course for church members to help equip people to be able to answer questions people might have about the Christian faith, gently and confidently.

Families and Youth

Our ministry among families and youth continues to flourish, with high attendance at our afternoon Sunday service, with a new group for primary-school age children alongside our existing groups for toddlers and teenagers. The number of young people choosing to stay on for additional Bible study, fellowship and fun at our monthly ‘4YG+’ meeting increased over the course of the year. Our fortnightly 'Friday Fellowship' continued to welcome families from across our parish and our toddler group, and links with local schools through assemblies, church visits and support of RE lessons continued to be mutually beneficial.

Community Events and Service

St. John's Church is committed to our local community, our neighbours, schools, families and friends. Located in the centre of the village of Southbourne we are ideally placed to use our buildings and grounds to engage with the local community. Our regular activities include toddlers, children and youth groups; book, craft and film clubs and a monthly lunch for seniors. We hosted a significant Remembrance Day service and continue to regularly host a veterans’ breakfast for the large contingent of ex-forces personnel who live locally.

We also contributed to our local Deanery through attendance at Synod, clergy chapter and commitment to the Deanery prayer group. Synod debates issues passed down to them from the Diocese, and passes up to the diocese matters of concern.

Structure, governance and management of the charity.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	Rev. Thomas Robson	
Wardens:	Mrs. Carol Jones Mrs. Gillian Cruickshank	
Elected Members:	Mrs. Christine Liddle Mrs. Sarah Maclennan Mrs Kim Carter Mr Ian Maclennan Mrs Sue McNeill Mrs Kylee Pearce Mrs Michelle O'Mahony Mr Dylan Dalli Mrs. Maria Carvajal-Neal	Parish Safeguarding Officer Secretary Treasurer
Deanery Synod:	Mr Tim Marsden Mrs Anne Poulter Mrs Barbara Wilson	

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Financial Report

The trustees present their financial report for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Total income for 2025 was very significantly higher than 2024 at £ 242k, due to higher donations and income from charitable activities. This was an excellent result, as donors responded generously to the opportunity to participate in giving to support the core gospel work of the PCC.

Total expenditure also increased to £ 201k, reflecting higher spending on maintenance and repairs and global mission, offset by slightly lower salary costs, following the retirement of a member of staff.

As a result a surplus of £41k was generated. While most of this relates to restricted funds (mainly in connection with the planned redevelopment of the church centre), there was also a surplus of £ 11k on unrestricted funds, which was encouraging.

The PCC has established a budget which anticipates a small surplus for 2026 and hopes to be able to maintain spending in the areas of Families & Youth, global mission and local mission. This should allow us to continue to focus resources on the PCC's core objectives.

We are most grateful to the many church members who give sacrificially to meet the costs incurred by the PCC, the bulk of which are making Parish Share contributions to the Diocese (to meet ministry costs, salaries, housing, etc.), and to pay staff salaries.

Risk management
The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Reserves
The trustees have a policy to hold cash reserves of at least £ 25,000 to cover liquidity needs.

Trustees' Responsibilities
Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year. The trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the PCC's financial position and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by Rev. Thomas I. Robson, Chairman.

/ signed: Thomas I. Robson /

Rev. Thomas I. Robson, Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 on pages 7 to 11 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors/Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirements under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 do not apply but that an independent examination is needed. I have been appointed to conduct an Independent Examination required by section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and to report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

(1) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
(2) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011; and
(3) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

/ signed: Mrs. Carol Groves /

Mrs. Carol Groves
1 Seafield Close
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23rd April 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Year ended 31st December 2025 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Year ended 31st December 2024 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
Income from:							
Donations		£ 139,355	£ 74,572	£ 213,927	£ 128,026	£ 25,302	£ 153,328
Grants	2	£ 0	£ 2,983	£ 2,983	£ 0	£ 1,750	£ 1,750
Charitable activities	3	£ 12,138	£ 7,088	£ 19,226	£ 14,179	£ 2,064	£ 16,243
Investments	4	£ 2,551	£ 123	£ 2,674	£ 2,965	£ 139	£ 3,104
Trading & other income		£ 3,237	£ 680	£ 3,917	£ 2,845	£ 0	£ 2,845
Total income		£ 157,281	£ 85,446	£ 242,727	£ 148,015	£ 29,255	£ 177,270
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	£ 145,873	£ 55,501	£ 201,374	£ 160,265	£ 27,147	£ 187,412
Total expenditure		£ 145,873	£ 55,501	£ 201,374	£ 160,265	£ 27,147	£ 187,412
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) before transfers and investment gains / (losses)		£ 11,408	£ 29,945	£ 41,353	£ (12,250)	£ 2,108	£ (10,142)
Transfers between funds		£ (25)	£ 25	£ 0	£ 392	£ (392)	£ 0
Unrealised investment gains / (losses)		£ 0	£ (327)	£ (327)	£ 0	£ 1,360	£ 1,360
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		£ 11,383	£ 29,643	£ 41,026	£ (11,858)	£ 3,076	£ (8,782)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total funds brought forward		£ 78,660	£ 43,363	£ 122,023	£ 90,518	£ 40,287	£ 130,805
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 90,043	£ 73,006	£ 163,049	£ 78,660	£ 43,363	£ 122,023

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these accounts.

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
Balance Sheet
At 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/12/2025 Total Funds	31/12/2024 Total Funds
FIXED ASSETS	6	0	27,679	27,679	28,006
		£ 0	£ 27,679	£ 27,679	£ 28,006
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	£ 1,707	£ 462	£ 2,169	£ 12,691
Cash at bank		£ 91,924	£ 66,732	£ 158,656	£ 103,531
Total current assets		£ 93,631	£ 67,194	£ 160,825	£ 116,222
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	£ 1,425	£ 1,183	£ 2,608	£ 3,293
Deferred income	9	£ 2,163	£ 20,684	£ 22,847	£ 18,912
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		£ 90,043	£ 45,327	£ 135,370	£ 94,017
TOTAL NET ASSETS		£ 90,043	£ 73,006	£ 163,049	£ 122,023
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				£ 90,043	£ 78,660
Restricted funds	10			£ 73,006	£ 43,363
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 163,049	£ 122,023

In accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.

The financial statements on pages 7 and 8 and the notes on pages 9 to 11 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. T.I. Robson	/ signed: Thomas I. Robson /	Chairman
Mr. I.C. Maclennan	/ signed: Ian C. Maclennan /	Treasurer
Mrs. G. Cruickshank	/ signed: G Cruickshank /	Churchwarden

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
Registered Charity Number: 1130876
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 as far as currently applicable, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 (SORP 2019 (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. Under FRS 102, the PCC falls within the definition of a public benefit charity.

1.2 Income

Donations and planned giving are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when income is receivable, provided that income tax is reasonably certain to be recovered. Grants are recognised when the conditions for receipt have been met. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which it is earned and when the amount can be measured reliably. Other income is accounted for on a receipts basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure. Accordingly, accruals, creditors and provisions are recognised where the PCC has a present obligation and where the future outflow of funds is probable. Grants and donations for the financial year are accounted for when a decision has been taken to support a particular ministry. The PCC provides a contributory defined contributions scheme for its employees, in line with current legislation.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction on their use. Restricted funds are funds which have been donated for specific purposes. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in Note 10 below.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on assets held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and beneficed buildings and movable church assets, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off when incurred. Other tangible fixed assets have been written off, in view of their low value.

1.6 Current assets

Debtors represent amounts due to the PCC and prepayments. They are recognised at either the settlement or prepaid amount. Cash at bank comprises bank current accounts and cash-equivalent bank deposits.

1.7 Taxation

The PCC, as a registered charity, is generally not liable to taxation on its surplus or capital gains.

1.8 Cashflow statement

The PCC has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

1.9 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the PCC members have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the next twelve months. For this reason the PCC has continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2. Grants

During 2024 the PCC received one grant from the Benefact Trust in the amount of £ 8,200 to be used to support Families & Youth ministry. This grant applies to the period 2025 - 2027 so one third has been recognised in 2025. The remaining part of this grant has been included in deferred income. In 2024, the following grant was received. It was restricted to the use indicated.

Grantor	Amount (£)		Restricted to
Benefact Trust	1,750		Organ Renovation Fund
Total	**1,750**		

3. Other activities

Income from other activities was mainly fees charged for weddings and funerals held at our churches, hire charges from other users of our premises and income from certain social events.

4. Investments

Investment income arose from interest paid on deposit balances, mainly by CCLA.

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Diocesan Parish Share	81,445	0	81,445	81,445	0	81,445
Staff salaries, NICs, pensions	8,365	26,736	35,101	22,717	19,790	42,507
Maintenance & repairs	9,998	16,331	26,329	7,713	1,777	9,490
Church running costs	13,842	0	13,842	11,814	1,730	13,544
Local Mission	5,862	1,531	7,393	5,483	2,188	7,671
Global Mission	10,000	407	10,407	4,998	913	5,911
Office & general administration	7,181	0	7,181	6,996	0	6,996
Family & Youth work	0	7,046	7,046	4,984	0	4,984
Clergy and other expenses	5,489	0	5,489	4,782	0	4,782
Specific gifts	99	0	99	360	156	516
Coffee Connect expenses	890	0	890	722	0	722
Other expense	2,702	3,450	6,152	8,251	593	8,844
Total	**145,873**	**55,501**	**201,374**	**160,265**	**27,147**	**187,412**

During the year the PCC employed four staff. No member of staff received more than £ 60,000 in total salary and benefits.

6. Fixed assets

Fixed assets consist of 446.22 accumulation shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund. These make up the bulk of the Timothy Fund, which is a restricted fund of the PCC which exists to encourage cross cultural evangelism by church members.

7. Debtors

	2025	2024
Gift Aid receivable from HMRC	£ 1,271	£ 11,905
Outstanding collections and income	£ 898	£ 586
Other	£ 0	£ 200
TOTAL	£ 2,169	£ 12,691

8. Creditors

	2025	2024
Chichester DBF	£ 0	£ 1,821
Charitable gifts outstanding	£ 994	£ 994
Expenses	£ 1,414	£ 230
Independent examiner fee	£ 200	£ 0
Other	£ 0	£ 248
TOTAL	£ 2,608	£ 3,293

9. Deferred Income

Deferred income relates to a grant and certain one-off gifts to support Families and Youth Ministry which is being allocated over a three year period (2025 to 2027), a portion of the match funding donation in connection with the planned redevelopment of the Church Centre and certain collections payable to charities which were outstanding at year end.

10. Restricted funds

The following table lists the PCC's restricted funds, along with income and expenditure during the year.

	Balance b/f	Income	Transfers/ Gains/ (Losses)	Expenditure	Balance c/f
Timothy Fund	£ 30,840	£ 123	£ (327)	£ 0	£ 30,636
St. Nicholas Repair & Renovation	£ 0	£ 733	£ 0	£ 1	£ 732
Family & Youth Ministry Fund	£ 0	£ 39,535	£ 0	£ 35,275	£ 4,260
Mark's Bench Fund	£ 1,092	£ 0	£ (1,092)	£ 0	£ 0
Organ Renovation Fund	£ 11,249	£ 15,295	£ 1,092	£ 16,332	£ 11,304
Redevelopment Fund	£ 0	£ 28,564	£ 0	£ 2,634	£ 25,930
Other Restricted	£ 182	£ 3,577	£ 25	£ 3,640	£ 144
Total Restricted	£ 43,363	£ 87,827	£ (302)	£ 57,882	£ 73,006

11. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

No trustee was remunerated for being a trustee. Expenses incurred in the normal course of the PCC's activities were reimbursed, in particular where a trustee purchased items to be used at church activities and events.

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Accounts

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SOUTHBOURNE WITH WEST THORNEY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1130876



Introduction.

This report fulfils our responsibility as a charity to report on our activities and finances. It is an important document to highlight how we satisfy our charitable status, positively impact our beneficiaries' lives, and appropriately use our resources.

It includes an examined copy of our annual accounts, and hard copies are available in church or electronically on our website.

This is also an opportunity to look back over the last year with thanks, and to look forward with hope and expectation for all that is in store in the years ahead. I hope you enjoy it.

Rev. Tom Robson, on behalf of the PCC.

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- Maintaining the church and grounds as a focus of village life.

What we achieved in 2024.

(detailed reports follow in the 'Impact' section)

Attendance at worship

The church welcomes members and visitors from the locality and those visiting the area. We firmly believe that the provision of services of worship is a major public benefit of our activities. During 2024, St John's had an average Sunday congregation of 165 across our two main services at 10am and 4pm, this is an increase of 15 over 2023. St Nicholas continued to hold services and fellowship gatherings with around 12 people attending each week. We also held a midweek Communion service with an average congregation of 14, and a monthly reflective evening Communion service with an average congregation of 25.

In addition, we provided seasonal services, worship and prayer opportunities throughout the church calendar, including Taize worship, reflective services, 'Holy Presence' and a mix of opportunities to share the gospel at Christmas and Easter.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Across the parish we had 7 baptisms, 2 dedications and 1 confirmation. We have 8 homegroups and Bible study groups, which meet regularly to share and encourage people in their faith.

We offered a number of seasonal and one-off opportunities for people to grow in faith, including an Advent course and joint services with other local churches. Many prayer groups continue to meet throughout the week, in-person and online.

Families and Youth

Our ministry among families and youth continues to flourish, with increasing attendance at our afternoon Sunday service, with groups for toddlers and teenagers. Our fortnightly 'Friday Fellowship' continued to welcome families from across our parish and our toddler group, and links with local schools were strengthened. A full report of the impact of this follows later.

Simon

"The 4 PM family service is a convenient time for busy families to pause, connect, and grow in faith together, while also providing parents a dedicated moment to worship and pray"

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral team coordinates home and hospital visits as well as home communions and support to those going through difficult times. We jointly lead two regular services in two local care homes with other local churches. These services are an important benefit for those who are too frail to attend on Sundays.

Mission and Charitable Giving

The gifts from our Harvest Festival were distributed to the Food Bank; the church supports the Food Bank as a point of collection for food donations and also as an emergency distribution point for food parcels. During Advent we raised over £1,000 to provide Christmas gifts to local families going through hard times.

Our parish policy is to give a proportion of our income to Christian charities and missions, locally and globally. In 2024 we supported a wide range of organisations including: 2serve, Emmanuel International, The Mande family, Education West Africa, Concordis, Callum and Rianne Adams, Japan Christian Link, B.E.A.T.S., SIM Malawi, Christian Aid, Tearfund, and Family Support Work.

