

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ORE

England & Wales · Charity number 1131079

Details

Other names ST HELEN'S PCC,ORE,HASTINGS

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-08-12

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Activities

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

Activities: Public worship for all including providing sacred space for personal prayer. Upholding the sacraments of baptism & marriage. Pastoral work including visiting the sick, bereaved and taking of funerals. Teaching of Christianity. Taking of assemblies in schools. Promoting the whole mission of the Church. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£162,559	£146,865	-	-
2023-12-31	£111,707	£151,396	-	-
2022-12-31	£118,715	£100,339	-	-
2021-12-31	£123,094	£110,589	-	-
2020-12-31	£88,481	£115,095	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Michael Walker	Chair	2013-06-06
Andree Stevens		2024-04-28
Canon Penelope Avann		2025-07-21
Christine Elizabeth Aitken		2019-04-29
Dr Susanne Jones		2020-09-14
Jason Morton		2025-05-11
Jennifer Summers-Day		2024-04-28
Julia Acott		2024-04-28
Linda Susan Chapman-Holmes		2020-09-14
Lynn Elizabeth White		2014-04-28
Nicholas John Erskin Warren		2021-05-17
Peter Bailey		2025-04-30
ROGER JAMES MITCHELL M.A., M.ED		
Robin Holmes		2025-01-30
Roger Campbell Pook		2020-09-14
SARA - JANE HACKETT		
Suzanne Claire Edwards		2020-09-14
Toni Carron Lee		2023-04-16
Zipporah Crew		2025-04-30

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Structure, Governance & Management

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Priest In Charge	Tim Bell
Curate	Kizzy Penfold
Wardens	Nick Warren
Deanery Synod	Suzy Edwards Sara Hackett Christine Aitken
Joint Treasurers	Peter Bailey Jennifer Summers-Day
Secretary	Jennifer Summers-Day
Representatives of the Laity	Roger Pook Roger Mitchell (Reader) Lynn White Susanne Jones Linda Chapman-Holmes David Walker Toni Lee Julia Acott Andree Stevens
Co-opted members	Simon Jones Rachel Russell

Aims & Purposes as a Charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-charge, the Revd Tim Bell, 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
- Developing our vision: Community, Faith, Action. In which we see the Church as an engaging Faith Community, one that is energised by Faith, which results in an outpouring of God's Love through Action.

Objectives & Activities

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 PCC 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
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of various ministries and events held throughout the year.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic Centre and focus of life in Ore.

Achievements & Performance

Attendance at Worship.

Public worship in 2024 has seen us continue with our main Sunday services at 9am at St Barnabas with an average of 25 people. And 11am service at St Helen's with coffee from 10:30am this has helped build

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fellowship within the church community. I am pleased to say that we have seen new people join our worshipping community. We have been averaging around 55 people at St Helen's, families and children are still low in number, but we are starting to see some signs of growth in this area.

The monthly all age service on the second Sunday of the month continues to be well received with its informal and interactive nature.

The provision of children's activities during church services continues in relation to the reading for the day. The uniform groups that hire the hall have been invited to these with varying degrees of success. The donations from the All-Age Harvest Celebration were passed to the Salvation Army food bank and the annual Christingle service supported the Children's Society.

At Christmas time we held a Christingle service which was well attended by lots of families. We also had our Carol services, one at St Barnabas and one at St Helen's, both were well attended attracting many visitors.

Midnight Mass was held at St Helen's which was a great opportunity to share the first communion of Christmas, with 45 people in attendance.

Once again, a special Christmas service was held for the parchment trust and was an open invite to adult learning difficulties. It was a real blessing to celebrate Christmas and partner with the parchment trust who do great work in this area.

Teaching, Baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Alpha was run during the early part of the year, this was off the back of promoting it throughout all our Christmas events. This was again jointly run with Christ Church Ore. 10 people participated in total.

We held the Holy Spirit Day at St Helen's church hall. This was a great day with many experiencing the Holy Spirit for the first time.

As always Alpha is a great opportunity for all to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and grow closer to God.

Our monthly prayer evenings are a continued source of encouragement as we gather to pray into the vision and mission of the church and also to explore and encourage different forms of prayer in order to build up the body of Christ.

A weekly Prayer meeting held at St Barnabas on Monday afternoons, averaging 12 people each week.

Morning prayer is held on Tuesday mornings 9am at St Helen's following common worship daily prayer.

We had 2 Baptisms, 0 Marriages and 3 Funerals in Church.

Evangelism and outreach

Happy hands toddler group continued throughout 2024 enjoying some intergenerational sessions with Hastings Court nursing home. The group utilises the garden outside provision for as much of the year as is safe to do so. The group had a time in church at Easter and Christmas, and an end of year garden party among other things. This group has an average weekly attendance of 18 families.

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Youth drop continued until end of the summer term and saw them join with Christ Church Ore's youth group for a trip to Thorpe Park. A number of this group continue to attend the youth group at Christ Church Ore.

St. Helen's volunteers continue to play an active role in working in partnership working with CCO for events that are across the churches such as Messy Church and Treasure Seekers (summer holiday club). Seeing families from St. Helen's ministries attending these.

The garden continues to be a great asset to all ministries and hosted a joint picnic in May for all ministries to come together.

Links with Christian Schools Workers Hastings continued until its closure in July. Following on from this our involvement with the local school is developing and expanding with church visits and in school activities and assemblies taking place at both Sandown and OVPA.

One-off events held (generally in school holidays) in partnership with Christ Church Ore continue to remain popular.

Come Be Belong, our group that was set up to combat loneliness and isolation continues at St Barnabas. This group averages 10 people each week. Come be and belong is about making space for people just come for a cup of coffee or tea, and a chat. There is a range of arts, crafts, creative writing, board games on offer for people to join in and relax if wanted. Group participants are encouraged to share their own skills and interests if they would like to do so.

Running Space has continued to grow in 2024. The idea behind Running Space is this: every person we run with has treasure and riches within them, often buried deep under hurt and pain of abuse, abandonment, and rejection. Our purpose is to run shoulder to shoulder with you, and in running to help shake the dirt off each other's lives and pull out the treasure. "Come and run with us, it might just change your life", their website states. The group meets on a Monday morning and is led by a trained coach from Running Space. We average around 8 to 10 people who run.

At St Barnabas, groups continued. These include Art group which meets on a Tuesday morning. This is open to anyone to bring their own art projects or learn new techniques from others. This group held an art exhibition which was an excellent opportunity to welcome in the local community. Film club which shows films once a month on a Friday night is popular, many from the local community attend. CAMEO continued to meet each week throughout the year with an average of 20 people in attendance.

A Christmas fair was held at St Barnabas at the beginning of Advent. This was a great opportunity to welcome the local community and also promote all our Christmas events.

Mission Action Plan

This was reviewed towards the end of the year, we found that we had achieved most of the goals set in 2023. These goals are all linked to the Diocese's strategy for growth, that being: More open, More converted to Jesus Christ, More generous, More engaged.

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The goals agreed for the coming year are as follows: Grow children's and youth work. Reach families and build relationships with schools. Improve discipleship of church members. To be more open to the Holy Spirit. Empower Lay Ministry/new leaders. Our vision to become embedded in all we do. Improve hospitality, welcome and the spirit of generosity. Each church to contribute to the common good within their community.

This is an ongoing process, and our mission action plan will be reviewed annually to ensure we represent the community in which we are set.

Pastoral reorganisation

During 2024 the PCC of St Helen's and the PCC of Christ Church Ore discussed the possibility of becoming one united parish. Since 2020 both parishes have been working together sharing a Priest-in-charge, a curate, Children's and youth worker, and an operations manager. There has also been cross working within ministries held in each parish. With this in mind, after prayerful discussion and an away day, both PCC's voted to become one united parish. The PPC's feel that this will not only streamline how the churches are governed but it will also strengthen the churches, enabling the them to be more missional and better serve the communities in which they are set. We hope that this merger will take place in 2025.

Buildings

St Helens Church

The south roof valley had a new long lasting fibreglass covering, thanks to many congregation donations. The north valley had a temporary repair while finances are secured for a more robust repair. A much requested brass hand rail has been installed on the chancel steps.

The gutters and roof valleys have been professionally cleaned.

St Barnabas

The kitchen roof has been repaired and all moss and detritus thoroughly removed.

St Helens Hall

A new, conservation approved, wooden double glazed window has been installed in Rachel/Kizzy upper office. The flat roof has been repaired and no longer leaks.

All gutters and roof valleys have been professionally cleaned

St Helens Garden Project

A large shed erected on a concrete plinth in the allotment and is now full of outdoor toys.

A potting shed with glass windows is being built.

The allotment was thoroughly utilised and gave a wonderful crop of fruit and vegetables that was free for everyone to take. The brownies planting many sunflowers.

Financial Review

2024 shows a surplus of £15,694 (2023: deficit £(39,698)). 2024 income has benefited from the receipt of significant one-off donations of £34,598 (2023: £1,689), but regular giving of £58,168 (2023: £61,256) has decreased. However our concern is that the church's finances should not be dependent on substantial one-off donations but on regular giving.

Total receipts were £162,559 (2023: £111,707) as shown in the Financial Statements. Giving via planned instruction and collections at services amounted to £117,488 (2023: £73,849) which included tax refunds from Gift Aid giving amounted to £24,722 (2023: £10,904).

Expenditure amounted to £146,865 (2023: £151,396) resulting in a surplus of £12,453 (2023: deficit £(35,103)) on unrestricted funds and a surplus of £3,241 (2023: deficit £(4,586)) on restricted funds.

Total net assets are £56,593 (2023: £40,899)

Reserves

Unrestricted reserves amounted to £47,592 (2023: £35,139). Designated funds amounted to £nil for specific uses decided by the PCC.

Restricted reserves amount to £9,001 (2023: £5,760). These can only be used for the purposes the funds were given. Should they not be spent for the stated purpose then they are legally bound to be repaid to the givers.

Assets

£80,188 (2023: £59,935) is held in cash, bank and church investment accounts.

Current liabilities £23,595 (2023: £11,250). These comprise:

- £11,250 being nine months of the £15,000 grant was received from CPAS for the Youth Worker in October 2024.
- £9,750 archdeacon loan due for repayment in February 2025 (shown in 2023 as a long term liability.)
- £1,500 being part of the 2024 mission giving but paid in 2025
- £1,015 being parish share due to the diocese
- £80 being other liabilities

Other matters

There were no transactions with persons related to PCC members nor with related charities. Gift Aid is accounted for in the year it is claimed or given when part of the Parish Giving Scheme.

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	2023
Income and endowments from:					
Donations - regular	56,248	-	1,920	58,168	61,256
Donations - one off and legacies	16,311	-	18,287	34,598	1,689
Gift Aid	21,113	-	3,609	24,722	10,904
Total donations and legacies	93,672	-	23,816	117,488	73,849
Income from charitable activities	3,171	400	5,130	8,701	9,124
Other trading activities	7,195	-	-	7,195	5,010
Investments	2,167	-	-	2,167	1,268
Other income	10,008	-	17,000	27,008	22,456
Total income	116,213	400	45,946	162,559	111,707
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	103,760	400	42,705	146,865	151,396
Total expenditure	103,760	400	42,705	146,865	151,396
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	12,453	-	3,241	15,694	(39,689)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	8,427
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	(8,427)
Net transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	12,453	-	3,241	15,694	(39,689)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	35,139	-	5,760	40,899	80,588
Total funds carried forward	47,592	-	9,001	56,593	40,899

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Current Assets - Cash at bank and on deposit			
CBF Church of England deposit fund account		43,002	40,835
NatWest current account		37,186	19,100
Total		80,188	59,935
Current Assets - Debtors			
Income tax recoverable		-	932
Account receivables		-	1,032
Total	12	-	1,964
Liability - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			
Long term liabilities		-	9,750
Total	13	-	9,750
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year			
Other Current Liabilities		23,595	11,250
Total	14	23,595	11,250
Total Net Assets		56,593	40,899
Represented by			
Restricted Funds:			
Restricted donations		7,680	5,760
Youth Toy Trust		1,321	-
Total Restricted Funds		9,001	5,760
Designated Funds- PCC			
		-	-
Unrestricted Funds - General			
		47,592	35,139
Total Funds		56,593	40,899

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the church warden Nick Warren

Signed: 

Date: 28/06/2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

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

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for the PCC for ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – money that has been set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – for which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Income & Endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations & Legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probably, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift Aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is received.