We also held collections to support the work of the British Legion, Children's Society, and Stone Pillow.

Callum & Rianne Adams

"thanks for the visit it was great to be with you all!"

The Adams visited us to update us on their ministry in Antwerp.

Engaging with our local community

St. John's Church is committed to our local community, our neighbours, schools, families and friends. Located in the centre of the village of Southbourne we are ideally placed to use our buildings and grounds to engage with the local community. Our regular activities include toddlers, children and youth groups; book, craft and film clubs and events for seniors. We hosted a significant Remembrance Day service and a special service to mark 80 years since D-Day. We now regularly host a veterans breakfast for the large contingent of ex-forces personnel who live locally.

We also contributed to our local **Deanery** through attendance at Synod, clergy chapter and commitment to the Deanery prayer group. Synod debate issues passed down to them from the Diocese, and pass up to the diocese matters of concern. We send four representatives who serve one or two terms of three years.

Celebrating harvest together in Church



Provision of our buildings and grounds for people to enjoy

St John's Church can be available for prayer and reflection when staff are in the centre, in 2024 that meant Tuesday to Thursday mornings. St Nicholas, Thorney Island is open all year round; and many people take up this opportunity, as seen in our visitor books.

Our outside space has also been available for Church and community events, including Remembrance Day and a Christian Aid garden party, as well as being utilised by our children's groups. We're grateful to all those who work hard to maintain it. St John's welcomed Little Stars Nursery, Southbourne Infant and Junior Schools to the church for Harvest and Christmas in 2024. Thorney Island School has also made several visits to St Nicholas.

Impact on Beneficiaries' lives & Group Reports.

Book Club



Over the last twelve months our membership has remained pretty much the same, we have had one new member join, but lost another to ill health. We still have 20 people on the register so we divide into two groups one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. Both groups read the same title enabling people to go to either meeting. During the last year we have read books from established writers and those whom we have never read before. It's always exciting to discover a new author whose work promotes animated discussion.

Centre Kitchen



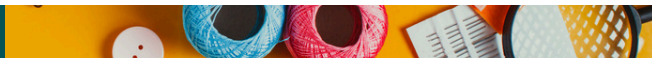
The Kitchen has continued to be used for various events this year.
These include the monthly Lunch Club, Friday Fellowship, funeral wakes, Sunday coffee and outside events. Thank you to all the helpers for giving their time to support these and many other events. More people have had kitchen training in order to be able to help at these events. Thank you to all who are on the team who cook, serve, wash up, wash the aprons and tea towels and put everything back in place ready for the next event. Visitors from other churches continue to remind us of how blessed we are to have such a well-equipped and well-used kitchen.

Coffee Connect



We have been very encouraged this year to see more people coming to Coffee Connect including church members and people from the wider community. We open 9am to 12noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Tom is usually available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 10am and 12noon to chat or pray with people. We held a MacMillan Coffee morning in September 2024 and raised £360 as a joint event with Upbeat Community Choir. Thank you to all the Coffee Connect volunteers who are so dedicated to serving our community.

Craft Club



2024 was the 'year of the poppy' when we made a hanging draped from the Church to mark Remembrance Sunday. Many people from the Church and community joined together to create over 6,000 poppies. We are very grateful and have already been asked about what's next?!

Eco Group



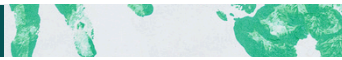
This year we have focussed our attention on the grounds, planting bulbs and primroses, and repeating 'No Mow May' to encourage wildflowers and pollinators. Plans for renovating the Centre include making it more Eco friendly. We hope an Eco champion will help us achieve an A Rocha award for the church.

Fabric (Warden's Report)



2024 has been a year of consolidation after several building projects in the last few years. We have continued to manage regular maintenance to keep the buildings and the grounds safe and in good condition for all who use them. The quinquennial inspection (QI) at St John's was completed in the summer. We were pleased that our inspecting architect appreciated the work that had been carried out in recent years. Fortunately, no urgent work is required, but the architect has identified issues we need to address in the next 2 to 3 years. The Centre Refurbishment project was launched in 2024 and a consultation was held on the plans. After a pause, we are putting a fundraising campaign in place for the first phase of this project (refurbishments to the upstairs hall, installation of a toilet upstairs and updating the facilities to meet current safeguarding standards). Following the sad passing of Andrew Walkley the team are providing support to the St Nicholas congregation on building issues. Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank Jane Inglis for her care of our building over many years.
Gill Prosser, Church Warden

Families and Youth Ministry



Pre-schoolers

St. John's has two designated weekly preschool groups. '4pm Tots' during the Sunday 4pm service combines songs, activities, Bible stories and application, prayer, play and craft. The second is St. John's Tots playgroup. This group meets weekly on a Thursday morning. There is a fantastic sense of belonging (community) and those who come regularly speak highly of the 'special atmosphere' that exists.

Primary-school age

4K (4pm Kids) is the weekly group for Primary aged children within the Sunday 4pm service. It began in May 2024 and has four main elements: Bible, prayer, craft & praise. The Team is led by Richard Carter with a trained team of parent volunteers. 30-40 children join each week. Other initiatives that include Primary aged children are: Friday Fellowship, Alternative 31st October parties, Light the Tree Community Event (Dec), The Nativity service (Dec), and special services at Christmas and Easter.

Rachel

"My little one has had the opportunity to learn about God through praise, stories and play. She enjoys this and has the opportunity to engage with other children in a Christian environment"

Evie

"I like how inclusive the 4k session is, you could never feel like you weren't involved and you always feel welcome to give your input. I like how everything we learn is religious but it is made fun and never boring."

Youth

4pm Youth Group (4YG) meets every Sunday except for the once a month all together communion service on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The group aims to enable young people to connect with God through worship, prayer, Bible study, nature and fellowship. Up to 14 young people attend this group.






4YG+ is St. John's secondary-age discipleship group. Since its formation in May 2024 the group has steadily grown until we now have seven girls who regularly attend. 4YG+ focuses on fellowship around a meal, Bible Study, prayer & reflection. High Tide has become a staple part of St. John's youth where we take up to eight young people each month to a fun and faith-filled youth gathering in Portsmouth Diocese.





MayCamp is the annual Youth Camp for young people in Anglican Churches across the Diocese of Chichester. Around 400 young people attend for a weekend packed full of fun, worship, teaching and friendship. St John's joins with St Mary's and St Nicholas' Lavant to make a great group of young people with enough leaders to make it happen. Maycamp 2024 was the place one young person from St John's made the decision to become a follower of Jesus.

High Tide is Portsmouth Diocese's monthly Youth Worship event. St John's takes a group of 7 young people to this, but is due to increase with the regular use of local minibus for this event. Young people enjoy food, games, team games, worship and an age appropriate talk to encourage them in their faith.







Families

Friday Fellowship (FF) is St. John's main initiative for families. The aspiration of FF is that we cater for families of all ages using a variety of different games and activities. The main focus of FF is friendship. Kim and Richard wanted to provide an environment where families could come, feel relaxed, welcomed and have ownership. Kim and Richard wanted to create a space where adults, children and young people could make, establish and deepen friendships with their peers. FF runs twice a month from 3 - 5:30pm and every session concludes with a healthy and nutritious meal shared together.









Helen

"I love the variety of activities, especially the tent with the fish tube and edible crafts (the caterpillar made of babybel and grapes was my favourite"

Film Club

Film Club meets at 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the upstairs room of the Centre. About twenty regulars attend, and we break at half time for tea/coffee and cake - and some socialising. Seats are moveable so a good view is guaranteed, and we use subtitles. There is no Club "membership", anyone can attend - and there is no charge. Donations go into the Church General Fund except in May and November when they go to Christian Aid and the Royal British Legion. We show selected films which we have reviewed to avoid obvious unsuitabilities, although we tolerate some bad language, providing it isn't gratuitous. This is necessary for some films which are a social commentary on subjects like homelessness or unfair working conditions.

Five-a-side Football

The weekly 5 (or 6) A-Side Football game at the Bourne Leisure centre has been going for nearly two years now! The idea is to use football as a vehicle to connect with local dads. The initiative has been successful in achieving this with seven out of the fifteen men who regularly play coming from the Southbourne, Westbourne & Emsworth area with the rest coming from Chichester and Havant.

Simon

"I really enjoy the football organised by St. John's. It's a great way of staying active, building friendships, and experiencing a sense of community while having fun."



Global Mission

The Global Mission team made a conscious effort throughout 2024 to raise the profile of our supported missions, principally with our Mission of the Month (MOTM) initiative.

We support the following; Japan Christian Link, YWAM/Restore Ministry Busede (Rachel & Eric Mande), Emmanuel International, 2Serve Trust, The Lighthouse Fellowship (Callum Adams), BEATS, Chichester Family Support, Concordis (Peter Marsden), SIM (The Wheatleys) and Frontiers (Michael & Kim Marsden).

Each month (except August and May for Christian Aid) we had guest speakers or videos with supporting material most Sundays. Finances were tight in 2024 (half the previous year's budget) due to the important drive to secure funds for the youth ministry. So we prioritised those who have close personal links and who are more financially dependent on us for funds. The missions received the following: £1071 each to Rachel & Eric, Emmanuel International, Callum & Rianne Adams; £714 to Steven & Jo Wheatley; £357 each to 2Serve, BEATS and Chichester Family Support.

The Website was revamped, and now covers all our supported Missions and the Mission board was also refreshed and aligned to the MOTM with grateful thanks to Julie. There is also a Prayer meeting on the evening of the second Sunday of the month aligned to the MOTM. JCL also holds a monthly prayer meeting in the centre. The Team thank all those who contribute through prayer and giving.



Our Christian Aid Garden Party in May 2024

Homegroups



There are eight homegroups meeting throughout the week. The Nurture group continues with a small number and meets on a Wednesday morning in the Centre. There are approximately 60 people meeting together to study the Bible and to encourage and support one another. There have been changes in venue and meeting times with a couple of groups during the year. We now have no group on a Tuesday evening. During the coming year it would be good to be able to offer the choice of any day or evening, with perhaps the exception of Friday, to those wishing to join.
I would ask for ongoing prayers for a growing desire among the congregation to be part of these groups where they can encourage and grow spiritually together.

Love Southbourne



Love Southbourne Group leads on all our activities out of our building and in our community. During 2024 we put on some of our own events, such as Easter Goodie bags around the village and a really enjoyable outreach event in October that saw people of all ages welcomed to the Church grounds for a range of harvest-themed activities and to promote our Harvest displays in Church. We also joined in with other local groups and events, providing a free BBQ to 250 people at the Parish Council's D-Day event, and a locally-organised celebration of Sussex day held in the Church.

Lunch Club



The monthly Lunch Club, usually held on the first Monday of the month, is well into its second year. There is a regular attendance of around 40 people, welcoming people from the Church and the community. Talks after the lunch have included Sue Fallon on the work of Emmanuel International and a talk about Brent Wildlife based in West Sussex. Thank you to all the people who help with serving at the Lunch Club.



Men's Socials

The vision behind the St. John's socials is to provide a platform where men from the church can make and develop friendships as well as non-threatening events to invite our non-Christian friends to. I have tried a number of different events on different days of the week, from a pub quiz, to a games night at Southbourne Club, pub meet ups and curry nights.





Ian

"It's great to meet socially and encourage one another. There's a lot of stress around in our lives today, it's good to unwind and be real with one another."

Pastoral

The volunteers on our pastoral team visit and phone people from our Church and parish community when there is a particular need. Some take Home Communion to those who would like to receive but aren't able to attend services, and others offer a listening ear and the opportunity to pray, if that is requested.

Prayer Ministry

A new Acorn Training Course was completed in 2024 and we now include 4 new team members. We continue to offer confidential prayer support at the end of the morning Service, and have been greatly encouraged by the response to our Lord's pictures and words of knowledge. We praise and thank the Lord for his great goodness and grace unto us in healing those who are hurting.

Schools

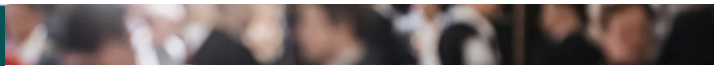


We continued to build good relationships with local schools in 2024. Members of our team took assemblies and supported RE lessons in Southbourne Infants and Juniors and Thorney Island. We have provided Harvest Festival services, Year 2 and Year 6 leavers assemblies, and led children around the Easter and Harvest exhibitions in church.

Safeguarding Report

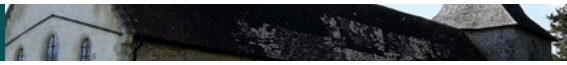
This year has seen only a few DBS being completed as the majority of volunteers have registered on update service. Volunteers are renewing safeguarding training when needed so providing a safer place for our children, vulnerable adults and us all. Domestic Abuse (DA); Safer Recruitment & People Management (SRPM); Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking (MSHT) training has been accessed by all the necessary people within the church. Safe recruitment is progressing smoothly with the use of a system on churchsuite. A volunteer has been drafted in to help Family Workers with the beginning stages of recruitment. Safeguarding is a much higher priority in the UK and in all parishes since the problems in the CofE. Thankfully, all our volunteers are very responsive and proactive with completing & renewing their safeguarding training which makes my job much easier. So, a big thank you to all of you who carry out safeguarding regularly & understand the importance of making the church a much safer place for us all. The Cathedral & Diocese had their independent safeguarding report by INQEQ and received a good write up in the Church Times stating that an independent audit has concluded safeguarding in the diocese of Chichester has made "impressive progress", and it describes the diocese's safeguarding team as "well-led and highly professional". This is very positive news. Please remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. *Christine Liddle*

Social Team



The Social Team continues to provide great hospitality for a range of events at Church. In 2024 this included an Easter breakfast, a summer BBQ, Harvest hotdogs at our outreach event and a delicious Harvest lunch for over 100 people in Church. This hospitality is offered to those who are part of the Church and others in the community through the range of events that the Social Team run and support.

St Nicholas Church



Last year, much to our sorrow, we lost Andy, who was instrumental in keeping St Nicholas up and running since 2004. To begin with, it was only with the strength and help of Wendy that we managed to keep the Fellowship meetings going. We said goodbye to Padre Mike in the summer and then welcomed Padre Paul, who came to our rescue by holding Communion services every Sunday. We also held special services for Sea Sunday, Remembrance and Christmas – to which many of the island's residents attended. I can only thank all our small, but dedicated congregation for all their help in keeping St Nicholas church on Thorney Island part of our Sunday worship. *Peter Hicks, on behalf of St Nicholas*

Walking Group



The walking group has continued to meet regularly and our walks have included strolls around the Chidham peninsula admiring seals and sailing, and walks in the South Downs in search of snowdrops, daffodils, orchids and round headed rampion, depending on which season we are in. We try to pick good weather but don't always succeed! Mostly we just enjoy each other's company and God's beautiful creation and get a little bit fit. Between 4 and 12 people meet to walk 3-5 miles on a Saturday, and you are very welcome to join us.



In 2024 we also began a 'Walk and Talk' group that went for walks around the parish on a Sunday before our afternoon service. These were great opportunities to meet people from across both congregations and spend time chatting and encouraging one another.

Worship

Music at the weekly 10am service consists mainly of contemporary worship songs, but typically also includes one traditional hymn each week. We aim to ensure the music is relevant to the theme of each Sunday, and this involves introducing new songs from time to time where appropriate.
In addition to the morning services in 2024, we sang three Taize services throughout the year (for Candlemas, Maundy Thursday and Harvest). This more reflective style of worship continues to be popular with the congregation, and this has been reflected in the numbers attending the services. We also sang two carol services in December, when the regular worship group was augmented by a number of additional singers, providing a strong lead at these annual services. Fundraising has continued for the organ refurbishment project. Unfortunately the cost has increased due to uplifts in the national living wage, nevertheless we aim to be in a position to proceed with the renovation in 2025.

At the 4pm service music is led by a mix of groups, and incorporates mostly contemporary songs alongside worship for all-ages, often involving motions. This is a key part of the time all together in the service before the young people go out to their groups and the adults remain together for a talk, reflection and another chance to sing.

Cassey

"We love attending the 4pm service on a Sunday, it's always such a peaceful and calm environment to enter into to be together and feel close to God. I appreciate the choice of songs of worship as they feel traditional but still with a catchy tune that my teen-aged children can pick up and sing along. We have sometimes particularly enjoyed a certain song and then found we can go into the Church centre and actually collect a QR code to scan that will link us to that song and we can learn it better at home!"

Structure, governance and management of the charity.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:
Incumbent: The Revd Thomas Robson
Wardens: Mrs Gillian Prosser
Mrs Gillian Cruickshank

Elected Members

Mrs Jane Inglis	(Until April 2024)
Mrs Christine Liddle	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Sarah Maclennan	Secretary
Mrs Julie Fair	(Until April 2024)
Mrs Kim Carter	
Mr Richard Carter	(Until October 2024)
Mr Ian Maclennan	Treasurer
Mrs Sue McNeill	
Mrs Kylee Pearce	
Mrs Michelle O'Mahony	
Mr Dylan Dalli	(From April 2024)
Mrs Karen Mears	(From April 2024)

Deanery Synod
Mrs Carol Jones
Mr Tim Marsden
Mrs Anne Poulter
Mrs Barbara Wilson

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The trustees present their financial report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Total income for 2024 was very slightly lower than 2023 at £ 177k, due to higher donations and other income, offset by sharply lower grants received during the year. This was a relatively good result, as 2023 included a large exceptional donation which was not repeated in 2024.

Total expenditure declined sharply to £ 187k, reflecting sharply lower spending on repairs and maintenance (down £ 38k) and global mission (down £ 4k).

The resulting deficit moderated to £ 10k which continues to be unsustainable in the medium term. Following significant fundraising which took place in mid-2024, the PCC is now seeing increased regular giving and the outlook is for a smaller deficit in 2025, as income increases and expenditures continue to be under tight control.

In 2024 unrestricted funds registered a significant deficit (£ 12k) while restricted funds recorded a small surplus (£ 2k).

The PCC has established a budget which anticipates a modest deficit for 2025 and hopes to be able to restore giving to support Global Mission to previous levels, as well as to maintain spending in the areas of Families & Youth and local mission. This should allow us to continue to focus resources on the PCC's core objectives.

We are most grateful to the many church members who give sacrificially to meet the costs incurred by the PCC, the bulk of which are making Parish Share contributions to the Diocese (to meet ministry costs, salaries, housing, etc.), and to pay staff salaries.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Reserves
The trustees have a policy to hold cash reserves of at least £25,000 to cover liquidity needs.

Trustees' Responsibilities
Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year. The trustees are required to:

1. *Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently*
2. *Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent*
3. *State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.*
4. *Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.*

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the PCC's financial position and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

The Trustees Annual and Financial reports were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 5th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by Rev. Thomas I. Robson, Chairman.

/signed T.I. Robson/
Rev. Thomas I. Robson, Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 on pages 21 to 23 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 24 and 25.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors/Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirements under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 do not apply but that an independent examination is needed. I have been appointed to conduct an Independent Examination required by section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and to report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

1. *examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;*
2. *follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011; and*
3. *state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

/signed E.J. Thompson/

Mr. Eric J. Thompson
12 Kingsey Avenue, Emsworth, Hampshire PO10 7HP 22nd April 2025

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
Registered Charity Number: 1130876

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Year ended 31st December 2024 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Year ended 31st December 2023 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
Income from:							
Donations		£ 128,026	£ 25,302	£ 153,328	£ 122,280	£ 31,619	£ 153,899
Grants	2	£ 0	£ 1,750	£ 1,750	£ 0	£ 10,160	£ 10,160
Charitable activities	3	£ 14,179	£ 2,064	£ 16,243	£ 10,352	£ 0	£ 10,352
Investments	4	£ 2,965	£ 139	£ 3,104	£ 3,988	£ 118	£ 4,106
Trading & other income		£ 2,845	£ 0	£ 2,845	£ 1,425	£ 0	£ 1,425
Total income		£ 148,015	£ 29,255	£ 177,270	£ 138,045	£ 41,897	£ 179,942
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	£ 160,265	£ 27,147	£ 187,412	£ 161,059	£ 59,756	£ 220,815
Total expenditure		£ 160,265	£ 27,147	£ 187,412	£ 161,059	£ 59,756	£ 220,815
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) before transfers and investment gains / (losses)		£ (12,250)	£ 2,108	£ (10,142)	£ (23,014)	£ (17,859)	£ (40,873)
Transfers between funds		£ 392	£ (392)	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Unrealised investment gains / (losses)		£ 0	£ 1,360	£ 1,360	£ 0	£ 2,992	£ 2,992
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		£ (11,858)	£ 3,076	£ (8,782)	£ (23,014)	£ (14,867)	£ (37,881)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total funds brought forward		£ 90,518	£ 40,287	£ 130,805	£ 113,532	£ 55,154	£ 168,686
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 78,660	£ 43,363	£ 122,023	£ 90,518	£ 40,287	£ 130,805

The notes on pages 24 to 29 form part of these accounts.

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
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Balance Sheet
At 31st December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/12/2024 Total Funds	31/12/2023 Total Funds
FIXED ASSETS	6	0	28,006	28,006	26,645
		£ 0	£ 28,006	£ 28,006	£ 26,645
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	£ 7,479	£ 5,212	£ 12,691	£ 15,050
Cash at bank		£ 73,290	£ 30,241	£ 103,531	£ 92,444
Total current assets		£ 80,769	£ 35,453	£ 116,222	£ 107,494
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	£ 2,109	£ 1,184	£ 3,293	£ 3,334
Deferred income	9	£ 0	£ 18,912	£ 18,912	£ 0
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		£ 78,660	£ 15,357	£ 94,017	£ 104,160
TOTAL NET ASSETS		£ 78,660	£ 43,363	£ 122,023	£ 130,805
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				£ 78,660	£ 90,518
Restricted funds	10			£ 43,363	£ 40,287
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 122,023	£ 130,805

In accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.

The financial statements on pages **21 to 23** and the notes on pages **24 to 29** were approved by the Parochial Church Council on **5th April 2025** and signed on its behalf by:

/signed T.I. Robson/
Rev. T.I. Robson — Chairman

/signed I.C. Maclennan/
Mr. I.C. Maclennan — Treasurer

/signed G. Prosser/
Mrs. G. Prosser — Churchwarden

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 as far as currently applicable, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 (SORP 2019 (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. Under FRS 102, the PCC falls within the definition of a public benefit charity.

1.2 Income

Donations and planned giving are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when income is receivable, provided that income tax is reasonably certain to be recovered. Grants are recognised when the conditions for receipt have been met. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which it is earned and when the amount can be measured reliably. Other income is accounted for on a receipts basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure. Accordingly, accruals, creditors and provisions are recognised where the PCC has a present obligation and where the future out flow of funds is probable. Grants and donations for the financial year are accounted for when a decision has been taken to support a particular ministry. The PCC provides a contributory defined contributions pension scheme for its employees, in line with current legislation.

1.4 Fund Accounting
Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction on their use. Restricted funds are funds which have been donated for specific purposes. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in Note 10 below.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on assets held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and beneficed buildings and movable church assets, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off when incurred. Other tangible fixed assets have been written off, in view of their low value.

1.6 Current assets
Debtors represent amounts due to the PCC and prepayments. They are recognised at either the settlement or prepaid amount. Cash at bank comprises bank current accounts and cash-equivalent bank deposits.

1.7 Taxation
The PCC, as a registered charity, is generally not liable to taxation on its surplus or capital gains.

1.8 Cash flow statement
The PCC has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

1.9 Going concern
After making appropriate enquiries, the PCC members have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the next twelve months. For this reason the PCC has continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2. Grants

During 2024 the PCC received the following grants:

Grantor	Amount (£)	Restricted to
The Benefact Trust	8.200	Families & Youth
The Benefact Trust	1.750	Organ refurbishment
Total	**9,950**	

The grant for £ 8,200 applies to the period 2025-2027 so it has been included in deferred income.

During 2023 the PCC received the following grants:

Grantor	Amount (£)	Restricted to
Joseph Rank Trust	10,000	Families & Youth
Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance	160	Youth Support
Total	**10,160**	

3. Charitable activities

Income from charitable activities was mainly fees charged for weddings and funerals held at our churches and income from various local outreach events, including families and youth activities

4. Investments

Investment income arose from interest paid on deposit balances, mainly by CCLA.

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

The following table lists the main expenditures incurred by the PCC in the years ending 31st December 2023 and 2024, broken down by expenditure from unrestricted and restricted funds.

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Diocesan Parish Share	81,445	0	81,445	78,795	0	78,795
Staff salaries, NICs, pensions	22,717	19,790	42,507	20,014	19,233	39,247
Church running costs	12,316	1,730	14,046	6,884	8,560	15,444
Maintenance & repairs	9,154	1,975	11,129	24,134	22,976	47,110
Family & Youth work	7,338	0	7,338	0	6,450	6,450
Office & general administration	6,709	0	6,709	5,923	0	5,923
Local Mission	4,761	2,188	6,949	10,743	0	10,743
Global Mission	4,998	913	5,911	10,000	0	10,000
Clergy & vicarage	4,782	0	4,782	1,943	0	1,943
Fees due to Diocese	2,879	0	2,879	1,679	0	1,679
Coffee Connect expenses	722	0	722	944	0	944
Specific gifts	360	0	360	0	2,537	2,537
Bank and payment charges	221	206	427	0	0	0
Other expense	1,863	345	2,208	0	0	0
Total	**160,265**	**27,147**	**187,412**	**161,059**	**59,756**	**220,815**

The PCC employs four staff. No member of staff received more than £60,000 in total salary and benefits.

6. Fixed assets

Fixed assets consist of 446.22 accumulation shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund. These make up the bulk of the Timothy Fund, which is a restricted fund of the PCC which exists to encourage cross cultural evangelism by church members.

7. Debtors

	2024	2023
Gift Aid receivable from HMRC	£ 11,905	£ 14,061
Outstanding collections and income	£ 586	£ 989
Other	£ 200	£ 0
Total	**£ 12,691**	**£ 15,050**

8. Creditors

	2024	2023
Chichester DBF	£ 1,821	£ 2,657
Charitable gifts outstanding	£ 994	£ 0
Expenses	£ 230	£ 332
Other	£ 248	£ 345
Total	**£ 3,293**	**£ 3,334**

9. Deferred income

Deferred income relates to a grant and certain one-off gifts to support Families and Youth Ministry. The grant, in the amount of £ 8,200 relates to the period 2025 - 2027.

In mid-2024 the PCC received a number of one-off gifts and associated Gift Aid. These are being allocated over a three year period (2024 to 2026). The portion relating to 2025 and 2026 has been included in deferred income.

10. Restricted funds

The following table lists all of the PCC's restricted funds, along with income and expenditure during the year.

	Balance b/f	Income	Transfers/ Gains	Expenditure	Balance c/f
Timothy Fund	£ 29,341	£ 139	£ 1,360	£ 0	£ 30,840
St Nicholas Repair & Renovation	£ 800	£ 303	£ 130	£ 1,233	£ 0
Family & Youth Ministry	£ 0	£ 19,943	£ 0	£ 19,943	£ 0
Mark's Bench Fund	£ 1,092	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1,092
Organ Renovation Fund	£ 0	£ 5,427	£ 6,043	£ 221	£ 11,249
Energy Fund	£ 1,730	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1,730	£ 0
Other Restricted	£ 7,324	£ 3,443	£ (6,556)	£ 4,020	£ 182
Total Restricted	**£ 40,287**	**£ 29,255**	**£ 968**	**£ 27,147**	**£ 43,363**

11. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

No trustee was remunerated for being a trustee. Expenses incurred in the normal course of the PCC's activities were reimbursed, in particular where a trustee purchased items to be used at church activities and events.

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Some photo highlights from 2024

















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Accounts

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SOUTHBOURNE WITH WEST THORNEY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1130876



Introduction.

This report fulfils our responsibility as a charity to report on our activities and finances. It is an important document to highlight how we satisfy our charitable status, positively impact our beneficiaries' lives, and appropriately use our resources.

It includes an examined copy of our annual accounts, and hard copies are available in church or electronically on our website.

This is also an opportunity to look back over the last year with thanks, and to look forward with hope and expectation for all that is in store in the years ahead. I hope you enjoy it.

Rev. Tom Robson, on behalf of the PCC.

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Our aims and purposes as a charity.

The PCC has the responsibility, along with Rev'd Tom Robson, of:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical.
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need.
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

How we planned to achieve our charitable objectives.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. For 2023 we planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Providing accessible worship, to enable as many people as possible to participate.
- Providing Christian teaching to all age groups through Sunday services and mid-week small group activities.
- Developing our Families and Youth Ministry within the Parish.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Giving to Christian mission organisations.
- Positively engaging with our community through our coffee shop, Love Southbourne, clubs, groups and local events.
- Maintaining the church and grounds as a focus of village life.