Grants & legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Charitable Activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when received.

Other Trading Activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services.

Income from trading is recognised when received.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Rents from property are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements when received.

Investment Income

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All Other Income

All other income is recognised when received.

Gains & Losses on Investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at the 31st December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when received.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at the 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by c.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to 2019 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land Nil

Buildings Nil

Fixtures and Fittings 20%

Audio Visual Equipment 33%

Office Equipment 25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Analysis of Income

01 January 2024 to 31 December

2024	General	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
Income from:					
Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	16,463	-	-	16,463	24,771
Parish Giving Scheme	37,428	-	1,920	39,348	33,450
Collections open plate	2,357	-	-	2,357	3,035
Donations and legacies	16,311	-	18,287	34,598	1,689
Gift Aid (income tax recovered)	21,113	-	3,609	24,722	10,904
Total donation & legacies	93,672	-	23,816	117,488	73,849
Charitable Activities:					
Youth & kids activities	1,558	-	-	1,558	1,831
St B activities: fund raising, Cameo, Art club, film night & hospitality	1,613	400	-	2,013	2,053
Acts 435	-	-	5,130	5,130	5,240
Total income from charitable activities	3,171	400	5,130	8,701	9,124
Other trading activities					
Hire of church/hall	7,195	-	-	7,195	5,010
Total other trading activities	7,195	-	-	7,195	5,010
Investments					
Investment income	2,167	-	-	2,167	1,268
Total investment income	2,167	-	-	2,167	1,268
Other income					
Fees - weddings & funerals	41	-	-	41	3,379
Building and other grants	5,000	-	2,000	7,000	2,860
Youth worker CPAS grant	-	-	15,000	15,000	11,250
Clergy expenses CCO share	4,967	-	-	4,967	4,967
Total other income	10,008	-	17,000	27,008	22,456
Total Income	116,213	400	45,946	162,559	111,707

3. Analysis of Expenditure

01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024	General	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
Youth & children's activities	1,522	-	354	1,876	2,376
Youth worker's salary & costs	5,389	-	15,400	20,789	19,323
Church worship & hospitality	2,205	-	-	2,205	3,953
Church seasonal activities	1,269	-	-	1,269	969
Church outreach	-	-	-	-	840
St B Cameo, art club, & film night	261	-	-	261	498
Parish contribution	29,033	-	-	29,033	28,188
Mission giving	7,000	400	-	7,400	8,700
Office subscriptions & consumables	5,195	-	-	5,195	4,202
Examining accountant fees	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,536
Bank charges	384	-	-	384	317
Staff costs	13,330	-	-	13,330	11,044
Clergy expenses	9,853	-	-	9,853	10,175
Church maintenance	2,323	-	2,488	4,811	6,900
Hall maintenance	2,328	-	5,748	8,076	6,354
St Barnabas church maintenance	391	-	1,430	1,821	3,040
St Helen's roof maintenance	-	-	12,155	12,155	9,336
Quinquennial & other costs	-	-	-	-	1,694
Cleaning & consumables	3,805	-	-	3,805	4,355
Insurance	4,987	-	-	4,987	4,890
St Helen's church light, heat & water	4,784	-	-	4,784	7,222
St Helen's hall light, heat & water	3,813	-	-	3,813	4,689
Church House light, heat & water	1,915	-	-	1,915	1,784
St Barnabas light, heat & water	2,893	-	-	2,893	3,771
Acts 435	-	-	5,130	5,130	5,240
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	103,760	400	42,705	146,865	151,396

4. Missionary & Charitable Giving

St Helen's PCC gave £7,400 (2023: £8,700) for mission giving activities for 2024.

5. Staff Costs

St Helen's Ore PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. The scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. Contributions to this scheme from employer were £2,031 (2023; £1,623).

The CWPF has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014. Staff costs are shared equally between St Helen's and Christ Church Ore.

6. Payments to PCC Members

Clergy support costs for both the vicar and curate are:

Council Tax: £7,010 (2023: £6,694)

Environmental/ Water Charges: £1,534 (2023; £1,729)

Mobile/ Travel: £1,308 (2023; £1,677)

These costs are shared equally between St Helen's and Christ Church Ore.

No person received remuneration in excess of £30,000.

7. Transactions with Persons Related to PCC Members.

No payments were made to persons related to a PCC member.

8. Transactions with Related Charities

No related charities

9. Governance

The cost of the independent examination from Manningtons was £1,080 (2023: £1,536 including VAT).

10. Analysis of funds

01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024	Fund balances b/f	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances c/f
Restricted funds					
Acts 435	-	5,130	5,130	-	-
Buildings	-	21,071	21,071	-	-
CPAS	-	15,000	15,000	-	-
Restricted donations	5,760	1,920	-	-	7,680
St Barnabas restricted donations	-	750	750	-	-
Youth Toy Trust	-	1,500	179	-	1,321
Youth	-	575	575	-	-
Total restricted funds	5,760	45,946	42,705	-	9,001
Designated funds					
Mission Fund	-	400	400	-	-
Total designated funds	-	400	400	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
General	35,139	116,213	103,760	-	47,592
Total unrestricted funds	35,139	116,213	103,760	-	47,592
Total funds	40,899	162,559	146,865	-	56,593

Restricted donations relate to donations to help repay the Archdeacon Loan.

11. Fixed Assets

There are no fixed assets or investments.

12. Debtors

There were no receivables at end of 2024 (2023: £1,964)

13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After One Year

The Archdeacon's loan of £9,750 was due by 28 February 2025 and shown as a long term liability in the 2023 financial statements. The loan was interest free and was repaid in March 2025.

14.Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After One Year

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- £9,750 Archdeacon loan due for repayment in February 2025 (shown in 2023 as a long term liability.)
- £1,500 being part of the 2024 mission giving but paid in 2025
- £1,015 being parish share due to the diocese
- £80 being other liabilities

14. Statement of Funds

Explanation of Funds

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives. There are no endowment funds.

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales.

Designated funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and are decided by the PCC.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

Independent examiner's report To the PCC of St Helen's Church, Ore with St Barnabas

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 16, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section s. 144 of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of this report

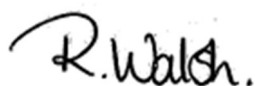
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Independent examiner's statement

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

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



Signed.....

Date: 25/04/2025

Mrs R T Walsh FCCA
Manningtons, 39 High Street, Battle East Sussex TN33 0EE

Accounts

The Parish of St Helen's Ore with St Barnabas



St Helen's Ore Parochial Church Council

Trustee Annual Report for 2023

Structure, Governance & Management

Charity Number: 1131079

Priest In Charge	Tim Bell
Curate	Kizzy Penfold
Wardens	Simon Jones Nick Warren
Deanery Synod	Suzy Edwards Sara Hackett Christine Aitken
Joint Treasurers	Peter Bailey Jennifer Summers-Day
Secretary	Jennifer Summers-Day

Representatives of the Laity

Roger Pook
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Jason Morton
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Aims & Purposes as a Charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-charge, the Revd Tim Bell, 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
- Developing our vision: Community, Faith, Action. In which we see the Church as an engaging Faith Community, one that is energised by Faith, which results in an outpouring of God's Love through Action.

Objectives & Activities

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
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of various ministries and events held throughout the year.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic Centre and focus of life in Ore.

Achievements & Performance

Attendance at Worship.

Public worship in 2023 has seen us continue with our main Sunday services at 9am at St Barnabas with an average of 25 people. Part way through the year we moved the St Helen's Service time to 11am. This was to give more time for those who were leading and preaching to move between St Barnabas and St Helen's without feeling rushed. We also introduced coffee before the service at 10:30am which has gone down well and has helped build fellowship within the church community. I am pleased to say that we have seen new people join our worshipping community. We have been

averaging around 55 people at St Helen's, families and children are still low in number, but we are starting to see some signs of growth in this area with the introduction of a monthly all age service on the second Sunday of the month. All have welcomed this service and enjoy its informal and interactive nature.

At Christmas time we held a Christingle service which was well attended by lots of families. We also had our Carol services, one at St Barnabas and one at St Helen's, both were well attended attracting many visitors.

Midnight Mass was held at St Helen's which was a great opportunity to share the first communion of Christmas, with 45 people in attendance.

Once again, a special Christmas service was held for the parchment trust and was an open invite to adult learning difficulties. It was a real blessing to celebrate Christmas and partner with the parchment trust who do great work in this area.

Teaching, Baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Alpha was run during the early part of the year; this was off the back of promoting it throughout all our Christmas events. This was again jointly run with Christ Church Ore. 25 people participated in total.

We held the Holy Spirit Day at St Helen's church hall. This was a great day with many experiencing the Holy Spirit for the first time.

As always Alpha is a great opportunity for all to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and grow closer to God.

Following Alpha, it was clear that all the people taking part wanted to carry on with some form of discipleship. For this we ran a Discipleship course looking at spiritual disciplines. This ran up to the autumn term and the people in attendance have now formed a house group which meets every other week.

Our monthly prayer evenings are a continued source of encouragement as we gather to pray into the vision and mission of the church and also to explore and encourage different forms of prayer in order to build up the body of Christ.

A weekly Prayer meeting held at St Barnabas on Monday afternoons, averaging 12 people each week. We had 1 Baptism, 1 Marriage and 2 Funerals in Church.

Evangelism and outreach

Happy Hand's, our toddler group has continued to grow. We have started to see families from this group join us for church events and some Sunday services. We also held a Christmas service for this group in the church. In the summer we finished the term with a garden party. This averages around 20 children each week.

The start of 2023 saw the opening of Youth Drop In's on a Thursday afternoon. This group has reached over 40 young people during its first year and sees a regular weekly attendance of around 15. This has been supported by developing stronger links with Christian School Workers Hastings (CSWH) and promotion through the CSWH Hot Chocolate Club at Ark Alexandra. The church has also supported St. Mary's special school to access the church and deliver some of their RE curriculum.

We have seen the Bumps and Babies group supported by the NCT develop significantly during the year and is now regularly attended each week by 15 mums and their babies. This group continues to work with community providers and has started to see people cross over into the church's parent and toddler group Happy Hands. Happy Hands has been so popular during 2023 it has evolved to provide outdoor provision as well as indoor activities during session times.

The provision of children's activities during church services continues in relation to the reading for the day. September 2023 saw the launch of All Age worship on the Second Sunday each month providing a more informal and interactive style of worship. The uniform groups that hire the hall have been invited to these with varying degrees of success. The donations from the All Age Harvest Celebration were passed to Ore Church Mice Pre-school and the annual Christingle service supported the Children's Society.

One-off events held (generally in school holidays) in partnership with Christ Church Ore continue to remain popular.

Come Be Belong, our group that was set up to combat loneliness and isolation continues at St Barnabas. This group averages 10 people each week. Come be and belong is about making space for people just come for a cup of coffee or tea, and a chat. There is a range of arts, crafts, creative writing, board games on offer for people to join in and relax if wanted. Group participants are encouraged to share their own skills and interests if they would like to do so.

Running Space has continued to grow in 2023. The idea behind Running Space is this: every person we run with has treasure and riches within them, often buried deep under hurt and pain of abuse, abandonment, and rejection. Our purpose is to run shoulder to shoulder with you, and in running to help shake the dirt off each other's lives and pull out the treasure. "Come and run with us, it might just change your life", their website states. The group meets on a Monday morning and is led by a trained coach from Running Space. We average around 8 to 10 people who run. This has been a great way to not only get fitter but to meet new people, most of whom do not attend St Helen's church yet! Two of our members from St Helen's church have now train as coaches and help to lead the sessions. Some from this group ran the Hastings half marathon which was a great opportunity to raise funds for Running Space and help raise its profile. We also took part in the Out Of The Blue 10k at Ashburnham.