What we achieved in 2023.

(detailed reports follow in the 'Impact' section)

Attendance at worship

The church welcomes members and visitors from the locality and those visiting the area. We firmly believe that the provision of services of worship is a major public benefit of our activities. During 2023, we had an average congregation of 59 at our 10am service and 73 at our weekly (term-time) 4pm all-age service. We also reintroduced a midweek Communion service with an average congregation of 13, and a monthly reflective evening Communion service with an average congregation of 22.

In addition, we provided seasonal services throughout the church calendar, including Taize worship, reflective services, and a mix of opportunities to share the gospel at Christmas and Easter.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Across the parish we had 7 baptisms, 2 dedications and 2 confirmations. We have 12 homegroups and Bible study groups, which meet regularly to share and encourage people in their faith.

We offered a number of seasonal and one-off opportunities for people to grow in faith, including an Advent course and joint services with other local churches. Many prayer groups continue to meet throughout the week, in-person and online.

Families and Youth

Our ministry among families and youth continues to flourish, with increasing attendance at our afternoon Sunday service, with groups for toddlers and teenagers. Our fortnightly 'Friday Fellowship' continued to welcome families from across our parish, and our toddler group, and links with local schools were strengthened. A full report of the impact of this follows later.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral team coordinates home and hospital visits as well as home communions and support to those going through difficult times. We jointly lead two regular services in two local care homes with other local churches. These services are an important benefit for those who are too frail to attend on Sundays.

Mission and Charitable Giving

The gifts from our Harvest Festival were distributed to the Food Bank; the church supports the Food Bank as a point of collection for food donations and also as an emergency distribution point for food parcels. During Advent we raised over £1,000 to provide Christmas gifts to local families going through hard times.

Our parish policy is to give a proportion of our income to Christian charities and missions, locally and globally. In 2023 we supported a wide range of organisations including: 2serve, Emmanuel International, The Mande family, Education West Africa, Concordis, Callum and Rianne Adams, Japan Christian Link, B.E.A.T.S., SIM Malawi, and Family Support Work.

We also held collections to support the work of the British Legion, Children's Society, and Stone Pillow.

Eric & Rachel Mande

"We loved our time in the UK and having the opportunity of seeing so many of you."

The Mandes visited us in August to update us on their work with Restore Ministries, Uganda.

Engaging with our local community

St. John's Church is committed to our local community, our neighbours, schools, families and friends. Located in the centre of the village of Southbourne we are ideally placed to use our buildings and grounds to engage with the local community. Our regular activities include toddlers, children and youth groups; book, craft and film clubs and events for seniors. We hosted a significant Remembrance Day service for the local community and now regularly host a veterans breakfast for the large contingent of ex-forces personnel who live locally.

(Please see the Group Reports section for more details on how this impacted beneficiaries' lives in 2023.)

Celebrating harvest together in Church



Provision of our buildings and grounds for people to enjoy

St John's Church is available for prayer and reflection whenever the centre is open, in 2023 that meant Tuesday to Thursday mornings. St Nicholas, Thorney Island is open all year round; and many people take up this opportunity, as seen in our visitor books.

Our outside space has also been available for Church and community events, including Remembrance Day and a Christian Aid garden party, as well as being utilised by our children's groups. We're grateful to all those who work hard to maintain it.

St John's welcomed Little Stars Nursery, Southbourne Infant and Junior Schools to the church for Harvest and Christmas in 2023. Thorney Island School has also made several visits to St Nicholas.

Impact on Beneficiaries' lives & Group Reports.

Audio Visual Team



This report covers the dedicated work of those individuals who operate the sound desk, the video and other such work to make the techie equipment work, for our two main Sunday services and occasional weddings and funerals. On behalf of the Church we are truly thankful. We are now fully established in our elevated outpost. In the last year we have seen the installation of the new video monitors, which together with a set of 'style guidelines' have improved the clarity of the song lyrics and presentations, even when we are blessed with bright sunshine. Our team is quite small, and would welcome any 'new blood', to ease the rota. *Martin Fair.*

Book Club



We currently have 16 active members of the group and continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3pm and 7.30pm. We originally divided into 2 groups because of numbers, but it also allows people to choose the time which suits them best, as both groups read the same titles. We have continued to read a wide variety of books chosen by the members which reflect our differing tastes in literature. There is space in both groups to accommodate new members, so do join us and get reading. *Jenny Bond.*

Centre Kitchen



The Kitchen has been used for various events this year. These include the new monthly Lunch Club, a large Wedding, Friday Fellowship, Funeral Wakes and Sunday coffee. Thank you to all the helpers for giving their time to support these, and many other, events. More people have had kitchen training to help with these occasions. We bought some additional equipment and a new microwave was donated during the year. Visitors from other churches continue to remind us of how blessed we are to have such a well-equipped and well-used kitchen. *Barbara Wilson*

Coffee Connect



We have been very encouraged this year to see more of our regular visitors returning to Coffee Connect, after having to close during the covid epidemic. We have also had new people joining us. We are open from 9am to 12noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Tom is usually available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 10am and 12 noon to chat with anyone who would find that helpful





We held a MacMillan Coffee morning and raised nearly £400 and a joint fund raising event with Upbeat Southbourne Community Choir which raised nearly £200. You are all welcome to join us to meet up and enjoy a coffee and homemade cake with friends. Thank you to all the Coffee Connect volunteers who are so dedicated to serving our community this way. *Barbara Wilson and Julie Collins*

Craft Club



Following on from our Covid shutdown and loss of several members, we have now restructured in the hope that we meet the needs of our members and reduce the stress on the Team. So far we have been very pleased with the new system. We have about twenty-five regular members.



We meet every second Thursday afternoon in the coffee lounge each bringing our own project. Most bring embroidery, knitting, or anything which does not need too much equipment, and we have a social afternoon with plenty of chat and tea. On fourth Wednesdays, upstairs in the Centre, we have more time and more space and the emphasis is on producing items for others rather than for ourselves. We tend to alternate between machine sewing and paper crafting and are always interested to hear of charities asking for items to be made. *Janice Collett*

Deanery Synod



Synod met on four occasions, each of which at least some of our representatives attended. Opportunities were taken to welcome into the Deanery the Parish of Fishbourne and Apuldram, their vicar Revd Jessica Reid as Rural Dean, and Revd Tom Robson to Southbourne with West Thorney. Also +Ruth who attended the September meeting. During the year, the Deanery Action Plan was submitted in shortened form - though the approval process was so extended that it had become dated. Though there had been several attempts to provide 'Warm Spaces' during the winter, there had only been a low uptake. The Deanery Prayer Group, initiated by St John's, has continued to meet peripatetically on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Deanery had managed to meet its pledged financial contributions to the Diocese in 2023 - for 2024 an increase of 3.4% is anticipated as Diocesan reserves will be drawn on. Several Parishes, having themselves already drawn on reserves, anticipate being unable to maintain even the present level of contributions. There have been discussions about the future of financially unviable Parishes and these have been passed back to the Diocese.

Following debate, Deanery declared support for a private motion to be presented to General Synod declaring 'that bullying is unacceptable behaviour within the Church of God whether by Clergy or laity'. The intention being to restore a balance of responsibility. Deanery Synod noted that General Synod had agreed that a stand-alone service of blessing for same sex partnerships should be available on trial until 2025. However, at that point there was no approved liturgy, nor was there advice for those who felt unable to offer such blessings. Safeguarding issues are always on the agenda and attention has been drawn to Training Modules required for those with safeguarding responsibilities. *Tim Marsden*

Environmental Group

The Eco group has focused on the garden, making it more bee-friendly by planting wild flowers and taking part in No-Mow May. Our thanks to the dedicated team of mowers who mowed appropriate paths round the church, and to the people who turn the waste into such good compost. In the kitchen and centre we have moved away from single use items and minimised food waste. We thank everyone who has joined with these initiatives as they wouldn't otherwise be successful. *Sarah Maclennan*

Fabric



In 2023 we have improved the safety and security of our buildings with the installation of a new security and alarm system. In the church, using a generous donation, we installed new digital screens which have improved the clarity of slides and videos used in worship. We are grateful to the volunteers who help keep our church building and grounds safe and in good condition. Looking forward, we are awaiting a quinquennial inspection in 2024, we are raising funds to refurbish our organ and are developing plans to use our church centre more effectively. *Gill Prosser*

Film Club

The Film Club continued to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2pm during 2023, showing a range of films. There is no charge but donations are often made, and there's a break for tea and cake.

Homegroups



A new homegroup was started in the Autumn of 2023 in one of the new housing areas in the parish, bringing the number of groups to 8. This group meets on term time Thursday evenings and has 7 members. Last year it was noticed that most groups met on a Monday and precluded those for whom that day was not convenient. One Monday evening group has since changed to a Wednesday evening. This means that we have groups meeting on each day except Friday. Two meet in the morning, one in the afternoon and five in the evening with approximately 51 members.

The Wednesday morning Bible study continues in the lounge in the Centre and also a small nurture group meet in the prayer room at the same time. Many of the groups are at near capacity as most meet in members' homes, but they are places where we can grow spiritually together and give each other encouragement and support. I would ask for ongoing prayers for the groups meeting and also that there would be a desire for others to join so that new groups would be needed in the coming year. *Carol Jones*

Love Southbourne



Love Southbourne last year had three main events. Distributing Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday at different points around Southbourne. These were received really well and people felt blessed by receiving them. The other two events were doing a BBQ for the Village Fete at the Recreation ground and taking a Christmas Trailer to Priors Orchard estate and up round the Alfrey Road houses. We sang Christmas Carols, gave out mince pies, the St. John's magazine and chocolates, which went down very well especially with the children! They were well attended and good conversations were had. *Susie Bartlett*







Lunch Club



It has been very encouraging since starting the Lunch Club last September, to see the lounge full of people enjoying each other's company and a meal together on a monthly basis. We normally meet on a Monday once a month at 12 noon and the meal is followed by a short talk or activity. In December we had Christmas dinner followed by carols. We would love to see new people joining us but as places go very quickly please have a word with Julie Collins or Barbara Wilson if you would like to come. A big thank you to all the team who support this event and make it run so smoothly. *Barbara and Julie.*

Men's 5-a-side Football



We set this up in Spring 2023 as a step towards introducing more people to faith in Jesus, by introducing the idea to Dads at the local school. Football seemed a great way to meet guys that wouldn't encounter faith or the Church in any other way. One year on, a game runs every week with a nucleus of thirteen guys who regularly play. Out of these, four come to our 4pm service. So far, the friendships created here have been developed by organising two social meet ups. *Richard Carter*

Mission



In the last year we saw the rebranding of the mission team to be the 'Global Mission Team', to ensure the local mission was afforded its own emphasis. This also saw some new keen members of the church join us. We now comprise of Roger Adams, Jenny Bond, Paula Errock, Julie Fair, Sue Fallon and Sarah Maclennan. Again, we strongly supported our 'home grown' mission partners, and granted the following financial support:

2 Serve Trust	£	500	Emmanuel International	£	1,500
BEATS	£	1,000	Frontiers (Michael Marsden)	£	500
Callum & Rianne Adams	£	1,500	Japan Christian Link	£	500
Chichester Family Support	£	500	SIM - Steven and Jo Wheatley	£	1,000
Concordis (Peter Marsden)	£	500	YWAM - Rachel and Eric	£	1,500
Education West Africa	£	1,000	**TOTAL**	**£**	**10,000**

As a result of the encouragement of our new members, and the support of Tom, we have now reintroduced the 'Mission of the month' with an emphasis of providing some news and mission visitors to the congregations at 10AM and 4PM. Also, we have improved the Mission Board in the centre and brought the webpages up to date. *Martin Fair*

Pastoral



The Pastoral Team has had new members join us and the team have been busy supporting members of St. John's. If you are in need of our help, please do contact us. *Susie Bartlett*

Social Team



Social Team has had two big events in the past year. These were the Bishop Ruth Ladies evening and the Harvest Lunch and were both attended by about 90 people. We have also been helping out at other events like Christian Aid and the Christmas Celebrations. We have 11 people on our team and we always enjoy putting on these events but would always welcome new members! I would like to thank all those on team and those who are not on team but do help with the clearing up afterwards. *Susie Bartlett*







St Nicholas Church



We entered 2023 with a not so new Padre, Rev'd Nick Todd, who had been with us some 13 years before. From his time in the Gulf with U.S. Padres, he brought a personal approach to the sharing of communion which has continued to inform our practice over the year.

We celebrated Mothering Sunday distributing posies as in pre-pandemic years. We added a Sea Sunday service in July, which our congregation enthusiastically supported with readings of shipwrecks, sea-shanties and a collection for Mission to Seafarers (£125). We repeated our Harvest Festival theme in collecting for Chichester Food Bank (£90). Our year was punctuated by occasional services returning to normal frequency with 3 baptisms, 2 funerals and 2 committals during 2023. This creates opportunities to preach and demonstrate our Christian values. Our congregation numbers remained strong (by our measure). Folk from St John's who had made the journey down to join us during its closure continued to appreciate our fellowship.

Padre Nick retired from the Army in July that year, so we invited Rev'd Barbara Stanton along for parish communions through bloc leave before Padre Mike Jenkinson joined us in September. Our congregation were heartened to see more of Rev'd Tom as he got to know where we were and how we did things. I am pleased to report that the St Nicholas 2021 Quinquennial Report repairs got underway in October. Our repairs were concluded by December at £11,628 and the sluice gates' repair by the week before Christmas, enabling our Crib Carol service to go ahead as planned. *Andy Walkley*



St Nicholas Church Crib Service

Walking Group



The intrepid walkers have continued to go out despite the weather, which this winter has made our favourite paths so muddy. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the country, and 6-10 of us walk mostly on the South Downs or around the Harbour, with lively conversation, views, wildflowers, a bit of exercise and cake! Last summer we enjoyed walks at Levin Down, West Dean Woods, Compton, Buriton and Chidham amongst others. *Please contact Sarah Maclennan if you are interested.*

Worship



During the year we were pleased to welcome additional singers into the 10am singing group. This enabled us to bring a greater variety of music to the morning services, e.g. during Communion, and also sing 4-part harmonies most weeks. In addition to the morning services, we also sang a number of Taize services throughout the year, and this more reflective style of music has resonated with the congregation, who have been appreciative of the atmosphere created by this form of worship. In September 2023 the PCC agreed a fundraising campaign to raise £23,000 to overhaul the organ and bring it up to modern standards. This campaign is now in progress, and we are optimistic that the renovation can be carried out during 2024. *Mike Prosser*

Worship at the 4pm service continues to be led by a mixture of groups, including families and a growing number of young people serving through singing and playing. It was also lovely to have music groups representing both services at some of our joint services in 2023, including Easter and Harvest.

Youth, Children and Families Ministry

4 O'Clock Service

As we look back on the last twelve months there are lots of reasons to rejoice and be thankful to God over the 4pm service. On a personal note, it has been brilliant that we now share the vision of the 4pm service with Tom Robson and Peter & Rosemary Cunliffe. This has meant that this responsibility is now shared within a team. Thank you to everyone who serves to enable the 4pm service to happen and function well. Thank you all so much. Below are some of the highlights of 2023: Nick being confirmed on June 21st at Chichester Cathedral and two of his children being Baptised on September 3rd.







The easiest way to show that we are still experiencing growth within the 4pm service is a graph of the children & young people 'sign in's' that we generate at each service. You will notice that the number of children & young people attending has steadily increased.



4YG

4YG stands for 4pm Youth Group. 4YG is a discipleship youth group within the 4pm service. Up until recently 4YG had been led by Rachel & Dylan Dalli but with the arrival of their first baby it is now being led by Tina Thompson, Sue McNeill, Karen Mears, Stuart Sivieri, Mark Johnston, Michelle O'Mahony and Richard Carter. An intentional change to 4YG is that the group theme now mirrors the 4pm service theme. This is so that families have heard the same message, albeit in an age specific way, and so can talk about it together at home.

"4YG is a great place to discuss questions & to learn about God. I like the games we play together & the snacks."

Martha aged 13.

"4YG is good because we leave the main church service & play fun games. I've made new friends & the food at the café is really nice."

Sonny aged 11.

St John's Tots

The latest addition to the 4pm service has been 4pm Tots. Like 4YG, 4pm Tots is a group for pre-school to Reception aged children and is held within the 4pm service. This group delights our hearts for a number of reasons: (1): Because it demonstrates our love and commitment to the spiritual and social development of pre-school children. (2): The Team consists of parents within the 4pm service. We are so delighted to have Lucie Aldridge, Lauren Judge & Sophie Sivieri on Team. (3): We are so grateful to Susanna Shaw for taking the lead & organisation of 4pm Tots. Not only is Susanna a Team member but she liaises with the team, making sure they are all informed, equipped and happy to facilitate their session. Thank you all so much. To the right is a photo of one of the Tots crafts:



Friday Fellowship

Friday Fellowship is a provision for all the family! The aim of Friday Fellowship is to deepen the relationships between the families who attend the 4pm service as well as being a 'stepping stone' from groups like Thursday Tots into the wider life of the church. We regularly see between 40 - 50 people attend on a bi-weekly rotation.

A fairly recent addition to Friday Fellowship has been the inclusion of focus groups for all age groups. These include:

(1): Pre-school to School year 3

(2): School year 4 - 6

(3): Secondary school provision called the LOFT.

We are very grateful to the Team that enables Friday Fellowship to happen.

"Friday Fellowship is amazing. We have special groups for different ages to learn about God & at the end have a yummy dinner."

Mollie aged 10.

"I enjoy the loft because I get to spend time with my friends & learn more about God."

Autumn-Rae aged 12.

Below are some photos of Friday Fellowship children making Mother's Day Posies for the services on Mothering Sunday 2024.





High Tide

High Tide is an Ecumenical, monthly youth worship event for churches in and around Portsmouth. The first time we went as a youth group was in February 2023 and we took two young people. A year on, High Tide has become a staple part of St. John's youth where we take anything from three to seven young people each month. Another massive thank you to Karen Mears who accompanies me to High Tide.



"I love High Tide because I get to meet new people my own age and we play fun games. The best thing is the time we get to worship God all together. It makes me feel more connected to God which makes me feel at peace."

Lilly aged 13.

Schools Work

We've really built on the already established schools work in 2023. We are now having monthly assemblies at Southbourne Infant school, Southbourne Junior School & Thorney Island Primary school. On top of this Kim, Richard & Tom support RE lessons in the schools and Southbourne Junior school visited the Harvest exhibition in October. Both Southbourne Infants and Southbourne Juniors had their harvest festival at St. John's in September. Richard is now turning his attention to the Bourne Community College. Please pray that we will be able to create a positive relationship between the school and the church.

May Camp

I feel like MayCamp 23 went slightly under the radar. It was so exciting to be able to take four young people to MayCamp for the first time last year. MayCamp is a diocese wide annual youth event which takes place over the last bank holiday weekend in May.

We were able to go in 2023 because Richard & Kim created a MayCamp collaboration between Immaneal Church in Chichester, St Paul's church in Chichester, St Nicholas & St Mary's church in Lavant and St. John's. This meant that we had an excellent number of young people and a great team grafted together from these churches. It was so much fun! The young people had a blast and from Richard & Kim's perspective it was great to share the responsibility of the event with other youth workers and volunteers.

We are looking forward to taking six young people from St. John's this year.

Summer Camps

2023 was the summer of camping for St. John's! As well as MayCamp Richard & Kim were so pleased that so many people from St. John's went to New Wine in the Summer. Thank you so much to Tom for sending us on our way by praying for us. We all had a fantastic time albeit a bit squashed. This year, New Wine is going back to its roots for one mega week only at Shepton Mallet. Why not find that tent, dust it off, pack a sleeping bag and join us!

Men's Social

Richard has continued to organise men's socials under the umbrella of MensNet. Richard is really happy to report that he is now sharing the organisation of MensNet with Roger Adams and Martin Fair, which is brilliant.

Richard & Kim Carter

More details of our Youth, Children and Families ministries are on the St. John's Website.

Structure, governance and management of the charity.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	The Revd Thomas Robson	(From February 2023)
Wardens:	Mr Tim Marsden	(Until April 2023)
	Mrs Gillian Prosser	
	Mrs Gillian Cruickshank	(From April 2023)

Elected Members

Mrs Jane Inglis	
Mrs Christine Liddle	
Mrs Sarah Maclennan	Secretary
Mrs Julie Fair	
Mrs Kim Carter	
Mr Richard Carter	
Mrs Carol Jones	
Mr Ian Maclennan	Treasurer
Mrs Sue McNeill	
Mrs Kylee Pearce	
Mrs Michelle O'Mahony	(From April 2023)

Deanery Synod

Mr Tim Marsden
Mrs Anne Poulter
Mrs Barbara Wilson

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd. Thomas Robson, PCC Chairman

15 April 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

The trustees present their financial report for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Total income for 2023 declined further to £183k, reflecting sharply lower grants received during the year. Although donations rose slightly to £154k, this was mainly due to a large donation which was received towards the end of the year in connection with the upgrade of the audio visual equipment in the church building.

Total expenditure continued to increase in comparison to 2022 to £221k, reflecting spending on mission giving as well as the upgraded audio visual equipment, in particular some large, easily seen new screens.

The resulting deficit increased very substantially to £38k which is unsustainable, given available reserves. As noted last year, the expected increases in cost of living and higher costs which the PCC has incurred have put downward pressure on income and upward pressure of expenditure. The short term outlook continues to be challenging, although the PCC is working on fundraising (including encouraging the use of a recently purchased pay station) and grant applications to improve the situation.

Unrestricted funds registered a significant deficit (£23k) as did restricted funds (£15k).

The PCC has established a budget which anticipates a modest deficit for 2024, with plans to reduce spending on building repairs and maintenance, while maintaining spending in the areas of Families & Youth, as well as local and overseas mission. This should allow us to focus resources on the PCC's core objectives.

We are most grateful to the many church members who give sacrificially to meet the costs incurred by the PCC, the bulk of which are making Parish Share contributions to the Diocese (to meet ministry costs, salaries, housing, etc.), and to pay staff salaries.

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The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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This report was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st March 2024 and signed on its behalf by Rev. Thomas I. Robson, Chairman.



Rev. Thomas I. Robson, Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 on pages 23 to 30 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 26.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors/Trustees and Examiner

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Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Mr. Eric J. Thompson
12 Kingsey Avenue, Emsworth, Hampshire PO10 7HP 11th April 2024

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
Registered Charity Number: 1130876

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Year ended 31st December 2023 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Year ended 31st December 2022 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
Income from:							
Donations		£ 122,280	£ 31,619	£ 153,899	£ 136,138	£ 11,825	£ 147,963
Grants	2	£ 0	£ 10,160	£ 10,160	£ 0	£ 38,615	£ 38,615
Other activities	3	£ 10,352	£ 0	£ 10,352	£ 4,924	£ 3,518	£ 8,442
Investments	4	£ 3,988	£ 3,110	£ 7,098	£ 1,262	£ 33	£ 1,295
Other income	5	£ 1,425	£ 0	£ 1,425	£ 9,498	£ 0	£ 9,498
Total income		£ 138,045	£ 44,889	£ 182,934	£ 151,822	£ 53,991	£ 205,813
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	£ 161,059	£ 59,756	£ 220,815	£ 150,748	£ 59,869	£ 210,617
Total expenditure		£ 161,059	£ 59,756	£ 220,815	£ 150,748	£ 59,869	£ 210,617
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		£ (23,014)	£ (14,867)	£ (37,881)	£ 1,074	£ (5,878)	£ (4,804)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total funds brought forward		£ 113,532	£ 55,154	£ 168,686	£ 112,458	£ 61,032	£ 173,490
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 90,518	£ 40,287	£ 130,805	£ 113,532	£ 55,154	£ 168,686

The notes on pages 26 to 30 form part of these accounts.

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
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Balance Sheet
At 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/12/2023 Total Funds	31/12/2022 Total Funds
FIXED ASSETS	7	0	26,645	26,645	23,653
		£ 0	£ 26,645	£ 26,645	£ 23,653
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	£ 15,050	£ 0	£ 15,050	£ 8,290
Cash at bank		£ 78,802	£ 13,642	£ 92,444	£ 137,782
Total current assets		£ 93,852	£ 13,642	£ 107,494	£ 146,072
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	£ 3,334	£ 0	£ 3,334	£ 1,039
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		£ 90,518	£ 13,642	£ 104,160	£ 145,033
TOTAL NET ASSETS		£ 90,518	£ 40,287	£ 130,805	£ 168,686
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				£ 90,518	£ 113,532
Restricted funds	10			£ 40,287	£ 55,154
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 130,805	£ 168,686

In accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.

The financial statements on pages 23 to 24 and the notes on pages 26 to 30 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. T.I. Robson — Chairman

Mr. I.C. Maclennan — Treasurer

Mrs. G. Prosser — Churchwarden

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 as far as currently applicable, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 (SORP 2019 (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. Under FRS 102, the PCC falls within the definition of a public benefit charity.

1.2 Income

Donations and planned giving are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when income is receivable, provided that income tax is reasonably certain to be recovered. Grants are recognised when the conditions for receipt have been met. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which it is earned and when the amount can be measured reliably. Other income is accounted for on a receipts basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure. Accordingly, accruals, creditors and provisions are recognised where the PCC has a present obligation and where the future out flow of funds is probable. Grants and donations for the financial year are accounted for when a decision has been taken to support a particular ministry. The PCC provides a contributory defined contributions pension scheme for its employees, in line with current legislation.

1.4 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction on their use. Restricted funds are funds which have been donated for specific purposes. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in Note 10 below.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on assets held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and beneficed buildings and movable church assets, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off when incurred. Other tangible fixed assets have been written off, in view of their low value.

1.6 Current assets
Debtors represent amounts due to the PCC and prepayments. They are recognised at either the settlement or prepaid amount. Cash at bank comprises bank current accounts and cash-equivalent bank deposits.

1.7 Taxation
The PCC, as a registered charity, is generally not liable to taxation on its surplus or capital gains.

1.8 Cash flow statement
The PCC has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

1.9 Going concern
After making appropriate enquiries, the PCC members have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the next twelve months. For this reason the PCC has continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2. Grants
The following grants were received during the year. All are restricted to the use indicated.

Grantor	Amount (£)	Restricted to
Joseph Rank Trust	10,000	Families & Youth
Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance	160	Youth Support
Total	**10,160**	

3. Other activities

Income from other activities was mainly fees charged for weddings and funerals held at our churches, hire charges from other users of our premises and income from certain social events.

4. Investments

Investment income arose from interest paid on deposit balances, mainly by CCLA.

5. Other income

Other income includes insurance claims totalling £263 paid by the PCC's insurance company.

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Diocesan Parish Share	78,795	0	78,795	76,967	0	76.967
Salaries, NICs, pensions	20,014	19,233	39,247	13,167	22,381	35,548
Maintenance & repairs	24,134	22,976	47,110	30,687	24,350	55.037
Church running costs	6,884	8,560	15,444	8,035	2,073	10,108
Local Mission	10,743	0	10,743	8,401	90	8,491
Office & general administration	5,923	0	5,923	5,612	2,000	7,612
Family & Youth work	0	6,450	6,450	0	4,678	4,678
Clergy and other expenses	1,943	0	1,943	4,439	0	4,439
Investment losses unrealised	0	0	0	0	2,372	2,372
Specific gifts - restricted	0	2,537	2,537	0	1,925	1,925
Coffee Connect expenses	944	0	944	1,465	0	1,465
Other expense	11,679	0	11,679	1,975	0	1,975
Total	**161,059**	**59,756**	**220,815**	**150,748**	**59,869**	**210,617**

The PCC employs four staff. No member of staff received more than £60,000 in total salary and benefits.

7. Fixed assets

Fixed assets consist of 446.22 accumulation shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund. These make up the bulk of the Timothy Fund, which is a restricted fund of the PCC which exists to encourage cross cultural evangelism by church members.

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
Gift Aid receivable from HMRC	£ 14,061	£ 7,540
Outstanding collections and income	£ 989	£ 703
Other	£ 0	£ 47
Total	**£ 15,050**	**£ 8,290**

9. Creditors

	2023	2022
Chichester DBF	£ 2,657	£ 0
Charitable gifts outstanding	£ 0	£ 873
Expenses	£ 332	£ 123
Other	£ 345	£ 43
Total	**£ 3,334**	**£ 1,039**

10. Restricted funds

The following table lists all of the PCC's restricted funds, along with income and expenditure during the year.