At St Barnabas, groups continued. These include Art group which meets on a Tuesday morning. This is open to anyone to bring their own art projects or learn new techniques from others. This group held an art exhibition which was an excellent opportunity to welcome in the local community. Film club which shows films once a month on a Friday night is popular, many from the local community attend. CAMEO continued to meet each week throughout the year with an average of 20 people in attendance.

A Christmas fair was held at St Barnabas at the beginning of Advent. This was a great opportunity to welcome the local community and also promote all our Christmas events.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

A group from St Helen's and Christ Church Ore took part in this pilot course which was run by the diocese of Chichester. We met and had input over the course of the year and looked at different aspect of church growth. This ranged from subject such as collaborative ministry, welcome and intentional community outreach.

The findings of this course then went on to inform our mission action plan.

Mission Action Plan

This was reviewed towards the end of the year, we found that we had achieved most of the goals set in 2022. These goals are all linked to the Diocese's strategy for growth, which being: More open, More converted to Jesus Christ, More generous, More engaged.

The goals agreed for the coming year are as follows: Grow children's and youth work. Reach families and build relationships with schools. Improve discipleship of church members. To be more open to the Holy Spirit. Empower Lay Ministry/new leaders. Our vision to become embedded in all we do. Improve hospitality, welcome and the spirit of generosity. Each church to contribute to the common good within their community.

This is an ongoing process, and our mission action plan will be reviewed annually to ensure we represent the community in which we are set.

Financial Review

Total receipts were £111,707 as shown in the Financial Statements. Giving via planned instruction and collections at services amounted to £62,945. Tax refunds from Gift Aid giving amounted to £10,904.

Expenditure amounted to £151,396 resulting in a deficit of £35,103 on unrestricted funds and a deficit on restricted funds of £4,586.

Total net assets are £40,899 and therefore should the total deficit of £39,689 continue at the current rate in 2024 then all the reserves will be utilised within a year.

Reserves

Unrestricted reserves amounted to £35,139. Designated funds amounted to £nil for specific uses decided by the PCC.

Restricted funds amount to £5,760. These can only be used for the purposes the funds were given. Should they not be spent for the stated purpose then they are legally bound to be repaid to the givers.

Assets

£59,935 is held in cash, bank and building society accounts.

Liabilities

A £15,000 grant was received from CPAS for the Youth Worker in October 2023. Nine months of this (£11,250) has been allocated in the accounts to 2024.

Other

There were no transactions with persons related to PCC members nor with related charities. Gift Aid is accounted for in the year it is claimed or given when part of the Parish Giving Scheme.

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	71,929	-	1,920	73,849	77,339
Income from charitable activities	3,884	-	5,240	9,124	7,454
Other trading activities	5,010	-	-	5,010	6,371
Investments	1,268	-	-	1,268	514
Other income	8,556	-	13,900	22,456	27,037
Total income	90,647	-	21,060	111,707	118,715
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	125,750	-	25,646	151,396	100,339
Total expenditure	125,750	-	25,646	151,396	100,339
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(35,103)	-	(4,586)	(39,689)	18,376
Transfers:					
Transfers between funds - in	8,427	-	-	8,427	63,047
Transfers between funds - out		(2,891)	(5,536)	(8,427)	(63,047)
Other recognised gains/losses	-	-	-	-	8,130
Net transfers	8,427	(2,891)	(5,536)	-	8,130
Net movement in funds	(26,676)	(2,891)	(10,122)	(39,689)	26,506
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	61,815	2,891	15,882	80,588	54,082
Total funds carried forward	35,139	-	5,760	40,899	80,588

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand		
CBF Church of England deposit account	40,835	39,567
NatWest current account	19,100	55,103
Total	59,935	94,670
Current Asset - Debtors		
Income tax recoverable	932	3,168
Account receivables	1,032	-
Total	1,964	3,168
Liability - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Long term liabilities	9,750	9,750
Total	9,750	9,750
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year		
Other Current Liabilities	11,250	7,500
Total	11,250	7,500
Total Net Assets	40,899	80,588
Represented by		
Restricted Funds:		
Acts 435	-	992
Building	-	5,960
CPAS	-	2,892
Mission vision	-	546
Restricted donations	5,760	3,840
Rear garden fund	-	1,652
Total Restricted Funds	5,760	15,882
Designated Funds- PCC	-	2,891
Unrestricted Funds - General	35,139	61,815
Total Funds	40,899	80,588

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by chairman Tim Bell.

Signed:  Date: 13 May 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

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

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for the PCC for ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – money that has been set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds – a.) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.; b.) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – for which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Income & Endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations & Legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift Aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants & legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Charitable Activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the office occurs.

Other Trading Activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a.) when received, or b.) in the case of concerts: for the year in which the event occurs, irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Rents from property are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements when receipt is probable.

Investment Income

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

All Other Income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

Gains & Losses on Investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at the 31st December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

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

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at the 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by c.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to 2019 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land Nil

Buildings Nil

Fixtures and Fittings 20%

Audio Visual Equipment 33%

Office Equipment 25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Analysis of Income

	General	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Income from:					
Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	22,851	-	1,920	24,771	34,951
Parish Giving Scheme	33,450	-	-	33,450	23,161
Collections open plate	3,035	-	-	3,035	2,890
Donations and legacies	1,689	-	-	1,689	7,781
Gift Aid (income tax recovered)	10,904	-	-	10,904	8,556
Total donation & legacies	71,929	-	1,920	73,849	77,339
Charitable Activities:					
Youth & kids activities	1,831	-	-	1,831	753
St B Cameo, art club, film night & hospitality	2,053	-	-	2,053	1,086
Acts 435	-	-	5,240	5,240	5,615
Total income from charitable activities	3,884	-	5,240	9,124	7,454
Other trading activities					
Hire of church/hall	5,010	-	-	5,010	6,371
Total other trading activities	5,010	-	-	5,010	6,371
Investments					
Investment income	1,268	-	-	1,268	514
Total investment income	1,268	-	-	1,268	514
Other income					
Fees - weddings & funerals	3,379	-	-	3,379	2,927
Building and other grants	210	-	2,650	2,860	7,435
Youth worker CPAS grant	-	-	11,250	11,250	7,500
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	-	524
Clergy expenses CCO share	4,967	-	-	4,967	5,646
Insurance & other refunds	-	-	-	-	3,005
Total other income	8,556	-	13,900	22,456	27,037
Total Income	90,647	-	21,060	111,707	118,715

3. Analysis of Expenditure

	General	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Youth & children's activities	1,830	-	546	2,376	451
Youth worker's salary & costs	8,073	-	11,250	19,323	6,214
Church worship & hospitality	3,953	-	-	3,953	5,596
Church seasonal activities	969	-	-	969	-
Church outreach	840	-	-	840	-
St B Cameo, art club, & film night	498	-	-	498	87
Parish contribution	28,188	-	-	28,188	26,856
Mission giving	8,700	-	-	8,700	2,600
Office subscriptions & consumables	4,202	-	-	4,202	2,625
Examining accountant	1,536	-	-	1,536	840
Bank charges	317	-	-	317	-
Staff costs	11,044	-	-	11,044	13,883
Clergy expenses	10,175	-	-	10,175	9,426
Church maintenance	6,900	-	-	6,900	7,277
Hall maintenance	3,704	-	2,650	6,354	996
St Barnabas church maintenance	3,040	-	-	3,040	1,916
St Helen's roof maintenance	3,376	-	5,960	9,336	-
Quinquennial & other costs	1,694	-	-	1,694	940
Cleaning & consumables	4,355	-	-	4,355	3,234
Insurance	4,890	-	-	4,890	4,423
St H church light, heat & water	7,222	-	-	7,222	949
St H hall light, heat & water	4,689	-	-	4,689	1,939
Church House light, heat & water	1,784	-	-	1,784	2,735
St B light, heat & water	3,771	-	-	3,771	1,347
Act 435	-	-	5,240	5,240	6,005
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	125,750	-	25,646	151,396	100,339

4. Missionary & Charitable Giving

St Helen's PCC paid £8,700 (2022: £7,000) for mission giving activities for 2023.

5. Staff Costs

St Helen's Ore PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. The scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers £1,623 (2022; £786).

The CWPF has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

6. Payments to PCC Members

Clergy Support for both the vicar and curate:

Council Tax: £6,694 (2022: £7,892)

Environmental/ Water Charges: £1,729 (2022: £2,104)

Mobile/ Travel: £1,677 (2022: £824)

These costs are shared equally between St Helen's and Christ Church Ore.

No person received remuneration in excess of £30,000.

7. Transactions with Persons Related to PCC Members.

No payments were made to persons related to a PCC member.

8. Transactions with Related Charities

No related charities

9. Governance

The cost of the independent examination from Manningtons was £1,536 (2022: £840 including VAT).

10. Analysis of funds

	Fund balances b/f	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances c/f
Restricted funds					
Acts 435	992	5,240	(5,240)	(992)	-
Building	5,960	2,650	(8,610)	-	-
CPAS	2,892	11,250	(11,250)	(2,892)	-
Mission vision	546	-	(546)	-	-
Restricted donations	3,840	1,920	-	-	5,760
Rear garden fund	1,652	-	-	(1,652)	-
Total restricted funds	15,882	21,060	(25,646)	(5,536)	5,760
Designated funds					
Parochial Church Council	2,891	-	-	(2,891)	-
Total designated funds	2,891	-	-	(2,891)	-
Unrestricted funds					
General	61,815	90,647	(125,750)	8,427	35,139
Total unrestricted funds	61,815	90,647	(125,750)	8,427	35,139
Total funds	80,588	111,707	(151,396)	-	40,899

Restricted donations relate to donations to help repay the Archdeacon Loan.¹

11. Fixed Assets

No fixed assets or investments.

12. Debtors

Income tax via Gift Aid for October 2022 to December 2023 has not yet been claimed. The claim will be made in 2024.

13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After One Year

The Archdeacon's loan of £9,750 is due by 28 February 2025. The loan is interest free, and no repayment was made in 2023. We look to pay it back by 28 February 2025.

14. Statement of Funds

Explanation of Funds

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives. There are no endowment funds.

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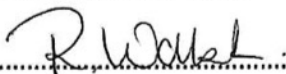
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ORE

England & Wales - Charity number 1131079

Accounts

St Helen's Ore Parochial Church Council

Trustee Annual Report for 2022

Structure, Governance & Management

Charity Number: 1131079

Incumbent: Revd. Tim Bell

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

Incumbent:	Tim Bell
	Kizzy Penfold
Wardens:	Simon Jones
	Nick Warren
Deanery Synod:	Suzy Edwards
	Sara Hackett
	Chris Aitken
Treasurer:	Peter Bailey
Secretary:	Jennifer Summers-Day
Representatives of the Laity:	Roger Pook
	Roger Mitchell
	Lynn White
	Susanne Jones
	Jason Morton
	Linda Chapman-Holmes
	Peter Aitken
	David Walker

Aims & Purposes As A Charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-charge, the Revd Tim Bell, 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
- Developing our vision: Community, Faith, Action. In which we see the Church as an engaging Faith Community, one that is energised by Faith, which results in an outpouring of God's Love through Action.

Objectives & Activities

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
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of various ministries and events held throughout the year.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic Centre and focus of life in Ore.

Achievements & Performance

Attendance at Worship

Public worship in 2022 has seen us continue with our main Sunday services at 9am at St Barnabas with an average of 20 people and the 10:30am service at St Helen's. The service at St Helen's is also livestreamed on YouTube enabling many to join us online each Sunday. I am pleased to say that we have seen new people join our worshipping community. We have been averaging around 55 people at St Helen's, families and children are still low in number, but we are starting to see some signs of growth in this area.

At Christmas time we held a Christingle service which was well attended by lots of families. We also had our Carol services, one at St Barnabas and one at St Helen's, both were well attended attracting many visitors.

Midnight Mass was held at St Helen's which was a great opportunity to share the first communion of Christmas, with 45 people in attendance.

A special Christmas service was held for the Parchment Trust and was an open invitation to those with adult learning difficulties. It was a real blessing to celebrate Christmas and partner with the Parchment Trust who do great work in this area.

Teaching, Baptising and Nurturing New and Existing Believers.

Alpha was run during the early part of 2022. This was off the back of promoting it throughout all our Christmas events. This was again jointly run with Christ Church, Ore and the Salvation Army, Ore. 30 people participated in total.

We held the Holy Spirit Day at St Helen's church hall. This was a great day with many experiencing the Holy Spirit for the first time.

As always Alpha is a great opportunity for all to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and grow closer to God.

Following Alpha, it was clear that all the people taking part wanted to carry on with some form of discipleship. For this we ran Discipleship Explored, which is an eight-week course based on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Once this had finished, one of the groups continued to meet every other week for prayer and discipleship.

In 2022 we moved from having separate monthly prayer evenings for each parish to having one joint monthly prayer meeting, Christ Church, St Helen's and St Barnabas each taking it in turns to host. The aim of these prayer evenings is to pray into the vision and mission of the church and also to explore and encourage different forms of prayer in order to build up the body of Christ.

A weekly Prayer meeting is now held at St Barnabas on Monday afternoons, averaging 12 people each week.

We had 3 Baptisms, 3 Marriages, 2 Funerals in Church.

Evangelism and Outreach

Happy Hands, our toddler group has continued to grow. We have started to see families from this group join us for church events and some Sunday services. We also held a Christmas service for this group in the church. In the summer we finished the term with a garden party. This averages around 20 children each week.

Come Be Belong, our group that was set up to combat loneliness and isolation has now moved from St Helen's church hall to St Barnabas. This was due to the better access and location that St Barnabas offers. This group averages 10 people each week. Come Be Belong is about making space for people to just come for a cup of coffee or tea, and a chat. There is a range of arts, crafts, creative writing, board games on offer for people to join in and relax if wanted. Group participants are encouraged to share their own skills and interests if they would like to do so.

RunningSpace has continued to grow in 2022. The idea behind RunningSpace is this: Every person we run with has treasure and riches within them, often buried deep under hurt and pain of abuse, abandonment, and rejection. Our purpose is to run shoulder to shoulder with you, and in running to help shake the dirt off each other's lives and pull out the treasure. "Come and run with us, it might just change your life", their website states. The group meets on a Monday morning and is led by a trained coach from RunningSpace. We average around 8 to 10 people who run. This has been a great way to not only get fitter but to meet new people, most of whom do not attend St Helen's church yet! One of our members from St Helen's church has now trained as a coach and helps to lead the sessions. Some from this group ran the Hastings half marathon which was a great opportunity to raise funds for RunningSpace and help raise its profile. We also took part in the out of the blue 10k at Ashburnham.

At St Barnabas groups continued, these include Art Group which meets on a Tuesday morning. This is open to anyone to bring their own art projects or learn new techniques from others. This group held an art exhibition which was an excellent opportunity to welcome in the local community. Film Night which shows films once a month on a Friday is popular, many from the local community attend. CAMEO continued to meet each week throughout the year with an average of 20 people in attendance.

A Christmas fair was held at St Barnabas at the beginning of Advent. This was a great opportunity to welcome the local community and also promote all our Christmas events.

At Christmas time, along with the services mentioned above, a group went Carol singing around the houses at the top of Elphinstone Road and gave out flyers for our Christmas services at the Churches and our upcoming Alpha course.

Children's, Youth and Families worker.

In September we were able to employ a Children's, Youth and Family's worker. Rachel has already made a big impact into our reach in this area. She now heads up the toddler group, plans and resources family materials for Sunday services with the aim to have children's church up and running once we have children in attendance on a Sunday. There are also plans to launch an after-school youth drop-in in the new year. Rachel will be responsible for developing mission in this area and we look forward to seeing growth in the coming year.

Mission Action Plan

This was reviewed towards the end of the year, we found that we had achieved most of the goals set in 2021. These goals are all linked to the Diocese's strategy for growth, that being: More open, More converted to Jesus Christ, More generous, More engaged.

The goals agreed for the coming year are as follows: Improve Sunday provision. Grow children's and youth work. Reach families and build relationships with schools. Improve discipleship of church members. Empower Lay Ministry/new leaders. Our vision to become embedded in all we do. Improve hospitality, welcome and the spirit of generosity. Each church to contribute to the common good within their community.

This is an ongoing process, and our mission action plan will be reviewed annually to ensure we represent the community in which we are set.

Deanery Synod

The main feature of Deanery Synod meetings that has been introduced is the sharing of blessings and challenges. Each church is invited to mention any particular blessings their church has experienced since the previous meeting and/or any particular challenges they face.

During the year there were reports from: a joint meeting with the Battle & Bexhill Deanery concerning the 'Living in Love and Faith' report, and a representative of the General Synod about the previous session. We also heard about the homeless in the Deanery and an outline regarding the situation of Ukrainian refugees locally.

Recently an outline of the work undertaken by the Youth Christian Worker at the Ark Alexandra Academy was given and Jacky Youlding, the founder of 'Running Space', gave a presentation. Revd. Tim Bell has been appointed Deputy Rural Dean and Harri England is now the Lay Chair.

Financial Review

- 1.) Total receipts were £118,715, as shown in the Financial Statements. Expenditure amounted to £100,339, which gave a surplus of £18,376. This includes a surplus of £10,840 on unrestricted funds and a surplus on restricted of £10,203.
- 2.) Giving via planned instruction and collections at services amounted to £77,339. Tax refunds from Gift Aid giving amounted to £8,556.

Reserves

- 1.) Unrestricted reserves amounted to £61,815. Designated funds amounted to £2,891 for specific uses decided by the PCC.
- 2.) Restricted funds amount to £15,881. These can only be used for the purposes the funds were given. Should they not be spent for the stated purpose then they are legally bound to be repaid to the givers.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by chairman Tim Bell.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

As at 31st December 2022

Assets

£94,670 is held in cash, bank and building society accounts. There are no other current assets.
Insurance – paid out for security cameras and accident in the car park.

Liabilities

CPAS grant received in 2022.

Half of the £15,000 grant received £7,500, has been designated for the engagement of a Youth & Families Worker for St Helen's.

The remaining balance of £7,500 is held for Christ Church to fund the Youth & Families Worker there.

Held in restricted funds, and earmarked donations not yet disbursed is £39,567 in our reserve account with CBF.

Other

There were no transactions with persons related to PCC members nor with related charities. Gift Aid is accounted for in the year it is claimed or given when part of the Parish Giving Scheme.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2022

Balance Sheet (Summary)		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	-	1	
	-	1	
Current assets			
Debtors	3,168	5,955	
Cash At Bank And In Hand	94,670	66,574	
	97,838	72,529	
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	7,500	9,999	
	7,500	9,999	
Net current assets less current liabilities	90,338	62,530	
Total assets less current liabilities	90,338	62,531	
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than	9,750	8,450	
	9,750	8,450	
Total net assets less liabilities	80,588	54,081	
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General Funds	61,815	28,835	
Designated			
Designated - Accruals	-	(7,000)	
Designated - Boiler Fund	-	3,200	
Designated - Happy Hands	-	392	
Designated - Parochial Church Council	2,891	453	
Designated - Production/ Worship	-	(65)	
Designated - Quinquennial Repairs Fund	-	16,387	
Restricted			
Restricted - Acts 435 Fund	992	1,232	
Unrestricted - Archdeacon Loan	-	(9,780)	
Restricted - Buildings Fund	5,960	6,428	
Restricted - CPAS	2,891	-	
Restricted - Mission Vision Fund	546	13,704	
Restricted - Rear Garden Fund	1,652	1,845	
Restricted - Rectors Discretionary Fund	-	(399)	
Restricted - Restricted Donations	3,840	-	
Restricted - Simon Gift	-	220	
Restricted - St Barnabas Grounds	-	(1,370)	
Endowment			
Fund Totals	80,588	54,081	

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	72,979	1,300	3,060	-	77,339	90,174
Income from charitable activities	441	645	5,615	-	6,701	9,177
Other trading activities	-	753	-	-	753	478
Investments	514	-	-	-	514	20
Other income	18,135	2,438	12,835	-	33,408	23,245
Total income	92,069	5,137	21,510	-	118,715	123,094
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	2,600	87	-	-	2,687	2,793
Other expenditure	78,629	7,716	11,307	-	97,652	107,795
Total expenditure	81,229	7,804	11,307	-	100,339	110,589
Net income / (expenditure) resources before trans	10,840	(2,667)	10,203	-	18,376	12,505
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	37,842	8,650	16,555	-	63,047	38,516
Gross transfers between funds - out	(15,132)	(23,459)	(24,456)	-	(63,047)	(38,516)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Intra fund journal adjustments	(569)	7,000	1,699	-	8,130	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	32,980	(10,475)	13,752	-	36,257	12,505
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	28,835	13,366	11,880	-	54,081	41,576
Total funds carried forward	61,815	2,891	25,632	-	80,588	54,081

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1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statement have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for the PCC for ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – money that has been set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds – a.) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.; b.) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – for which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Income & Endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations & Legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift Aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants & legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Charitable Activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the office occurs.

Other Trading Activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a.) when received, or b.) in the case of concerts: for the year in which the event occurs, irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Rents from property are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements when receipt is probable.

Investment Income

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

All Other Income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

Gains & Losses on Investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at the 31st December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

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

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at the 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by c.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to 2019 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land Nil

Buildings Nil

Fixtures and Fittings 20%

Audio Visual Equipment 33%

Office Equipment 25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a

continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Analysis of Income

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
1001 - Planned Giving	34,951	-	-	-	34,951	55,168
1002 - Parish Giving Scheme	23,161	-	-	-	23,161	1,273
1100 - Donations	1,674	800	2,535	-	5,009	10,774
1101 - Ad Hoc Donations	1,527	500	525	-	2,552	3,647
1102 - Open Plate Collection	2,890	-	-	-	2,890	1,693
1104 - Legacies	220	-	-	-	220	906
1109 - Gift Aid (Income Tax Recovered)	8,556	-	-	-	8,556	16,713
Donations and legacies Totals	72,979	1,300	3,060	-	77,339	90,174
Income from charitable activities						
1261 - Groups Art Income	62	-	-	-	62	115
1263 - Groups Film Night Income	79	156	-	-	235	-
1265 - Groups CAMEO income	300	489	-	-	789	-
3100 - Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	49
A435 Income - Acts 435	-	-	5,615	-	5,615	9,013
Income from charitable activities Totals	441	645	5,615	-	6,701	9,177
Other trading activities						
1116 - Youth & Kids Activities Happy H	-	753	-	-	753	478
Other trading activities Totals	-	753	-	-	753	478
Investments						
1108 - Investments	514	-	-	-	514	20
Investments Totals	514	-	-	-	514	20
Other income						
1103 - Fees - Wedding, Funeral	489	2,438	-	-	2,927	968
1105 - Grants	2,250	-	12,685	-	14,935	9,564
1107 - Hire of church/hall	6,371	-	-	-	6,371	3,592
1590 - Clergy Expenses CCO Share	5,646	-	-	-	5,646	407
1683 - Insurance Claims	1,332	-	-	-	1,332	5,716
2100 - Clergy Expenses	374	-	150	-	524	2,037
3101 - Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	395
REFUNDS - Refunds	1,673	-	-	-	1,673	565
Other income Totals	18,135	2,438	12,835	-	33,408	23,245
Income and endowments Grand totals	92,069	5,137	21,510	-	118,715	123,094