	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Balance c/f
Timothy Fund	£ 26,231	£ 3,110	£ 0	£ 29,341
St Nicholas Repair & Renovation	£ 12,126	£ 518	£ 11,844	£ 800
Family & Children's Worker Fund	£ 10,703	£ 14,980	£ 25,683	£ 0
Mark's Bench Fund	£ 1,092	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1,092
Lift Replacement Fund	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Energy Fund	£ 5,002	£ 5,289	£ 8,561	£ 1,730
Other Restricted	£ 0	£ 20,992	£ 13,668	£ 7,324
Total Restricted	**£ 55,154**	**£ 44,889**	**£ 59,756**	**£ 40,287**

11. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

No trustee was remunerated for being a trustee. Expenses incurred in the normal course of the PCC's activities were reimbursed, in particular where a trustee purchased items to be used at church activities and events.

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Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Southbourne with West Thorney

St John's Church, Stein Road, Southbourne, Emsworth PO10 8LB

Registered Charity no. 1130876

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

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Website:	https://stjohnssouthbourne.com/
Incumbent:	Rev. Thomas I. Robson
Independent examiner:	Eric Thompson
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Rev. Thomas Robson in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.
- Working together to make Christ known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- Providing financial support those in need and supporting those in the mission field in the UK and overseas.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objects

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Considering how our services can offer a welcome to those exploring and new to faith
- Praying together for our local community and the wider world
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Offering a welcome to members of the local community in our church centre through Coffee Connect, our community café and our warm space
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Giving grants to missionary organisations

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

Following extensive building works in 2021, we were delighted to reopen the church building for worship in January 2022. Throughout the year we have offered public worship on Sundays. Along with a traditional Sunday morning service, we also have a 4pm service which offers a relaxed space for families to worship.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

St John's 10am service, with an average attendance of 60 people, offers an opportunity for worship, biblical teaching and prayer each week. We are delighted to see the growing 4pm service led by our Family and Youth Ministers, Richard and Kim Carter. The family service is popular with local families, average attendance 100, and we welcome those who are exploring Christian faith. During the year we have expanded the 4pm offering to include a separate group for those in school years 6, 7 and 8 and hope to add an additional group for younger children in 2023.

We have a small number of younger teenagers within the church community. As the numbers are not sufficient for us to run a sustainable group we have worked with other churches to find opportunities for them to explore their faith.

We were able to bring our two congregations together for worship during the year with joint services on Easter Sunday, Harvest and at Christmas. We recognise that the two services meet the needs of their individual congregations, and it was a joy to bring the church family together for worship.

In addition to worship at St John's we have a small congregation, about 15 people, who worship at St Nicholas church, a chapel of ease on the army base at Thorney Island. We are grateful to army padres who support the service at this historic church on the shore of Chichester Harbour.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

We celebrated the baptism of 2 children and confirmation of 1 adult from the 4pm congregation; the church family were encouraged to see these families growing in their Christian journeys. In addition, there were 11 baptisms at St Nicholas and, across the two churches, 9 weddings, 2 wedding blessings, 6 funerals and 3 burial of ashes.

A greater number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation. We have one lay reader and a team of four authorised lay ministers and continue to seek opportunities for church members to use their gifts within the life of our community.

We have 8 small groups, where members of the church meet together for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. These groups are important in nurturing and growing faith. We also have prayer groups meeting regularly, both face-to-face and on Zoom, supporting the needs of the parish and the wider needs of the country and our mission partners.

We are keen to promote opportunities for families and young people to meet with others to grow their faith; we continue to encourage them to join with other members of the church in attending New Wine and taking part in the diocesan May Camp.

Evangelism and outreach

Our focus on outreach and mission this year has been to local families, and the wider community through Coffee Connect, our community coffee shop, and our warm space. Prior to the pandemic we welcomed the local community to share the use of the centre; with the lifting of covid restrictions these activities gradually resumed through the year.

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Our toddler group ran throughout the year, providing an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with others and for the children to play in a safe space. On reopening, the numbers attending were low but have continued to grow through the year with average attendance currently of twenty.

0ur Friday Fellowship group offers a space for families to meet and share a meal on Friday after school. There are activities for children and an opportunity for parents and carers to meet, enjoy each other's company and have faith conversations. This is a popular group with an average attendance of 30 for each session.



Coffee Connect, our community café, reopened on 1st March and celebrated its 10th birthday in May 2022. The café is open three days a week from 9am to 12pm, and provides a friendly meeting place for those in the local community. In November we expanded our offering as a warm space, extending our opening to 1pm with a soup lunch. The warm space has not been used as we initially imagined but has provided an opportunity for those living alone and in difficult circumstances to share a meal with others.

Following a successful fundraising campaign, we were able to replace the broken lift in the Centre over the summer. This new lift was welcomed by the toddlers group who meet in the upstairs hall and enables the less mobile to attend events held upstairs. We are grateful to Bernard Sunley Foundation, Chichester District Council, The Hobson Charity, Lennox Trust, Rowan Bentall Charitable Trust, Sussex Community Foundation and a local family trust for their support in raising funds for this work.

Following the reinstatement of the lift the monthly film club restarted in the upstairs hall in the autumn. This has proved a popular event with an average attendance of 25, including church members and members of the local community.

Our Family and Youth ministers work with our local primary and infants' schools, leading a monthly assembly. Kim Carter is a governor of Southbourne Infants School.

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Community Events and Service



For the first time since the pandemic we were able to hold community services within the church. We were able to offer the church as a focus for the community in September to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II; we hosted a book of condolence, held a service to mark the eve of the funeral and showed the funeral service on the screen in church.

In November we hosted a Remembrance Service with the local community. The church was full, with a strong representation from the uniformed organisations.

We held a range of events through December including the 'Lighting of the Tree' with a 'Follow the Star Trail', donkeys and carols, a nativity service, carols by candlelight and services for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. These events were attended by approximately 450 people.

Financial Report

The trustees present their financial report for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Total income for 2022 declined to £ 206k, despite including higher levels of grants received (in connection with fundraising for the replacement of the lift in the centre, which was completed during the year) and some exceptional other income from insurance claims of around £ 8k. This reflects a decline in core donations which is perhaps to be expected given intensifying cost of living pressures and higher inflation.

Total expenditure increased substantially in comparison to 2021 to £ 211k, reflecting spending on the new lift and higher repairs and maintenance costs on buildings.

The resulting deficit of £ 5k was manageable, however as inflation and high cost of living is continuing to put pressure on donors, the financial outlook for 2023 looks challenging.

Unrestricted funds registered a small surplus (£ 1k) whereas restricted funds incurred a deficit of £6k. This reflects ongoing spending on our Families and Youth activities, which are a priority, and a slowdown in income received by the Family & Youth fund.

The PCC has established a breakeven budget for 2023, with plans to increase spending in the areas of Families & Youth, Love Southbourne, training & development and mission giving. In the light of likely further declines in income, plans are to curtail spending on maintenance and repairs in order to focus resources on the PCC's core objectives.

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/ signed: Thomas I. Robson /

Rev. Thomas I. Robson, Chairman

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(3) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

/ signed: Eric J. Thompson /

Mr. Eric J. Thompson
12 Kingsey Avenue
Emsworth
Hampshire PO10 7HP

3rd April 2023

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
Registered Charity Number: 1130876

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Year ended 31st December 2022 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Year ended 31st December 2021 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
Income from:							
Donations		£ 136,138	£ 11,825	£ 147,963	£ 174,077	£ 16,525	£ 190,602
Grants	2	£ 0	£ 38,615	£ 38,615	£ 0	£ 15,000	£ 15,000
Other activities	3	£ 4,924	£ 3,518	£ 8,442	£ 3,935	£ 0	£ 3,935
Investments	4	£ 1,262	£ 33	£ 1,295	£ 43	£ 6,182	£ 6,225
Other income	5	£ 9,498	£ 0	£ 9,498	£ 168	£ 0	£ 168
Total income		£ 151,822	£ 53,991	£ 205,813	£ 178,223	£ 37,707	£ 215,930
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	£ 150,748	£ 59,869	£ 210,617	£ 165,089	£ 26,704	£ 191,793
Total expenditure		£ 150,748	£ 59,869	£ 210,617	£ 165,089	£ 26,704	£ 191,793
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		£ 1,074	£ (5,878)	£ (4,804)	£ 13,134	£ 11,003	£ 24,137
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Prior year adjustment	7				£ 4,780	£ 3,292	£ 8,072
Total funds brought forward		£ 112,458	£ 61,032	£ 173,490	£ 94,544	£ 46,737	£ 141,281
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 113,532	£ 55,154	£ 168,686	£ 112,458	£ 61,032	£ 173,490

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet
At 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/12/2022 Total Funds	31/12/2021 Total Funds
FIXED ASSETS	8	0	23,653	23,653	26,025
		£ 0	£ 23,653	£ 23,653	£ 26,025
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	£ 6,790	£ 1,500	£ 8,290	£ 8,072
Cash at bank		£ 107,781	£ 30,001	£ 137,782	£ 139,393
Total current assets		£ 114,571	£ 31,501	£ 146,072	£ 147,465
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	£ 1,039	£ 0	£ 1,039	£ 0
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		£ 113,532	£ 31,501	£ 145,033	£ 147,465
TOTAL NET ASSETS		£ 113,532	£ 55,154	£ 168,686	£ 173,490
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				£ 113,532	£ 112,458
Restricted funds	11			£ 55,154	£ 61,032
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 168,686	£ 173,490

In accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.

The financial statements on pages 8 and 9 and the notes on pages10 to 13 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. T.I. Robson	/ signed: Thomas I. Robson /	Chairman
Mr. I.C. Maclennan	/ signed: Ian C. Maclennan /	Treasurer
Mr. T.A.E. Marsden	/ signed: T.A.E. Marsden /	Churchwarden

PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 as far as currently applicable, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 (SORP 2019 (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. Under FRS 102, the PCC falls within the definition of a public benefit charity.

1.2 Income

Donations and planned giving are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when income is receivable, provided that income tax is reasonably certain to be recovered.

Grants are recognised when the conditions for receipt have been met.

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which it is earned and when the amount can be measured reliably.

Other income is accounted for on a receipts basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as their is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure. Accordingly, accruals, creditors and provisions are recognised where the church has a present obligation and where the future outflow of funds is probable.

Grants and donations for the financial year are accounted for when a decision has been taken to support a particular ministry.

The PCC provides a contributory defined contributions scheme for its employees, in line with current legislation.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction on their use.

Restricted funds are funds which have been donated for specific purposes. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in Note 11 below.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on assets held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the

year on consecrated and beneficed buildings and movable church assets, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off when incurred.

Other tangible fixed assets have written off, in view of their low value.

1.6 Current assets

Debtors represent amounts due to the PCC and prepayments. They are recognised at either the settlement or prepaid amount.

Cash at bank comprises bank current accounts and cash-equivalent bank deposits.

1.7 Taxation

The PCC, as a registered charity, is generally not liable to taxation on its surplus or capital gains.

1.8 Cashflow statement

The PCC has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

1.9 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the PCC members have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the next twelve months. For this reason the PCC has continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2. Grants

The following grants were received during the year. All are restricted to the use indicated.

Grantor	Amount (£)		Restricted to
Chichester District Council	5,000		Lift
Hobson Charity	5,000		Lift
Rowan Bentall Trust	250		Lift
Bernard Sunley Charity	5,000		Lift
The Lennox Trust	1,000		Lift
Sussex Community Foundation	5,000		Lift
Joseph Rank Trust	10,000		Families & Youth
Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance	7,075		Energy
Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance	290		Youth Support
Total	**38,615**		

3. Other activities

Income from other activities was mainly fees charged for weddings and funerals held at our churches, hire charges from other users of our premises and income from certain social events.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

4. Investments

Investment income arose from interest paid on deposit balances, mainly by CCLA.

5. Other income

Other income includes insurance claims totalling £ 8,385 paid by the PCC's insurance company.

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Diocesan Parish Share	76,967	0	76,967	69,800	0	69,800
Staff salaries, NICs, pensions	13,167	22,381	35,548	10,154	22,792	32,946
Maintenance & repairs	30,687	24,350	55,037	54,252	0	54,252
Church running costs	8,035	2,073	10,108	10,021	185	10,206
Mission & Love Southbourne	8,401	90	8,491	7,735	0	7,735
Office & general administration	5,612	2,000	7,612	5,602	0	5,602
Family & Youth work	0	4,678	4,678	0	3,727	3,727
Clergy and other expenses	4,439	0	4,439	1,841	0	1,841
Investment losses - unrealised	0	2,372	2,372	0	0	0
Specific gifts - restricted	0	1,925	1,925	0	0	0
Coffee Connect expenses	1,465	0	1,465	705	0	705
Other expense	1,975	0	1,975	4,979	0	4,979
Total	**150,748**	**59,869**	**210,617**	**165,089**	**26,704**	**191,793**

The PCC employs four staff. No member of staff received more than £ 60,000 in total salary and benefits.

7. Prior year adjustment

This year the PCC changed its accounting convention from the receipts and payments method to full accrual accounting. As a result of this, adjustments were necessary to record a debtor outstanding at the beginning of the period, largely relating to Gift Aid receivable from HMRC. The amounts noted were added to reserves to adjust for the inclusion of this debtor, which relates to 2021.

8. Fixed assets

Fixed assets consist of 446.22 accumulation shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund. These make up the bulk of the Timothy Fund, which is a restricted fund of the PCC which exists to encourage cross cultural evangelism by church members.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

9. Debtors

	2022	2021
Gift Aid receivable from HMRC	£ 7,540	£ 8,072
Outstanding collections and income	£ 703	£ 0
Other	£ 47	£ 0
TOTAL	£ 8,290	£ 8,072

10. Creditors

	2022	2021
Charitable gifts outstanding	£ 873	£ 0
Expenses	£ 123	£ 0
Supplier invoice	£ 43	£ 0
TOTAL	£ 1,039	£ 0

11. Restricted funds

The following table lists all of the PCC's restricted funds, along with income and expenditure during the year.

	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Balance c/f
Timothy Fund	£ 28,570	£ 33	£ 2,372	£ 26,231
St. Nicholas Repair & Renovation	£ 8,467	£ 3,659	£ 0	£ 12,126
Family & Children's Worker Fund	£ 22,903	£ 14,859	£ 27,059	£ 10,703
Mark's Bench Fund	£ 1,092	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1,092
Lift Replacement Fund	£ 0	£ 24,350	£ 24,350	£ 0
Energy Fund	£ 0	£ 7,075	£ 2,073	£ 5,002
Other Restricted	£ 0	£ 4,015	£ 4,015	£ 0
Total Restricted	£ 61,032	£ 53,991	£ 59,869	£ 55,154

12. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

No trustee was remunerated for being a trustee. Expenses incurred in the normal course of the PCC's activities were reimbursed, in particular where a trustee purchased items to be used at church activities and events.