3. Analysis of Expenditure

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021
Expenditure on:			677			
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1262 - Group Film Night	-	87	-	-	87	-
1295 - Church Activities Mission Giving	2,600	-	-	-	2,600	2,793
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	2,600	87	-	-	2,687	2,793
Other expenditure						
1115 - Youth & Kids Activities Happy Hands	29	422	-	-	451	157
1211 - Church Activities Hospitality	3,375	53	625	-	4,053	3,523
1212 - Church Activities Sundays	29	208	-	-	238	420
1213 - Church Activities Worship	629	-	-	-	1,305	1,585
1290 - Church Activities Parish Contribution	26,856	-	-	-	26,856	23,696
1311 - Staff Costs Operations	18,550	-	1,547	-	20,097	8,671
1402 - Internet	-	-	-	-	-	358
1403 - Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	459
1411 - Office Consumables	1,677	-	-	-	1,677	1,834
1420 - Office Subscriptions	1,788	-	-	-	1,788	2,084
1511 - Clergy Expenses Vicar: Council Tax & Water	9,426	-	-	-	9,426	6,525
1610 - Buildings Church StH Planned Maintenance	1,183	3,641	2,453	-	7,277	27,017
1621 - Buildings Hall StH Planned Maintenance	-	996	-	-	996	-
1631 - Buildings Church StB Planned Maintenance	-	1,916	-	-	1,916	-
1671 - Buildings Grounds StH & StB	460	480	-	-	940	2,843
1672 - Buildings Cleaning	3,234	-	-	-	3,234	1,602
1682 - Buildings Insurance	4,423	-	-	-	4,423	12,378
1711 - Utilities Church StH Electricity 1	949	-	-	-	949	707
1713 - Utilities Hall StH Gas	408	-	-	-	408	1,375
1721 - Utilities Hall StH Electricity	972	-	-	-	972	791
1722 - Utilities House StH Gas	2,735	-	-	-	2,735	1,474
1732 - Utilities Church StB Electricity 1	1,347	-	-	-	1,347	516
1742 - Utilities Water Hall StH	559	-	-	-	559	833
A435 - Acts 435	-	-	6,005	-	6,005	8,947
Other expenditure Totals	78,629	7,716	11,307	-	97,652	107,795
Expenditure Grand totals	81,229	7,804	11,307	-	100,339	110,589

4. Missionary & Charitable Giving

St Helen's PCC have allocated £7,000 to mission giving activities for 2022. £2,600 has now been spent with £4,400 to be paid out during 2023.

5. Staff Costs

St Helen's Ore PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. The scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes

separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers £786 (2021; £748).

The CWPF has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

6. Payments to PCC Members

Clergy Support for both the vicar and curate:

Council Tax: £7,892 (2021: £5,021)

Environmental/ Water Charges: £2,104 (2021; £659)

Mobile/ Travel: £824 (2021; £835)

This cost is split equally between St Helen's and Christ Church Ore.

£5,410 was spent by St Helen's Ore this year.

No person received remuneration in excess of £20,000.

7. Transactions with Persons Related to PCC Members.

No payments were made to persons related to a PCC member.

8. Transactions with Related Charities

No related charities

9. Governance

The cost of the independent examination from Manningtons was £840 including VAT.

10. Transfers Between Funds

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Accruals - Accruals	(7,000) -	-	-	-	-	7,000 -	-
Acts 435 - Acts 435 Fund	1,232	5,765	6,005 -	-	-	-	992
Arch Loan - Archdeacon Loan	(9,780)	1,920 -	-	6,560 -	-	1,300 -	-
Boiler - Boiler Fund	3,200 -	-	-	(3,200) -	-	-	-
Building - Buildings Fund	6,428	6,415	8,748	1,865 -	-	-	5,960
CAMEO - CAMEO	-	489	625	136 -	-	-	-
Charity - Charity Fund	-	165 -	-	(165) -	-	-	-
CPAS - CPAS	-	7,500	1,547	(3,062) -	-	-	2,891
Discretionary - Rectors Discretionary Fund	(399) -	-	-	-	-	399 -	-
Film Night - Film Night	-	156	87	(69) -	-	-	-
General - General Fund	28,835	92,069	81,229	22,709 -	-	(569)	61,815
Happy Hands - Happy Hands	392	753	475	(670) -	-	-	-
Mission Vision - Mission Vision Fund	13,704 -	-	677	(12,482) -	-	-	546
PCC - Parochial Church Council	453	2,438 -	-	-	-	-	2,891
Production - Production/ Worship	(65) -	-	188	254 -	-	-	-
Quinquennial - Quinquennial Repairs Fund	16,387 -	-	-	(16,387) -	-	-	-
Restricted donations - Restricted Donation -	-	-	-	3,840 -	-	-	3,840
RGF - Rear Garden Fund	1,845	545	738 -	-	-	-	1,652
Simon Gift - Simon Gift	220 -	-	-	(220) -	-	-	-
StB Grounds - St Barnabas Grounds	(1,370) -	-	-	1,370 -	-	-	-
Under 18s - Under 18s Fund	-	500 -	-	(500) -	-	-	-
Worship - Worship & Production Fund	-	-	20	20 -	-	-	-
Totals	54,081	118,715	100,339 -	-	-	17,880	80,588

11. Fixed Assets

No fixed assets or investments.

12. Debtors

Income tax via Gift Aid for June to December 2022 has not yet been claimed. The claim will be made in 2023.

13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After One Year

The Archdeacon's loan of £9,750 is due by the 28/02/2025. The loan has no interest, and no repayment was made in 2022. We look to pay it back in instalments over the next two years.

14. Statement of Funds

Explanation of Funds

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives. There are no endowment funds.

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within

reasonable timescales.

Designated funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and are decided by the PCC.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

Independent examiner's report
To the PCC of St Helen's Church, Ore with St Barnabas

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 15, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section s. 144 of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed..... 

Date.....18.04.23.....

Mrs R T Walsh FCCA
Manningtons
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ORE

England & Wales - Charity number 1131079

Accounts

Aims & Purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-charge, the Revd Tim Bell, 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
- Developing our vision: **Community, Faith, Action**. In which we see the Church as an engaging **Faith Community**, one that is energised by **Faith**, which results in an outpouring of God's Love through **Action**.

Objectives & Activities

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
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of various ministries and events held throughout the year.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic Centre and focus of life in Ore.

Achievements & Performance

Attendance at Worship.

Public worship during 2021 has been severely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. The first part of the year saw public worship suspended and our church buildings closed. We managed to continue to be a worshipping community by taking our services online and live streaming Sunday worship via YouTube from St Helen's. This enable us to join together each week to be built up as the body of Christ and helped us through this difficult time. Our sister Parish of Christ Church Ore also joined us online.

Once Public worship resumed, we continued with live streaming our services from St Helen's to enable all those who were still shielding to join us each week.

In September we welcomed Bishop Will (Bishop of Lewes) who joined us for our 150+1 celebrations. This marked 150 years plus one of worship at the current St Helen's. This was due to the fact that we could not celebrate this last year because of the pandemic. It was also the one-year anniversary of the licensing of Rev'd Tim Bell as Priest-in-charge of St Helen's Ore and St Barnabas. After the service we all enjoyed a picnic in the church garden.

At Christmas time we held a Christingle service which was well attended by lots of families. We also were able to hold our Carol services, one at St Barnabas and one at St Helen's. This was a joyful time as we were not able to do this last year.

Teaching, Baptising and nurturing new and existing believers.

During the pandemic and various lockdowns, we were still able to carry out the task of teaching and nurturing new and existing believers.

Alpha was run during the early part of the year, as this was during lockdown, we held this online via Zoom. This was jointly run with Christ Church Ore, St Helen's Ore and the Salvation Army Ore. 24 people participated in total. This was a great opportunity for all to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and grow closer to God.

We also ran a Lent course online via Zoom using the material provided by the Diocese of Chichester. The newly appointed Bishop of Lewes joined us online for one of the weeks which gave us a great opportunity to get to know him.

Home groups have remained in touch with each other, and some have met on Zoom. As restriction were lifted most have resumed physical meetings. These groups have been important, offering support to each other during a difficult time.

We had two funerals and one memorial service at St Helen's and one funeral at St Barnabas.

Evangelism and outreach.

This has been a challenge as most of the year none of our groups were able to meet. However "Happy Hands", our toddler group was able to meet in the garden and then inside once the restrictions were lifted. For the majority of the children who attended, this was their first experience of interacting with other children, something that is so important for their early development. It was so good to be able to give these young families a space where they could come and be with other young families. It is also a good opportunity for us to get to know the families in our community as sadly this is the demographic that is missing from our Sunday worship.

In September at St Helen's we launched a new outreach called "Come, Be, Belong". The group stems from an increasing urgency for mental health well-being support, largely as a result of both the pressure and the isolation brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. First and foremost, it is about making space for people who have just come for a cup of coffee or tea, and a chat. There is a range of arts, crafts, creative writing, board games and table tennis on offer for people to join in and relax if wanted. Group participants are encouraged to share their own skills and interests if they would like to do so.

In 2021 we were approached by the charity "RunningSpace" and asked if we would like to run a running group from St Helen's church. The idea behind Running space is this: Every person we run with has treasure and riches within them, often buried deep under hurt and pain of abuse, abandonment, and rejection. Our purpose is to run shoulder to shoulder with you, and in running to help shake the dirt off each other's lives and pull out the treasure. "Come and run with us, it might just change your life", their website states. The group meets on a Monday morning and is led by a trained coach from RunningSpace. We average around 8 to 10 people who run. This has been a great way to not only get fitter but to meet new people, most of whom do not attend St Helen's church yet! As we go forward, the idea is to see members from St Helen's train as coaches to lead the sessions and to add more sessions at different times in the week.

At St Barnabas groups returned in September, these include Art Club which meets on a Tuesday morning. This is open to anyone to bring their own art projects or learn new techniques from others. Film club which shows films once a month on a Friday night is popular, many from the local community attend.

At Christmas time, along with the services mentioned above, a group went Carol singing around the houses at the top of Elphinstone Road and gave out flyers for our Christmas services at the Churches and our upcoming Alpha course. We were also asked to sing Carols at the Local pub, the Conquerors March for one of their Christmas events, again a great way to connect with the local community.

Mission Action Plan.

Towards the end of the year, we completed a new mission action plan. This was completed by first carrying out a community audit, working out who our community is and how we as a church can respond to the needs of this community. A group from the PCC then got together to look at the community audit and see where the gaps were in what we provide as a church. Goals were then agreed that linked into the Diocese's strategy for growth, that being: More open, More converted to Jesus Christ, More generous, More engaged.

The goals agreed for the coming year are as follows: Reach Families. Connect with Youth. Discipleship of Church members. Empower Lay Ministry/new leaders. Our vision to become embedded in all we do. Reach untouched parts of the parish.

This is an ongoing process, and our mission action plan will be reviewed annually to ensure we represent the community in which we are set.

Safeguarding

Suzy Edwards took on the role in September. There have been no Safeguarding incidents.

Deanery Synod

Due to co-vid restrictions, the Deanery Synod only met once last year at St. John's, Upper St Leonards. Essentially it was a welcome meeting which reflected on how parishes had coped with lockdown and restrictions, future dates for meetings in 2022 and an introduction to the Church of England report, 'Living in Life and Faith' which will be discussed at a later meeting.

Financial Report

- 1.) Total receipts were £123,094, as shown in the Financial Statements. Expenditure amounted to £110,589, which gave a surplus of £12,505.
- 2.) This is made up of £28,240 in restricted funds £94,854 unrestricted. A contributory reason for the surplus was a grant income of £3,722 to go towards the rear garden from the Sussex Community Foundation and £1,663 from Hastings Council.
- 3.) Giving via planned instruction and collections at services amounted to £68,908. Tax refunds from Gift Aid giving amounted to £16,713, providing a total of £90,174 in voluntary receipts.
- 4.) The Parish Giving Scheme was implemented this year and has been a highly beneficial resource. A massive thank you to all who have moved their giving on to this system.

Reserves

- 1.) Unrestricted funds amounted to £28,835
- 2.) Designated amounted to £13,366
- 3.) Restricted funds amount to £11,880. This can only be used for the purposes the funds were given. Should they not be spent for the stated purpose then they are legally bound to be repaid to the givers. Hence the unspent balance is shown as a liability in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities.
- 4.) Total funds equalled to £54,081. Starting balance for 2021 was £56,856 with a surplus of £9,718 at 31 December 2021

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by chairman Tim Bell.

Signed: _____



Date: _____

19/04/22

Statement of Financial Activities

From the period 01 January to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds	Notes
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	80,831	9,343	-	90,174	82,898	
Income from charitable activities	164	9,013	-	9,177	-	
Other trading activities	478	-	-	478	1,861	
Investments	20	-	-	20	165	
Other income	13,361	9,884	-	23,245	3,557	
Total income	94,854	28,240	-	123,094	88,481	2
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	39	
Expenditure on charitable activities	2,600	193	-	2,793	102,056	
Other expenditure	64,065	43,730	-	107,795	13,000	
Total expenditure	66,665	43,923	-	110,589	115,095	3
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	28,188	(15,683)	-	12,505	(26,614)	
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	12,683	25,833	-	38,516	-	
Gross transfers between funds - out	(34,328)	(4,188)	-	(38,516)	(26,614)	
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds	6,543	5,962	-	12,505	(26,614)	
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	35,658	5,918	-	41,576	68,190	
Total funds carried forward	42,201	11,880	-	54,081	41,576	

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

As at 31st December 2021

Fund Type		Balance	Previous Balance
Tangible Assets			
Church Hall & Office: Church Hall & Office			
General Fund	Unrestricted	1	-
Church Hall & Office Fund	Designated	-	1
		1	1
Tangible Assets		1	1
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
CAF: CAF Account			
General Fund	Unrestricted	285	1,549
		285	1,549
CBF (CCLA): CBF Church of England Deposit Fund			
Boiler Fund	Designated	3,200	1,000
General Fund	Unrestricted	5,761	12,851
Mission Vision Fund	Restricted	13,704	15,798
Church Hall & Office Fund	Designated	-	1
Quinquennial Repairs Fund	Designated	16,387	9,383
		39,053	39,033
Natwest: Natwest Current Account			
Acts 435 Fund	Restricted	1,232	-
Archdeacon Loan	Restricted	1,270	-
Buildings Fund	Restricted	8,091	1,194
General Fund	Unrestricted	16,832	14,603
Hall Improvement Fund	Restricted	-	375
Happy Hands	Designated	392	-
Parochial Church Council	Designated	453	-
Production/ Worship	Designated	(65)	-
Rear Garden Fund	Restricted	182	-
Simon Gifts	Restricted	220	-
St Barnabas Grounds	Restricted	(1,370)	-
		27,236	16,172
Natwest RESERVE: Natwest Reserve Account			
General Fund	Unrestricted	0.01	0.01
		0.01	0.01
Petty Cash: Petty Cash			
General Fund	Unrestricted	-	102
		-	102
Cash At Bank And In Hand		66,574	56,856
Debtors			
Income Tax: Income Tax Recoverable			
General Fund	Unrestricted	5,955	3,168
Debtors		5,955	3,168
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			
Long Term: Long Term Liabilities			
Archdeacon Loan	Restricted	8,450	8,450
		8,450	8,450
Other Current: Other Current Liabilities			
Accruals	Designated	7,000	7,000
Archdeacon Loan	Restricted	2,600	2,600
Rectors Discretionary Fund	Restricted	399	399
		9,999	9,999
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		18,449	18,449
Grand Total		54,081	41,576

Assets

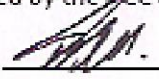
£66,472 is held in cash, bank and building society accounts. There are no other current assets.

£285 is held with CAF, £39,053 of this is held in with CBF, £27,134 is held at Natwest Current Account and £0.01 is held in the Natwest Reserve Account.

Liabilities

£11,449 is held for restricted funds, and earmarked donations not yet disbursed.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by chairman Tim Bell.

Signed:  _____

Date: 14/04/22.

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020	Notes
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	1	1	11
	1	1	
Current assets			
Debtors	5,955	3,168	13
Cash At Bank And In Hand	66,574	56,856	
	72,529	60,024	
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	9,999	9,999	
	9,999	9,999	
Net current assets less current liabilities	62,530	50,025	14
Total assets less current liabilities	62,531	50,026	
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	8,450	8,450	
	8,450	8,450	
Total net assets less liabilities	54,081	41,576	
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General Funds	28,835	32,273	
Designated			
Accruals	(7,000)	(7,000)	
Boiler Fund	3,200	1,000	
Church Hall & Office Fund	-	2	
Happy Hands	392	-	
Parochial Church Council	453	-	
Production/ Worship	(65)	-	
Quinquennial Repairs Fund	16,387	9,383	
Restricted			
Acts 435 Fund	1,232	-	
Archdeacon Loan	(9,780)	(11,050)	
Buildings Fund	8,091	1,194	
Hall Improvement Fund	-	375	
Mission Vision Fund	13,704	15,798	
Rear Garden Fund	182	-	
Rectors Discretionary Fund	(399)	(399)	
Simon Gift	220	-	
St Barnabas Grounds	(1370)	-	
Endowment	-	-	
Fund Totals	54,081	41,576	

Notes to the Financial Report

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statement has been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance with accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

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

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for the PCC for ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – money that has been set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds – a.) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b.) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – for which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Income & Endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of recoverability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations & Legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift Aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants & legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Charitable Activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the office occurs.

Other Trading Activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a.) when received, or b.) in the case of concerts: for the year in which the event occurs, irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Rents from property are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements when receipt is probable.

Investment Income

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

All Other Income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

Gains & Losses on Investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31st December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

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

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by c.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land	Nil
Buildings	Nil
Fixtures and Fittings	20%
Audio Visual Equipment	33%
Office Equipment	25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Analysis of Income

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
Planned Giving	55,138	-	30	-	55,168	68,650
Parish Giving Scheme	1,273	-	-	-	1,273	-
Donations	1,461	-	9,313	-	10,774	682
Ad Hoc Donations	3,647	-	-	-	3,647	-
Open Plate Collection	1,693	-	-	-	1,693	-
Legacies	906	-	-	-	906	-
Gift Aid (Income Tax Recovered)	16,713	-	-	-	16,713	13,566
Donations and legacies Totals	80,831	-	9,343	-	90,174	82,898
Income from charitable activities						
Art Club	115	-	-	-	115	-
Fundraising	49	-	-	-	49	-
Income - Acts 435	-	-	9,013	-	9,013	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	164	-	9,013	-	9,177	-
Other trading activities						
Hire of church/hall	3,592	-	-	-	3,592	1,861
Happy Hands	-	478	-	-	478	-
Other trading activities Totals	-	478	-	-	4,070	1,861
Investments						
Investments	20	-	-	-	20	165
Investments Totals	20	-	-	-	20	165
Other income						
Cash & Deposit Balance as at 31st December	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fees - Wedding, Funeral	515	453	-	-	968	617
Grants	-	-	9,564	-	9,564	2,940
Refunds	565	-	-	-	565	-
Insurance	5,716	-	-	-	5,716	-
CCO Clergy Expense Share	407	-	-	-	407	-
Clergy Expenses	2,037	-	-	-	2,037	-
Gifts	75	-	320	-	395	-
Other income Totals	12,908	453	9,884	-	19,653	3,557
Income and endowments Grand totals	93,923	931	28,240	-	123,094	88,481

3. Analysis of Expenditure

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Stewardship Costs						39
Mission Giving	2,600	-	193	-	2,793	7,000
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	2,600	-	193	-	2,793	7,039
Other expenditure						
Parish Contribution	23,696	-	-	-	23,696	25,750
Buildings	2,252	-	24,765	-	27,017	40,457
Cleaning	1,602	-	-	-	1,602	-
Gardening	455	-	2,388	-	2,843	780
Clergy Expenses	6,525	-	-	-	6,525	2,452
Staff Costs + Pensions	8,671	-	-	-	8,671	8,472
Insurance	6,942	-	5,436	-	12,378	-
Church Hall Running Costs	3,098	-	-	-	3,098	7,154
St Helen's Church Running Costs	2,082	-	-	-	2,082	6,951
St Barnabas Church Running Costs	516	-	-	-	516	-
Office	1,054	-	-	-	1,054	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	538
Governance	780	-	-	-	780	720
Subscriptions	2,084	-	-	-	2,084	-
Internet	358	-	-	-	358	-
Refunds	459	-	-	-	459	-
Car Park Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	13,000
Church Activities	2,297	32	1,195	-	3,523	715
Church Activities - Sundays	355	65.48	-	-	420	1,067
Church Activities - Worship	586	-	999	-	1,585	-
Church Activities - Happy Hands	104	53.81	-	-	157	-
Acts 435	-	-	8,947	-	8,947	-
Other expenditure Totals	63,914	151	43,730	-	107,795	108,056
Expenditure Grand totals	66,514	151	43,923	-	110,588	115,095

4. Missionary & Charitable Giving

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Overseas:				
Split between 2 Beneficiaries:	800	-	800	2,450
Home:				
Split between 4 Beneficiaries:	1,800	193	1,993	4,550
	2,600	193	2,793	7,000

5. Staff Costs

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Remuneration	-	-	-	-
Wages & Salaries	7,969	-	7,969	8,075
Employer Social Security Costs	-	-	-	-
Employer Pension Costs inc Life Cover	702	-	702	446
Total	8,671	-	8,671	8,521

St Helen's PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. The scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. The CWPF has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

The Pension Builder Scheme of the CWPF is made up of two sections, Pension Builder Classic & Pension Builder 2014, both of which are classified as defined benefit schemes. The PCC contributes to Pension Builder 2014 as does H England, the Operations Manager, who joined from the start of their employment on 01.09.20.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. This account may have bonuses added by the board before retirement. The bonuses depend on investment experience and other factors. There is no requirement for the Board to grant any bonuses. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable from the member's Normal Pension Age. There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builders Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable. (2021 £702, 2020 £397)

6. Payments to PCC Members

Clergy Support for both the vicar and curate:

Council Tax: £5,031 (2020 £1743)

Environmental/ Water Charges: £659 (2020 £557)

Mobile: £835 (2020 £152)

No person received remuneration in excess of £20,000

7. Transactions with Persons Related to PCC Members.

No payments were made to persons related to a PCC member.

8. Transactions with Related Charities

No related charities

9. Governance

Independent examination from Manningtons came to £780 including VAT

10. Transfers Between Funds

St Helens Ore Fund movement summary Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021							
Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried Forward
Accruals	(7,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(7,000)
Acts 435 Fund	-	9,197	8,947	982	-	-	1,232
Archdeacon Loan	(11,050)	1,920	650	-	-	-	(9,780)
Boiler Fund	1,000	-	-	2,200	-	-	3,200
Buildings Fund	1,194	6,163	23,748	24,482	-	-	8,091
Charity Fund	-	193	193	-	-	-	-
Rectors Discretionary Fund	(399)	-	-	-	-	-	(399)
General Fund	32,273	93,923	66,514	(30,847)	-	-	28,835
Hall Improvement Fund	375	-	375	-	-	-	-
Happy Hands	-	478	86	-	-	-	392
Mission Vision Fund	15,798	-	2,094	-	-	-	13,704
Church Hall & Office Fund	2	-	-	(2)	-	-	-
Parochial Church Council	-	453	-	-	-	-	453
Production/ Worship	-	-	65	-	-	-	(65)
Projector Fund	-	1,700	1,877	177	-	-	-
Quinquennial Repairs Fund	9,383	-	-	7,004	-	-	16,387
Repairs Fund	-	3,995	-	(3,995)	-	-	-
Rear Garden Fund	-	3,722	3,539	-	-	-	182
Simon Gift	-	320	100	-	-	-	220
St Barnabas Grounds	-	1,030	2,400	-	-	-	(1,370)
Totals	41,576	123,094	110,589	-	-	-	54,081

11. Fixed Assets

No fixed assets or investments. Our current assets are £2,787 which is the income tax.