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SOUTHBOURNE WITH WE

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Accounts

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st December 2021

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Southbourne with West Thorney

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75 local children and young families received free food and essential supplies during lockdown

"Thank you all so much for all the time and effort you have put in to helping us"

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West Thorney, Emsworth

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Bankers: **Lloyds Bank**

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Trustees

During the year, the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council and as trustees:

Incumbent:	The Revd Mathew Luff- Chairman
Church Wardens:	Jon Robinson
	Sue McNeill
Elected Members:	Sarah Maclennan- PCC Secretary
	Alan McNeill – Treasurer
	Christine Liddle – Safeguarding officer
	Jane Inglis
	Julie Fair
	James Webb
	John Temple
For St Nicholas:	Andy Walkley
	Rupert Lucas

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Tim Marsden

Barbara Wilson

Anne Poulter

Co-opted members

Kim & Richard Carter

Trustees Report

2021 was a challenging year for us all with many answers to big prayers.

Covid lockdown caused the church to be closed for the early part of the year which forced us to move services on line and also produce a Daily Reflection which was emailed to members of the congregation. Zoom was once again a great blessing for keeping everyone in touch and enabling groups to keep going.

There were concerns that church attendance and giving would drop during this period but in fact church members worshiped regularly on line in the comfort of their own homes and continued to support the church generously.

From January to July a 'Free Shop' was set up and opened every week to help those in need which was staffed by church members and local volunteers. The idea was that people could choose the food they liked and wanted and we are pleased to say that the system worked really well. The shop was stocked with tinned and dry goods, fresh vegetables and fruit and cakes as well as chilled items. These goods were donated by members of the church, bought with money given for this purpose and generously provided by the charity UK Harvest. Over 75 local children and young families received regular food and essential supplies, all free, during lockdown

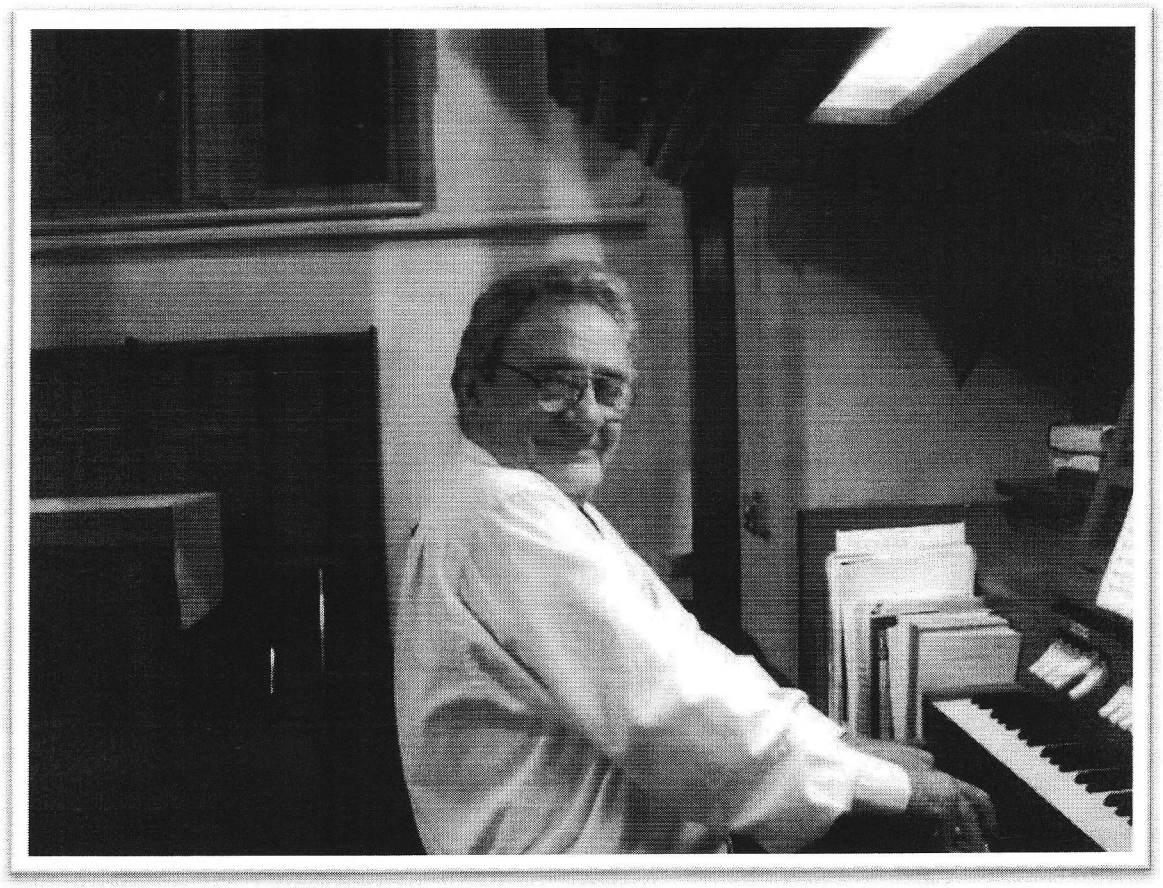
'Free Stuff' was a swap shop run at the same time by volunteers with toys, books, clothes and larger items all donated and swapped between users of the Free Shop and local community. The church also became a library for the local community with hundreds of donated books and toys to encourage everyone during lockdown.

In May there was a serious accident in church involving a member of the congregation. Daily prayer meetings were held for their recovery and by the end of the year they are much better. The prayer meetings continue and have been an unexpected blessing in the year.

As a result of the accident and subsequent investigation the church was closed for repair works. We took the opportunity to do some of the Quinquennial repair work including rewiring and the church only opened again just in time for the Christmas Day service. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time and skills to enable this to happen. It was testimony to our rigorous culture of safeguarding and risk assessment that HSE found no case for us to answer.

While the church was closed, we were fortunate to be able to use St Nicholas church for weddings, baptisms and regular services. It was also possible to hold services in the church centre and outside when the weather was good, as well as at Chidham Primary School for the Family Service. We are very encouraged that the Family Church attendance has grown significantly throughout the year despite these trying times.

Tribute to Mark Everson



We are very sad that our dear friend Mark has passed away. He served as Church Warden and Organist and was a PCC member for many years. He also served Southbourne community as Vice Chairman on the Parish Council for a number of years.

Mark was always ready with a smile and a kind word. We will miss his sense of humour which he often expressed in his playing and mimicry of TV characters.

We are pleased that an appeal has raised the funds to erect a memorial bench for him next to the church entrance.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st December 2021

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Southbourne with West Thorney

Registered Charity No. 1130876

Financial Review 2021

This year have been another very challenging one financially because of the Covid19 pandemic closing the church for a second year and then the church being closed for 6 months for renovation and rewiring.

Regular services and teaching have continued on the internet and via the church website when we were closed and worship has continued according to the current guidelines in St. John's Church Centre and at St. Nicholas.

Most church members now donate using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). The PCC would like to encourage all church members to give regularly every month by Direct Debit. Chichester Diocese pays for the administration of the PGS which claims Gift Aid from HMRC for us and saves us a lot of administration.

The accounts this year are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

We have had two appeals in the year. The first was for a memorial bench for Mark Everson which raised enough money to buy an inscribed bench. This appeal was run independently of the PCC through a crowdfunding website and raised more than enough money to provide one bench. The money left over has been paid to the PCC and this now forms the Mark's Bench Fund to purchase a second bench in the future. The second appeal was for the support of the Family and Children's Workers, Kim and Richard Carter. A total of £ 46,130 was raised including very generous grants of £ 5,000 from Deo Gloria Trust and £ 10,000 from the Joseph Rank Trust. We are very grateful to the Trusts and everyone who donated to the Fund. Thank you!

Income for this year was £ 215,930 and expenses £ 191,793. Our biggest expense (after the Diocesan Parish Share) was rewiring St. John's Church which cost over £ 40,000. We now have a brighter, warmer, more energy efficient place of worship. However, we do face a bill of £ 21,000 for the replacement of the St. John's Centre lift which has worn out.

Total Unrestricted Funds available to the PCC for the general running of the church are £ 107,678.

My thanks to the Finance Team: Jane Inglis (Gift Aid), Andy Walkley (St. Nicholas) and Julie Collins (Salaries) for their invaluable help.

Thank you, on behalf of the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council, for your donations and continued, generous financial support for St. John's and St. Nicholas churches.

Dr. Alan McNeill
Treasurer

Record of Receipts:

Analysis of money paid in:	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted Designated Funds	*Restricted Fund/s*	*Endowed Fund/s*	Total All Funds 2021	*Total All Funds 2020*	*Notes*
	£	£	£	£	£	*£*	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	43,041	-	-	-	43,041	*89,780*	
Appeals and Donations	3,526	-	16,421	-	19,947	*19,886*	
Parish Giving Scheme	98,900	-	-	-	98,900	*9,150*	
Gift Aid recovered	22,380	-	104	-	22,484	*12,839*	
Grants	-	-	15,000	-	15,000	*8,000*	*6*
Other income	6,230	-	-	-	6,230	*894*	
Donations	**174,077**	**-**	**31,525**	**-**	**205,602**	*140,549*	
Fees for weddings & funerals	3,935	-	-	-	3,935	*2,704*	
Coffee Connect income	-	-	-	-	-	*2,561*	
Charitable activities	**3,935**	-	-	-	**3,935**	*5,265*	
Church centre hiring fees	168	-	-	-	168	*528*	
Other trading activities	**168**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**168**	*528*	
Bank & CBF deposit interest	43		1		44	*333*	
Investment gain			6,181		6,181	*3,345*	
Investments	**43**	**-**	**6,182**	**-**	**6,225**	*3,678*	
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total received on all funds	**178,223**	**-**	**37,707**	**-**	**215,930**	*150,020*	

Record of Payments:

Analysis of total paid:

	Unrestricted				Total	*Total*	
	General	Designated	*Restricted*	*Endowed*	All Funds	*All Funds*	
	Fund	Funds	Fund/s	Fund/s	2021	*2020*	*Notes*
	£	£	£	£	**£**	*£*	
Grants cost		-	-	-	**-**	*-*	
Stewardship costs	-	-	-	-	**-**	*-*	
Cost of raising funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	*-*	
Charitable grants and donations	4,178	-	-	-	**4,178**	*4,859*	
Diocesan Parish Share	69,800	-	-	-	**69,800**	*68,035*	
Clergy and other people's expenses	1,841	-	-	-	**1,841**	*898*	*4*
Staff salaries, tax, pensions	10,154	-	22,792	-	**32,946**	*34,206*	*2,3*
Cost of services	25	-	-	-	**25**	*340*	
Church running costs	3,686	-	-	-	**3,686**	*5,762*	
Mission Love Southbourne	3,557	-	-	-	**3,557**	*709*	
Family & Children's work	-	-	3,727	-	**3,727**	*1,709*	
Repair & maintenance	52,894	1,358	-	-	**54,252**	*26,439*	
Office & General Administration	3,450	-	-	-	**3,450**	*1,589*	
Printing & photocopying	1,375	-	-	-	**1,375**	*1,633*	
Books, leaflets, pastoral	777	-	-	-	**777**	*307*	
Audiovisual	777	-	185	-	**962**	*1,309*	
Leaving gifts	-	-	-	-	**-**	*159*	
Training	510	-	-	-	**510**	*1,017*	
Coffee Connect expenses	705	-	-	-	**705**	*1,649*	
Cost of social events	-	-	-	-	**-**	*78*	
Governance	60	-	-	-	**60**	*66*	
Charitable costs	**153,789**	**1,358**	**26,704**	**-**	**181,851**	*150,765*	
Fees paid to Diocese weddings & funerals	2,204	-	-	-	**2,204**	*1,532*	
Church Centre running cost	5,533	-	-	-	**5,533**	*6,798*	
Other trading costs		-	-	-	**-**		
Trading costs	**7,737**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7,737**	*8,330*	
Other payments	2,205				**2,205**	*490*	
Total paid on all funds	**163,731**	**1,358**	**26,704**	-	**191,793**	*159,585*	

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

1 These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current Church Accounting Regulations, using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 Staff costs

	2021	*2020*
Salaries	**30,959**	*31,443*
Employer National Insurance	**290**	*676*
Employer pension contributions	**1,697**	*2,087*
	32,946	*34,206*

3 Staff costs and employee benefits

The church employs 4 staff.

None of the staff received more than £60,000 in employee benefits.

4 Trustee and related party transactions

No trustees were renumerated for their role as trustees
Rev. Matt Luff received a stipend from the Diocese as the vicar.
The trustees have together received £1,841 in expenses. All expenses were incurred by the trustees in line with the PCC's expenses policy and were directly related to the charitable activities of the PCC.
Expenses paid included purchase of COVID PPE, church maintenance supplies, books and literature for ministry purposes and vicarage broadband.

5 Church Centre Running Costs

Church Centre running costs include all utility costs with the exeption of 20% of electricity and include 50% of council tax and insurance

6 Grants

We are very grateful for grants of £10,000 from the Joseph Rank Trust and £5,000 from Deo Gloria for the support of the Family and Children's Ministry.

Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
			-		-
Total of all endowed funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Timothy Fund	38,587	6,183	(16,200)	-	**28,570**
St N Rep & Ren Fund	8,150	502	(185)	-	**8,467**
Family & Children's Worker Fund	-	29,930	(10,319)	-	**19,611**
Mark's Bench Fund	-	1,092	-	-	**1,092**
Total of all restricted funds	**46,737**	**37,707**	**(26,704)**	**-**	**57,740**
St J General Fund	86,393	170,831	(160,946)		**96,278**
St N General Fund	6,793	7,392	(2,785)		**11,400**
St J Quinquennial Fund	1,358	-	(1,358)	-	**-**
Total of all unrestricted funds	**94,544**	**178,223**	**(165,089)**	**-**	**107,678**
Total funds	**141,281**	**215,930**	**(191,793)**	**-**	**165,418**

There are no Endowed Funds

Restricted Funds comprise
Timothy Fund which provides grants to church members working on mission projects
St Nicholas Repair & Renovation Fund for the repair and renovation of St Nicholas church.
Family and Children's Worker Fund for the support of the Family and Children's Workers
Mark's Bench Fund which is for the purchase of another bench for the church garden

The Quinquennial Designated Fund set aside by the PCC towards the cost of St John's repairs has now been spent

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted				*Total*	*Total*
	General Fund	Designated Funds	*Restricted* Fund/s	*Endowed* Fund/s	All Funds 2021	*All Funds 2020*
	£	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Assets:						
Bank current account	26,253	-	-	-	**26,253**	*33,340*
CBF Deposit Fund	81,425	-	31,715	-	**113,140**	*71,897*
	-	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Total bank and deposit accounts	**107,678**	**-**	**31,715**	**-**	**139,393**	*105,237*
Shares	-	-	**26,025**	-	**26,025**	*36,044*
	-	-	-	-	-	*-*
Investment shares market value	**-**	**-**	**26,025**	**-**	**26,025**	*36,044*
Total assets	**107,678**	**-**	**57,740**	**-**	**165,418**	*141,281*

The Parochial Church Council had no liabilities outstanding.