12. Debtors

Income tax via Gift Aid for Oct to Dec 2021 was claimed in February 2022 and came to £2,787. It is worth noting that Gift Aid claimed for Jan-Dec 2021 came to £13,543.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
Income tax recoverable	2,787	-	2,787	3,168
Prepayments & accrued income	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Total	2,787	-	2,787	3,168

13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

The Archdeacon's loan of £13,000 is due by the 28/2/2025. The loan has no interest, this year a payment of £650 was made and we currently have £9,750 left to pay.

14. Statement of Funds

Explanation of Funds

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives.

There are no endowment funds.

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales.

The Buildings Vision Fund is restricted to future changes to the church buildings.

The Mission Vision Fund is restricted to use for Mission within the Parish.

Any unspent grant monies are 'ring fenced' to ensure the monies are spent for the purpose given.

Designated funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and are decided by the PCC.

The designated funds include costs set aside for the Quinquennial Fund, Boiler Fund and Church Activity Funds.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

The unrestricted fund includes the general fund that has not been designated to any purpose.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ORE

England & Wales - Charity number 1131079

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of --- **St Helen's, Ore**

St Helen's Church, Church Office, 311 The Ridge, Hastings TN34 2RA

Registered Charity no. 1131079

For the year ended 31st December 2020

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St Helen's Ore

Trustees Annual Report for 2020

Our aims and purposes as a charity

It should be noted that Rev P Parks left the parish in January 2020. Rev T Bell became Priest-in-charge in September and also became Priest-in-charge at Christ Church, Ore at the same time.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility 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.
- Developing our vision to be a healing community, loving like Jesus; growing His Kingdom in our families, church life, town, nation and world.
- 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 to other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, particularly, 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 2020 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.
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish.
- Considering how services can involve all the groups that live within the parish.
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.
- Offering worship and prayer & learning about the Gospel, in small group situations.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Provision of assistance to the poor and needy of the parish.
- Giving grants to missionary organisations.
- Reaching out to the unchurched through our monthly Lunch Club and monthly Film Night.
- Taking assemblies in local primary schools.
- Holding occasional services at Hastings Court (Nursing Home opposite St Helen's church).
- Maintaining and improving the fabric of the churches and associated buildings.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The work carried out in 2020 was severely affected by the precautions made necessary by the Covid – 19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed by the Government. This included the period when our church was unable to hold services and then could only do so subject to reduced numbers and social distancing.

St Helen's has always welcomed visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and, it is normally our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. However, it became clear that attendance in church was reduced by the need to take personal precautions in accordance with Government guidelines. In normal circumstances we are of the opinion that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

There were 109 parishioners on the church electoral roll as at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which was held in September 2020 (delayed by agreement with the Diocese), of whom half are not resident in the parish. This was a net reduction of 4 members since the last APCM in April 2019. The average weekly attendance at St Helen's, cannot be compared with previous years due to the effect of the Pandemic – in particular it should be noted that regular services have not been held at St Barnabas, our daughter church.

Since the lockdown started in March 2020 St Helen's services have been available on YouTube each Sunday and can be viewed at any time. The average number of views each week is around 80 with a peak of 153. The availability of the service on YouTube has proved popular as indicated by the comments such as shown below:-

"Thanks for this morning's streaming. Still think it's amazing that we can be there and still be at home."

"Thank you to all of you for keeping us in the link with St Helens Church during these difficult times. It is so nice to sit down and join in the singing and the service that you provide for us all."

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers.

Canon Penny Avann continued to be of assistance by carrying out services early in the year as did Rev Ray Lockhart. However, during periods where services were not being held there was no opportunity for Baptisms and Funerals to be led by them due to their need to take personal precautions. Canon Avann did assist with recording sermons for services available on YouTube. Members of the church family have also been involved in these recorded services having received permission from the Bishop of Lewes.

An ongoing achievement in the area of nurturing faith and discipleship has been house groups – around 64 members would normally be involved in regular meetings either weekly or fortnightly. Of the total of 9 groups 2 have been meeting via Zoom whilst the others have been supporting their members by regular phone or email contact.

Our youth group have not been able to meet since the start of the lockdown.

The new Priest-in-charge, Rev Tim Bell, was licensed in September and this will give the parish a time of consolidation and new plans for the future. Rev Bell will be looking to meet members of the Fellowship on a more personal basis as the Covid restrictions ease.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

We celebrated 1 baptism and 2 funerals in our church during the year although no weddings took place. We believe that our church will continue to be appreciated, by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving.

The weekly group for Parents/carers and Toddlers – Happy Hands- has run occasionally although it has only met when the weather allowed them to be outside. The numbers have been restricted to allow for social distancing.

Unfortunately, the annual celebration for Parchment Trust (a local charity who deal with service users with learning difficulties/physical problems) could not be held this year due to the regulations concerning meetings.

Services could not be held in Hastings Court since all the residents were taking precautions against the pandemic. It is hoped to continue to hold 5 or 6 services each year for the residents once the situation allows.

No Carol services were held in view of the Government guidance in force including the fact that singing by the attendees was not allowed.

The monthly Lunch Club, which has met in St Helen's Hall for many years, has not been able to meet since the lockdown in March 2020 although we hope to restart when the regulations are eased.

CAMEO at St Barnabas and the monthly Film Night have not been held although we would also hope to restart these events when circumstances change.

Because of the pandemic we were only able to hold an Epiphany party in January. No other social events were possible. St Helen's Hall & St Barnabas would normally be used on a regular basis by groups including Slimming World, a Keep Fit club, Brownies, Rainbows and Rangers, National Childbirth Trust meetings and others but these groups have only been able to meet when permitted by Government regulations. In particular the National Childbirth Trust meetings, involving expectant mothers, were unable to meet from the start of lockdown although they continue to keep the situation under review.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish/town.

The following comments relate to the situation before the pandemic and still apply although any actions will only have been possible within the Government rules as applicable.

Pastoral care includes hospital visits and home communions for those too frail to attend church. An average of 12 people use the home communion service including members of the fellowship who are in nursing homes.

Church members are involved in Hastings Street Pastors, both on the street or as prayer cover, and Hope Kitchen sacrificing time and energy to caring for, listening to and helping people who remain out on the streets at night.

Members are involved in various other concerns either led by St Helen's people or by other churches/leaders. This includes Hastings Christian Trust (which visits mainly junior schools in the area for Jaffa Clubs, assemblies and assistance with lessons) and Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link which encourages links between schools in Hastings and St Leonards on Sea and schools at a similar level in Hastings, Sierra Leone. Members also support Christians Against Poverty (debt counselling) and the Snowflake Trust (looking after homeless/street sleepers during the winter months) amongst many other ventures providing support for the needy of the parish and town.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

Food was being donated regularly by members and passed to Hastings Foodbank and to the Salvation Army (on the 1st Sunday of each month). Other non-food items were donated to Hastings Foodbank. Gifts at our Harvest service were divided between the Foodbank and work by the parish of Christ Church, Ore to help the community. We are aware that some members of St Helen's are supporting these concerns financially during the time when food cannot easily be collected at church.

Other charitable giving

Members of the church family are known to support many mission and charitable societies and St Helen's also tithes from the regular giving and collections. A total of £7,000 will be distributed in 2021 from 2020 income. A list of the individuals and organisations supported will be displayed on the notice boards at St Helen's and St Barnabas and will be available to members.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

Total receipts on general unrestricted funds received were £80,979 and are detailed in the Financial Report. This compares to the 2019 figure of £95,952. Around £10,800 of the reduction can be identified specifically.

The planned giving through envelopes decreased during the year, mainly because some users of the scheme normally attend St Barnabas. Regular giving by standing order also reduced following members moving away from the area. Gift Aid claimed on General Fund income amounted to just over £12,650 which is a reduction of approximately £1,400 on the previous year reflecting the lower income.

We only received £1,861 from lettings of St Helen's Hall and St Barnabas compared with £6,997 the previous year. Considerable work has been undertaken on the Hall and this should make this more attractive to possible regular users in the future when the current restrictions have been lifted.

The sums held for the Mission Vision Fund and Buildings Vision Fund are Restricted Funds and can only be used for specific purposes.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC continues to be the sum paid to the diocese towards our share of the churches (St Helen's & St Barnabas) Parish Ministry Costs incurred by the Diocese. The Parish Share amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy together with a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds.

As agreed by Hastings Deanery the parish paid £25,750 in 2020 towards these costs. Now that Rev Bell is Priest-in-charge of St Helen's and also the separate parish of Christ Church, Ore the total paid by the 2 parishes will be a larger percentage of the combined Parish Ministry Costs.

It is the intention of the PCC to continue to keep our financial affairs under close control and to ensure that this reduction in the amount paid in respect of Parish Share enables the PCC to meet the essential outgoings to maintain the churches and continue with the provision of church services and connected activities. Christ Church, Ore are paying a half-share of the running costs of St Helen's Rectory since Rev Bell and his family are living there. The financial cost of the Rectory for Christ Church has now reverted to the Diocese.

Staff costs

The PCC pays for a gardener who cuts the grass at both churches and our Parish Administrator.

Further details are provided in the notes to the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying Council Tax of £1,743 relating to the Rectory and Water Rates amounting to £557 as is normal practice in Chichester Diocese. In addition, Rev Bell was reimbursed for expenses totalling £152.

Mrs Lois Parks, the wife of Rev Parks, was paid a gross total of £5,440 for her duties as Parish Administrator until she left the post at the end of April. The PCC also contributed towards a pension (as required by law) and life cover for Mrs Parks which together cost £272 in 2020.

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

During 2020 an increased figure of £6,000 was set aside in a Designated fund towards costs of repairs identified by the Quinquennial reports and any other major repairs that may arise. £2,300 was spent from this fund and PCC has committed a further £6,400, being roof stonework on St Helen's Church approx. £5,600 and electrical work in the Hall & office £740. As at 31/12/20 this Fund stood at £9,417 so there was around £3,000 available as at the year end with further transfers of £500 being made monthly from General income.

Grants totalling £2,940 were received during the year and spent on the church hall garden plus some outdoor play equipment.

In order to complete the work on the parking area in front of the St Helen's Hall/Office building the PCC has taken an Archdeacon's Loan of £13,000. This loan is interest free and has no fixed repayments. Full repayment is due after 5 years but In order to reduce the outstanding balance we are making quarterly payments of £650 which are being covered by a fresh donation from an existing church member, apart from £200 per annum.

Why we hold some money in reserve.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding property) which equates to approximately three months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The closing balance of £24,209 as at 31/12/20 meets this target although it is not clear whether this position will continue in 2021.

PCC has agreed to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed, to pay day-to-day bills. This year £39,033 was invested temporarily at 31st December.

The effects of the Covid pandemic

As has been mentioned in this report the activities normally carried out by St Helen's Church have been restricted by the need to comply with Government regulations/recommendations since March 2020.

Normal weekly services ceased during the early period of lockdown and even when the church was allowed to hold services there were restrictions which reduced the normal attendance levels. With the latest lockdown in December the decision was made to close the church again until restrictions are eased. Viewings on YouTube of the services carried out since March 2020 have been popular and will continue even when the restrictions are eased.

We have been unable to offer our buildings for their normal uses for much of 2020 which has reduced our income although we have still managed to support local and national charities. Our income from regular givers by standing order has held up well apart from expected changes. A few of those members who were using the envelope scheme have switched to standing orders which helps with cashflow. Others of those using this scheme may have withheld their donations until they are able to return to church.

We believe that we should be able to meet our reserves policy and will be able to be financially stable in the short term, mainly due to the high proportion of our givers who pay by standing order.

The restrictions concerning meetings other than normal services has meant that we could not carry out any plans for different events including the 150th anniversary of the opening of the present St Helen's Church building. When Rev Bell was licensed to become Priest-in-charge in September we had to restrict attendance, but the service was viewed over 150 times on YouTube. We hope to celebrate both these milestones more fully once the present restrictions have been lifted.

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 Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Rev Tim Bell	Chairman From Sep 2020
Curate:		
Reader:	Mr Roger Mitchell	
Wardens:	Mrs Lynne Clayton Mr Simon Jones	

Elected Members

Mr Richard Short	Vice chairman
Mr Julian Anderson	
Mr Ray Keene	Treasurer
Mr Jason Morton	
Ms Jenny Pascoe	
Mr Chris Potter	Until September 2020
Mr David Walker	
Mrs Kim Warren	
Mrs Lynn White	
Dr Susanne Jones	From September 2020
Mr Peter Aitken	From September 2020
Mrs Lin Chapman-Holmes	From September 2020
Mr Roger Pook	From September 2020

Ray Keene and Lynn White were re-elected in Sept 2020 for 2 years & 3 years respectively (till APCM 2022 & 2023).
Mrs Lin Chapman-Holmes was elected in September 2020 for 1 year (till APCM 2021).

Deanery Synod

Mrs Suzy Edwards	From September 2020
Mrs Sara Hackett	
Mr Tony Calton	Deanery Secretary
Mrs Christine Aitken	

PCC Secretary

Mrs Jennifer Summers-Day

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church, 4 of whom will be elected each year for a period of 3 years, 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 Rev Tim Bell, PCC chairman


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Date 10/05/21

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Parochial Church Council of St Helen, Ore

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Statement of Financial Activities

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	Fund	Fund/s	2020	2019	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	78336	7502	85838	128359	
Charitable activities	617	-	617	1506	
Other trading activities	1861	-	1861	6997	
Investments	165	-	165	267	
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	
Total income	80979	7502	88481	137129	2
Expenditure on:			-		
Raising funds	39		39	38	
Charitable activities	63449	31453	94902	102016	
Other trading activities	7154		7154	5832	
Other expenditure	-	13000	13000	-	
Total expenditure	70642	44453	115095	107886	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	
Net income or (net expenditure)	10337	(36951)	(26614)	29243	
Transfers between funds	(11050)	11050	-	-	10
	(713)	(25901)	(26614)	29243	
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	11
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	
Reconciliation of funds:					
Net movement in funds	(713)	(25901)	(26614)	29243	
Total funds brought forward	24922	43268	68190	38947	
Total funds carried forward	24209	17367	41576	68190	

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Balance Sheet

Our financial position and summary of funds at the year-end were	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	2020	2019	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	1	1	
Heritage assets	-	-	
Endowed investments	-	-	
Total fixed assets	1	1	11
Stocks	-	-	
Debtors	3168	6588	13
Investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	56856	69609	
Total current assets	60024	76197	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(9999)	(8008)	14
Net current assets or (liabilities)	50025	68189	
Total assets less current liabilities	50026	68190	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(8450)		
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	41576	68190	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds			
Restricted income funds	17367	43268	17
Unrestricted funds	24209	24922	17
Total funds	41576	68190	
Total charity funds	41576	68190	17

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2020, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by Rev Tim Bell, PCC chairman:



Date 16/05/21

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Notes to the Financial Report

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

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

Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds for which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Income and endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the office occurs.

Other trading activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a - when received, or b - in the case of concerts: for the year in which the event occurs, irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Rents from property are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements when receipt is probable.

Investment income

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

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All other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

Gains and losses on investments.

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

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

Church activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to *(date)* there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is stated at a nominal £1 in the financial statements.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under say £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land	Nil
Buildings	Nil
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Audio visual equipment	33%
Office equipment	25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

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2 Analysis of income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	Fund	Fund/s	2020	2019	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	50615	3650	54265	56320	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	14385		14385	15395	
Loose cash collections	682	-	682	1387	
Gift Aid recoverable	12654	912	13566	18152	
Legacies		-			
Grants		2940	2940	19495	
Other special appeals				17610	
Donations and legacies	78336	7502	85838	128359	
Fees for weddings & funerals	617		617	1506	
Charitable activities	617	-	617	1506	
Letting income	1861	-	1861	6997	
Other trading activities	1861	-	1861	6997	
Bank & CBF deposit interest	165		165	267	
Investments	165		165	267	
Total income and endowments on all funds	80979	7502	88481	137129	2

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3 Analysis of expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	Fund	Fund/s	2020	2019	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Stewardship costs	39	-	39	38	
Cost of raising funds	39		39	38	
Charitable grants and donations	7000		7000	7000	4
Diocesan parish share	25750	-	25750	25000	
Clergy expenses	2452	-	2452	4581	
Salaries inc Pension & Life cover	8472		8472	12446	5
Upkeep of services	1067	-	1067	1532	
Church running costs	6951	-	6951	8177	
Youth/children's work	284	401	685	1136	
Church maintenance and repair	9465	30992	40457	39085	
Upkeep of churchyard	780		780	685	
Community & Mission activities	30		30	986	
Bank charges	478	60	538	668	
Governance	720	-	720	720	
Car Park expenditure	-	13000	13000	-	
Cost of charitable activities	63449	44453	107902	102016	
Church hall running costs	7154		7154	5832	
Cost of other trading activities	7154		7154	5832	
Total expended on all funds	70642	44453	115095	107886	

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4 Missionary and charitable giving	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	Notes
	Fund	Fund/s	2020	2019	
	£	£	£	£	
Overseas:					
<i>Split between 4 beneficiaries</i>	1600		1600	2450	
Home:					
<i>Split between 7 beneficiaries</i>	5400	-	5400	4550	
	7000		7000	7000	

5 Staff costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	Notes
	Fund	Fund/s	2020	2019	
	£	£	£	£	
Remuneration					
<i>Wages and salaries</i>	8075		8075	11856	
<i>Employer social security costs</i>					
<i>Employer pension costs inc Life Cover</i>	446	-	446	590	
	8521		8521	12446	

St Helens PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. The scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The CWPF has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

The Pension Builder Scheme of the CWPF is made up of two sections, Pension Builder Classic and Pension Builder 2014, both of which are classified as defined benefit schemes. The PCC contributes to Pension Builder 2014 as did Mrs L Parks as an employee of the PCC from 1/1/2020 to 30/4/2020. Ms H England, the new Parish Administrator, joined Pension Builder 2014 from the start of her employment on 1/9/2020 although the Life Cover was not put in place until 1/10/2020.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. This account may have bonuses added by the Board before retirement. The bonuses depend on investment experience and other factors. There is no requirement for the Board to grant any bonuses. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable from members' Normal Pension Age. There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builders Schemes' assets and liabilities to specific employers and that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable. (2020 £397, 2019 £472)

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A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2016. A valuation as at 31 December 2019 was under way as at 31 December 2020 but had not been signed off.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the 2016 valuation revealed a surplus of £1.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, St Helen's PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

6 Payments to PCC members

Clergy support: Council tax £1743 (2019 £3293), Environmental/water charges £557 (2019 £665), Telephone/broadband £152 (2019 £453).

No person received remuneration in excess of £20,000.

7 Transactions with persons related to PCC members.

The Parish Administrator in post from 1/1/2020 to 30/4/2020, related to a PCC member, was paid a total of £5712 (2019 £12446) gross including pension costs and life cover

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8 Transactions with related charities

There are no related charities.

9 Governance	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	£	
<i>Independent examination</i>	720		720	720	
	720	-	720	720	

10 Transfers between funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	£	
Car park donations receivable in future periods to repay the car park loan from the Archdeacon	(11050)	11050	-	-	
	(11050)	11050	-	-	

The only other transfers were between General Fund and the designated funds – Quinquennial Repairs Fund and Boiler Fund

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11 Fixed assets

a Investments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowed	Total Funds	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	£	
Market value 1 January 2020	-	-	-	-	
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-	
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-	
Net gains and revaluation	-	-	-	-	
Market value 31 December 2020	-	-	-	-	

b Tangible fixed assets	Freehold land	Audio visual	Office	Total fixed	
	<u>and buildings</u>	<u>equipment</u>	<u>equipment</u>	<u>assets</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	£	
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2020	1			1	
Additions	-	-			
Disposals	-				
Revaluation		-	-		
At 31 December 2020	1			1	
Charge for impairment					
At 1 January 2020	-				
Additions	-				
Disposals	-				
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2020	-		-		
Net book amounts					
At 31 December 2020	1			1	
At 31 December 2019	1			1	

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12 Net assets by fund	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets for church use	1		1	1	
Investment fixed assets	-	-			
Current assets (except cash)	3168	-	3168	6588	
Cash at bank and on deposit	28439	28417	56856	69610	
Current liabilities	(7399)	(2600)	(9999)	(8008)	
Long term liabilities	-	(8450)	(8450)	-	
	24209	17367	41576	68190	

13 Debtors	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	£	
Income tax recoverable	3168		3168	6588	
Prepayments and accrued income		-			
Other debtors		-		-	
	3168		3168	6588	

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	£	
Payroll liabilities	-	-	-	97	
Charity collections	-	-	-	222	
Tithing gifts	7000	-	7000	7000	
Rector's Discretionary Fund	399	-	399	689	
Archdeacon's Loan		2600	2600	-	
	7399	2600	9999	8008	

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	£	
Archdeacon's Loan		8450	8450		
		8450	8450	-	

The Archdeacon's loan of £13,000 has no fixed repayment date. St Helen, Ore is repaying the loan when the restricted donation are received. The expected donations receivable in a year are £2600 and the loan has been split above on this basis.

16 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	87182	41177	128359
Charitable activities	1506	-	1506
Other trading activities	6997	-	6997
Investments	267	-	267
Other receipts		-	
Total income	95952	41177	137129
Expenditure on:			-
Raising funds	38	-	38
Charitable activities	85308	16708	102016
Other trading activities	5832	-	5832
Other expenditure	-	-	-
Total expenditure	91178	16708	107886
Net gains (or losses) on investments			
Net income or (net expenditure)	4774	24469	29243
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds:			
Net movement in funds	4774	24469	29243
Total funds brought forward	20148	18799	38947
Total funds carried forward	24922	43268	68190

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17 Statement of funds

Explanation of funds

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives.

There are no endowment funds.

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales.

The Buildings Vision Fund is restricted to future changes to the church buildings.

The Mission Vision Fund is restricted to use for Mission within the Parish which cannot be funded from normal income.

Any unspent grant monies are 'ring fenced' to ensure the monies are spent for the purpose given.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

The unrestricted fund includes a designated sum set aside towards the cost of repairs identified in Quinquennial reports and other larger repairs.

Summary of all funds

Fund income and expenditure and final balances are as follows:	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income incl transfers	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
No endowed funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total of all endowed funds				-	
Buildings Vision Fund	2901		(1707)	-	1194
Mission Vision Fund	15828		(30)	-	15798
Hall improvement incl car park	23217	7502	(41394)	11050	375
Under 18 Fund	401		(401)		-
Quinquennial Repairs Fund	921		(921)		-
Total of all restricted funds	43268	7502	(44453)	11050	17367
General Fund	19237	80979	(68342)	(18050)	13824
Quinquennial Repairs Fund	5683		(2300)	6000	9383
Church Hall & Office Fund	1	-	-	-	1
Boiler Fund	-	-	-	1000	1000
Total of all unrestricted funds	24922	80979	(70642)	(11050)	24209
Total funds	68190	88481	(115095)	-	41576

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Helen's Church, Ore with St Barnabas

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the St Helen's Church for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

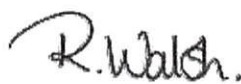
I report in respect of my examination of the PCC accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed ... 

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