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2021 was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by Mr. Timothy A.E. Marsden, Churchwarden

/ signed: T.A.E. Marsden /

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Date: 8th September 2022

Amendment to financial report previously signed on 23rd March 2022

Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted				*Total*	*Total*
	General Fund	Designated Funds	*Restricted* Fund/s	*Endowed* Fund/s	All Funds 2021	*All Funds 2020*
	£	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	174,077	-	31,525	-	**205,602**	*140,549*
Charitable activities	3,935	-	-	-	**3,935**	*5,265*
Other trading activities	168	-	-	-	**168**	*528*
Investments	43	-	6,182	-	**6,225**	*3,678*
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Total received	**178,223**	**-**	**37,707**	**-**	**215,930**	*150,020*
Expenditure on:					**-**	
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Charitable costs	153,789	1,358	26,704	-	**181,850**	*150,765*
Trading costs	7,737	-	-	-	**7,737**	*8,330*
Other payments	2,205	-	-	-	**2,205**	*490*
Total paid	**163,731**	**1,358**	**26,704**	**-**	**191,793**	*159,585*
Reconciliation of funds:						
Net income or (net expenditure)	14,492	(1,358)	11,003	-	**24,137**	*(9,565)*
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	*-*
Net movement in funds	**14,492**	**(1,358)**	**11,003**	**-**	**24,137**	*(9,565)*
Bank accounts at 1 January	93,186	1,358	46,737	-	**141,281**	*150,846*
Bank accounts at 31 December	**107,678**	**-**	**57,740**	**-**	**165,418**	*141,281*

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SOUTHBOURNE WITH WEST THORNEY, CHARITY NO. 1130876

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 on pages 1 to 8 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 4.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors/Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirements under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 do not apply but that an independent examination is needed. I have been appointed to conduct an Independent Examination required by section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and to report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

(1) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
(2) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011; and
(3) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

/ signed: Eric J. Thompson /

Mr. Eric J. Thompson
12 Kingsey Avenue
Emsworth
Hampshire PO10 7HP

24th August 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SOUTHBOURNE WITH WE

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Southbourne with West Thorney

St John's Church, Stein Road, Southbourne, Hampshire PO10 8LB

Registered Charity no. 1130876

For the year ended 31st December 2020



The Love Southbourne Team

1000 Food boxes supplied during lockdown

150 to 200 people received regular support every week

Thank you for your donations of food and money!

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Website: **www. stjohnssouthbourne.com**

Incumbent: **The Revd Matt Luff**

The Vicarage, 271 Main Road, Southbourne PO10 8JE

Independent examiner: **Mr E Thompson**

Bankers: **Lloyds Bank**

Havant Branch, 4 West St, Havant, Hants PO9 1PE

During the year, the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council and as trustees:

Incumbent:	The Revd Mathew Luff- Chairman
Church Wardens:	Jon Robinson
	Sue McNeill
Elected Members:	Gill Prosser- PCC Secretary until October 2020
	Sarah Maclennan- PCC Secretary from October 2020
	Dr Alan McNeill – Treasurer
	Christine Liddle – Safeguarding officer
	Barbara Simmonds
	Jane Inglis
	James Webb
	John Temple
For St Nicholas:	Andy Walkley

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Tim Marsden

Barbara Wilson

Anne Poulter

Financial Review 2020

Thank you for your generous support for St Johns, Southbourne and St Nicholas, West Thorney. This year has been very challenging financially because of the Covid19 pandemic. Our churches have been closed for worship for much of the year and numbers of worshipers have been very restricted due to government social distancing rules. As a result, there has been little income from money donated at church services, Coffee Connect or fees from the rental of the church centre. The PCC has made every effort to reduce the costs of running the church. Regular services and teaching have continued on the internet and via the church website.

This year the PCC has introduced the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). The PCC would like to encourage all church members to give regularly every month by Direct Debit. Chichester Diocese pays for the administration of the PGS which claims Gift Aid from HMRC for us. This saves us a huge amount of administrative work for the Financial Team. Thank you to all of you who have signed up for PGS.

The accounts this year are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. Some figures may differ from last year's accounts which were prepared on an Accruals basis.

Total receipts were £150,020 this year and total expenditure was £159,585. £22,000 is owed to us by HMRC which we will receive in early 2021. Total unrestricted funds, which is money that is available to the PCC to spend on the general running of the church, was £94,544.

£68,035 was contributed to the Diocesan parish share which goes towards providing the stipends and housing for the vicar and for the many other support services provided by Chichester Diocese including Church of England schools.

£4,859 was given as charitable grants and donations to mission. £26,439 was spent on the upgrade of the church paths to improve access from the church car park and for essential Quinquennial repairs to St Johns church roof and tower.

Thank you for your generous donations of money and food have provided up to 50 boxes of food and essential supplies a week for 20 weeks during lockdown. Each box provided supplies for 3 to 4 people. Our thanks to the Love Southbourne Team and all the volunteers for their amazing and dedicated work making up the food boxes and delivering vital supplies to those in need in the community.

Dr Alan McNeill

Treasurer

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current Church Accounting Regulations, using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Analysis of money paid in:	Unrestricted		*Restricted*	*Endowed*	Total	*Total*	
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Fund/s	Fund/s	All Funds 2020	*All Funds 2019*	*Notes*
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	89,780	-	-	-	**89,780**	*88,941*	
Appeals and Donations	17,897	-	1,989	-	**19,886**	*25,941*	
Parish Giving Scheme	9,151	-	-	-	**9,151**	-	
Gift Aid recovered	12,839	-	-	-	**12,839**	*35,823*	
Grants	8,000	-	-	-	**8,000**	*18,090*	*9*
Other income	894	-	-	-	**894**	*403*	
		-	-	-	-		
		-	-	-	-	-	
Donations	**138,561**	-	**1,989**	-	**140,549**	*169,197*	
Fees for weddings & funerals	2,704	-	-	-	**2,704**	*2,524*	
Coffee Connect income	2,561	-	-	-	**2,561**	*5,482*	
Social Events		-	-	-	-		
Charitable activities	**5,265**	-	-	-	**5,265**	*8,006*	
		-	-	-	-	-	
Church centre hiring fees	528	-	-	-	**528**	*3,684*	
Printing contributions		-	-	-	-	*75*	
		-	-	-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-	-	
Other trading activities	**528**	-	-	-	**528**	*3,759*	
Bank & CBF deposit interest	313		20		**333**	*440*	
Investment gain			3,345		**3,345**	*5,991*	
					-	-	
Investments	**313**	-	**3,366**	-	**3,678**	*6,431*	
Other receipts					-	-	
Total received on all funds	**144,666**	-	**5,354**	-	**150,020**	*187,393*	

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

Analysis of total paid:

	Unrestricted				Total	Total	
	General Fund	Designated Funds	*Restricted Fund/s*	*Endowed Fund/s*	All Funds 2020	*All Funds 2019*	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
		-	-	-	-		
Grants cost		-	-	-	-	-	
Stewardship costs (envelopes)	-	-	-	-	-	*66*	
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	*66*	
Charitable grants and donations	1,259	-	3,600	-	**4,859**	*10,287*	
Diocesan Parish Share	68,035	-	-	-	**68,035**	*67,100*	
Clergy and other people's expenses	898	-	-	-	**898**	*2,456*	*7*
Staff salaries, tax, pensions	34,206	-	-	-	**34,206**	*33,889*	*5,6*
Cost of services	340				**340**	*520*	
Church running costs	5,762	-	-	-	**5,762**	*5,545*	
Mission Love Southbourne	709	-	-	-	**709**	*557*	
Family & Childrens work	1,709	-	-	-	**1,709**	*2,299*	
Repair & maintenance	9,601	16,838	-	-	**26,439**	*17,014*	
Office & General Administration	1,589	-	-	-	**1,589**	*1,980*	
Printing & photocopying	1,633	-	-	-	**1,633**	*2,742*	
Books, leaflets, pastoral	307				**307**	*342*	
Audiovisual	1,133		176		**1,309**	*1,080*	
Leaving gifts	159				**159**	*280*	
Training	1,017				**1,017**	*480*	
Coffee Connect expenses	1,649	-	-	-	**1,649**	*3,545*	
Cost of social events	78	-	-	-	**78**	*1,445*	
Governance	66	-	-	-	**66**	*66*	
		-	-	-	-		
Charitable costs	**130,151**	**16,838**	**3,776**	-	**150,765**	*151,626*	
Fees paid to Diocese weddings & funerals	1,532	-	-	-	**1,532**	*1,721*	
Church Centre running cost	6,798	-	-	-	**6,798**	*6,845*	*8*
Other trading costs		-	-	-	-		
		-	-	-	-		
		-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
Trading costs	**8,330**	-	-	-	**8,330**	*8,566*	
Other payments	490				**490**	*14*	
Total paid on all funds	**138,971**	16,838	3,776	-	**159,585**	*160,273*	

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

5 Staff costs

	2020	*2019*
Salaries	**31,443**	*31,403*
Employer National Insurance	**676**	*603*
Employer pension contributions	**2,087**	*1,883*
	34,206	*33,889*

6 Staff Costs and employee benefits

The church employs 4 staff.

None of the staff received more than £60,000 in employee benefits.

7 Trustee and related party transactions

No trustees were renumerated for their role as trustees

Rev. Matt Luff received a stipend from the Diocese as the vicar.
The trustees have together received £1,241.06 in expenses. All expenses were incurred by the
trustees in line with the PCC's expenses policy and were directly related to the charitable
activities of the PCC.
Expenses paid included purchase of COVID PPE, church maintenance supplies, books and
literature for ministry purposes, vicarage broadband and leaving gifts

8 Church Centre Running Costs

Church Centre running costs include all utility costs with the exeption of 20% of electricity and include 50% of council tax and insurance

9 Grants

A grant of £8,000 has been received from the Diocesan Mission Fund towards the cost of the Family and Childrens Worker Ministry. That is the last of 3 annual grants from the DMF.

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
			-		-
Total of all endowed funds	-	-	-	-	-
Timothy Fund	38,822	3,366	-	(3,600)	**38,587**
St N Rep & Ren Fund	6,337	1,989	-176	0	**8,150**
			-	-	-
Total of all restricted funds	**45,159**	**5,354**	**(176)**	**(3,600)**	**46,737**
St J General Fund	69,880	142,376	(142,119)	16,257	**86,393**
St N General Fund	4,199	1,718	(977)	1,853	6,793
Coffee Connect	11,207	2,611	(1,512)	(12,305)	-
St J Discretionary Fund	2,205	-	-	(2,205)	-
St J Quinquen Fund	18,196	-	(16,838)	-	**1,358**
Total of all unrestricted funds	**105,687**	**146,704**	**(161,447)**	**3,600**	**94,544**
Total funds	**£150,845**	**£152,058**	**£(161,623)**	-	**£141,281**

There are no Endowed Funds

Resticted Funds comprise the Timothy Fund which provides grants to church members working on mission projects and St Nicholas Repair & Renovation Fund which funds renovation work of St Nicholas church.

The PCC has closed the Coffee Connect and Discretionary Funds

Designated Fund is money set aside by the PCC towards the cost of St John's Quinquennial repairs.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted				*Total*	*Total*
	General Fund	Designated Funds	*Restricted Fund/s*	*Endowed Fund/s*	All Funds 2020	*All Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Assets:						
Bank current account	31,982	1,358	-	-	**33,340**	*38,481*
CBF Deposit Fund	61,204	-	10,693	-	**71,897**	*79,666*
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total bank and deposit accounts	**93,186**	**1,358**	**10,693**	-	**105,237**	*118,147*
Timothy Fund	-	-	**36,044**	-	**36,044**	*32,699*
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment shares market value	-	-	**36,044**	-	**36,044**	*32,699*
Debtors:						
Gift Aid recoverable	22,000	-	-	-	**22,000**	*14,245*
Other debtors	-	-		-	-	*582*
Debtors	**22,000**	-	-	-	**22,000**	*14,827*
Total assets	**115,186**	**1,358**	**46,737**	-	**163,281**	*165,673*
Liabilities:						
Creditors due within one year	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	*470*
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	**2,000**	-	-	-	**2,000**	*470*

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2020 was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by The Revd. Matt Luff, PCC Chairman:

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Date..... 2nd May 2021

Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted				*Total*	*Total*
	General Fund	Designated Funds	*Restricted Fund/s*	*Endowed Fund/s*	All Funds 2020	*All Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	138,561	-	1,989	-	**140,549**	*169,197*
Charitable activities	5,265	-	-	-	**5,265**	*8,006*
Other trading activities	528	-	-	-	**528**	*3,759*
Investments	313	-	3,366	-	**3,678**	*6,431*
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Total received	**144,666**	**-**	**5,354**	**-**	**150,020**	*187,393*
Expenditure on:					-	
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	**-**	*66*
Charitable costs	130,151	16,838	3,776	-	**150,765**	*151,626*
Trading costs	8,330	-	-	-	**8,330**	*8,566*
Other payments	490	-	-	-	**490**	*14*
Total paid	**138,971**	**16,838**	**3,776**	**-**	**159,585**	*160,273*
Reconciliation of funds:						
Net income or (net expenditure)	5,695	(16,838)	1,578	-	**(9,565)**	*27,121*
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Net movement in funds	**5,695**	**(16,838)**	**1,578**	**-**	**(9,565)**	*27,121*
Bank accounts at 1 January	87,491	18,196	45,159	-	**150,846**	*123,726*
Bank accounts at 31 December	**93,186**	**1,358**	**46,737**	**-**	**141,281**	*150,847*

Independent Examiner's Report

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Johns Church Southbourne and St Nicholas, West Thorney, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply*

Examiner's signature

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Eric J. Thompson

Examiner's name
CAPITALS

9th April 2021.

Date

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body
if any

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Independent Examiner's Report

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners)
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose	