

Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Standon

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Standon PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the church building, its contents and the churchyard. Since November 2006, we have been a united benefice with the parishes of The Mundens with Sacombe.

2022 has seen a return to more or less normal activity after the global Covid-19 pandemic. We have continued to stream services online, as people find this useful if they're unable to attend in person.

All of our services are joint ones with our benefice partners. Our average attendance at our 10.30 services was 64 and at our 8.00 services was 12. We continue to offer monthly choral evensong services, and our usual Christmas services: Nine Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve Christingle and midnight services. We held a service of memories in October and a Good Friday meditation as well as performing Stainer's Crucifixion on Passion Sunday. We have continued to meet on Wednesday mornings for worship and discussion; average attendance has increased to 11.

Our Fresh Expression, the Centre, continued to meet in All Saints, another of our benefice churches, but the children's and youth work has moved to Wednesday afternoons in term time, when the All Saints weekly café takes place. Two of our young people from those groups will be confirmed in March 2023.

During the year, we conducted 13 funerals and 2 weddings in the church. We baptised 7 children in mainstream services and 2 adults by total immersion in the river Rib outside normal service times. We have started a toddler and carer group on Friday mornings; it has been well received and has started to feed into our monthly family services.

Throughout the year we have unlocked our church during daylight hours, and it has been used by many for prayer and reflection. We hosted the local World Day of Prayer service and the annual local District Bell Ringers' service as well as concerts by external groups, including a new community choir, which rehearses weekly in St Mary's.

In May, our Rector led a pilgrimage to Jordan, and around 30 of our members and friends took part, visiting Holy Land sites and meeting Christians there.

In the summer we were able once again to offer our annual Holiday Bible Club for children aged 4 to 11. Over four days, we considered creation, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost through the Chronicles of Narnia! Attendance was better than in 2021 and it was well received again, by both the children and their parents. Several of our own young people helped with the club, and we hope to continue to build on this work for participants and young leaders in 2023.

We offer friendship, practical help and pastoral care to any in our community who need it. This has been challenging again as we emerged from Covid, but we have gradually gained ground, continuing with our informal peer support groups, and keeping in touch with everyone, especially those we feel are most vulnerable, to help where we can. Our home groups and Bible study groups have mixed online with in-person meetings, and participants have continued to find them helpful. We have instigated a new initiative, 'Midweek Music' monthly on Wednesday lunchtimes. Added to other village activities, this means that there is now something which people can attend locally every Wednesday.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Our 2022 annual meeting took place on May 8th after the morning service.

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

Rector	Rev John Chitham	Elected Members	Mr Michael Baker Mr Cliff Beeston Mr Colin Coleman (until 09.03.22) Miss Lizzy Franks Mr Richard Franks Mrs Sue Geddes Mr Derek Goodall (from 08.05.22) Mrs Margaret Goodall Mr Mark Korczyk (from 08.05.22) Mrs Marion Smith (from 08.05.22) Mr Michael Smith (from 08.05.22)
Wardens	Mrs Angie Adamson Mr Keith Plummer		
Reader	Mrs Caroline Franks		
Officers	Miss Lizzy Franks Hon. Secretary Mrs Caroline Franks Hon. Treasurer		
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Financial Responsibilities of the PCC

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC recognises the need to hold reserves to allow the protection of its core activities in the event of income shortfalls and to promote balanced strategic planning. Reserves are defined as income that becomes available and which the PCC can spend at its discretion to further its objectives but which has not yet been spent, committed or designated.

At the end of 2022, the PCC held £84,558 in its General Fund. This sum is below the amount stipulated in our agreed policy to hold between 12 and 18 months' anticipated expenditure, but a successful appeal and the generous support of a small number of regular donors has enabled us to recover ground from our position in 2021, and we are continuing actively to consider how we will address our dwindling reserves. Funds beyond our immediate needs are held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, which provides us with as competitive a rate of interest as any, but with low risk and instant access.

At the end of 2022, in addition to our general fund, we hold designated funds of £1,000 in the Transport Fund, £1,417 in the Legacy Fund, £50 in the Tithe Fund, £894 in the Centre Fund and £65 in a fund for the repair and replacement of streaming equipment. We have also been given a gift of £1,000, to be spent in part to fund new communion table linen.

When we receive a legacy, we transfer 10% to the Tithe Fund, to be used for others as appropriate needs come to our attention. No legacies were received during the year.

The restoration fund has received donations from individuals and grants from the Friends of St Mary's and other charitable trusts to fund capital work, including the restoration project on the Sadleir tombs. An application has been submitted in February 2023 to the Listed Places of Worship scheme, to recover vat paid on capital projects.

Risk Management

Any charity, in carrying out its objectives, must have an eye to the risks involved. We are responsible for an ancient building, designed with no thought for the needs of frail or disabled people. We deal frequently with people who are vulnerable. We work with children. Our income is by donation and often some of the PCC have access to confidential information.

We try to guard against risk without letting risk-limiting measures get in the way of our ministry. Where we can, we insure against financial loss. Where this is not practical, we try to minimise risk in other ways. For example, we have treated the lead on our church roof with Smart Water and installed an alarm system; we have also asked our neighbours in the High Street to report any suspicious activity around the church, and we leave the flood lights on until after the pub opposite has closed and the High Street is quiet. We have installed a CCTV system to monitor activity at our main doors. We hold a comprehensive set of risk assessments which are reviewed regularly. We have an appointed Health and Safety Officer and there is a Health and Safety Policy in place. The addition in 2017 of a kitchen and disabled access WC at the back of the nave has reduced the number of occasions when people must make their way up and down the stone chancel steps; those steps now have a handrail. We have a care to the qualifications and integrity of those to whom we entrust sensitive information or access to our funds and take sensible precautions to protect them and those with whom they interact, including safer recruitment procedures and the use of encryption or other security systems on those computers our Data Protection Officer deems appropriate. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (which sets out the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults). We make sure that all trustees of the charity (which works regularly with children and vulnerable adults), as well as those working regularly with children and vulnerable adults are subjected to DBS checks in line with Thirtyone:eight guidelines and are conversant with our Safeguarding Policy. We ensure that all involved in the work of our church have the required level of safeguarding training, according to Church of England guidelines. Our benefice Safeguarding Officer, who advises the PCC, has extensive experience of child protection and safeguarding issues in relation to her role as Designated Senior Person at school and her work as Safeguarding Officer at CPAS summer camps. She is also a Diocesan volunteer trainer in Safeguarding. The financial functions of the PCC are shared between three people, working independently. All work undertaken by volunteers is subject to review.

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Committee Structure and Review of the Year

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between meetings of the full PCC. Other than the Standing Committee, the PCC committees do not have delegated decision making powers; they make recommendations to the PCC, which is responsible for all decision making.

Standing Committee

This, the only committee required by law, has power to transact PCC business between its meetings, subject to directions given by the council. It is comprised of the Rector, our Readers, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer. The Benefice Administrator also attends these meetings.

World Mission Group

This committee is benefice-wide and considers matters to do with world-wide mission, including the way we support our missionary partners overseas, both financially and through prayer and encouragement. It considers which charities and organisations should be supported through appeals, special collections or specific donations and has organised fundraising events for specific missionary projects. We adopt a benefice approach to all of our support of world mission.

Special Appeals

Once again, special appeals were well supported during 2022.

Regular giving for our mission partners in Burundi was supplemented by a special appeal at harvest and raised £4,296 including gift aid tax recovered. During the year, we sent £3,962, the amount collected in 2021 and early 2021 plus the £1,076 harvest amount. The balance of the amount collected in 2022 will be sent in 2023.

A further £250 was received in 2022 in donations and gift aid tax for the 2021 harvest appeal. £50 was received for 2022 Operation Christmas Child donations.

£569 was given at our Remembrance service and sent to the Royal British Legion. In December 2022, our appeal was again for our local food bank. £3,992 was raised by the benefice, and gift aid tax of £167 has been claimed in January 2023. The amount raised is being spent on grocery deliveries directly to the distribution centre, as and when they are needed.

We collect items for the local food bank in all of our churches, but we have also continued to organise online supermarket deliveries directly, and £5,807 was donated by our benefice for this purpose.

The total of the amounts collected in 2022 in response to appeals to help others totalled £14,964, including the amount given for our regular missionary partners.

Members took part in Operation Christmas Child, filling shoe boxes to be sent to parts of the world where children affected by war or disaster have no other hope of receiving a gift at Christmas. 155 boxes were sent in November, bound for Albania.

The Centre

The Centre, a place for contemporary worship, teaching and discussion, met for worship and Bible study on Sunday afternoons at All Saints. Two of the regular congregation were baptised in the river Rib in September and will be confirmed in March 2023.

Youth and Children's Work

Lizzy Franks continues to be an overall leader of Orwell 3, a CPAS Pathfinder Holiday, and in August several youngsters from our benefice attended the week long camp organised and run by a team of trained volunteers.

Our youth work has continued to provide as wide a range of activities for young people as has been possible, in order to strengthen links in our local community. Our weekly lunchtime club at the middle school has not resumed, but we have started a new one in partnership with the Red Balloon Foundation at our church school in Puckeridge, as well as an after school club at the same school on the same day. There is a waiting list to join it! We have provided Collective Worship weekly for both of our church schools. In the summer of 2022, some of our young people, with our youth work partners, travelled to Mexico, to take part in an Amor Ministries project to build houses for families who would otherwise have no chance of owning their own home. As well as practical skills, the young people learned a great deal about the importance of faith in challenging circumstances.

Finance Committee

This committee of representatives of PCC, church members and the other benefice treasurers considers all aspects of PCC finances. It is responsible for the preparation and monitoring of budgets, review of the current financial position and for advising the PCC on financial matters.

Our financial results for this year show a surplus on general fund of £18,219. This surplus is due to a successful Lent appeal, which raised £9,813, and very generous additional giving by a handful of members, who donated significant sums over and above their regular giving, in response to our concern about our worsening financial situation.

£71,344 was spent during the year on providing Christian ministry from St Mary's. This includes parish share payments to the Diocese of £58,206 to support diocesan costs such as clergy stipends and housing, training for clergy and readers and the many support services we have available to us in our parish ministry, and costs of £5,755 to support our youth work.

In addition, we spent £19,274 on the running and maintenance of the church and churchyard, and £8,956 on administrative and other costs. We have spent £22,406 on capital projects, largely funded by grants and donations for that purpose.

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Electoral Roll

At the end of 2022, there were 112 members on the electoral roll. 25 of these live outside the parish.

Other High Points of the Year

Our aim is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the practices of the Church of England. All our activities are organised against this background.

2022 has seen our community emerge, tentatively at first, from the Covid-19 pandemic. As life has returned to something like normal, we have tried to learn from our experiences and continue with some of the new ways we have found of being the Church in our community. We have continued to develop our new skills, and we have looked to extend our outreach and ministry as opportunities have arisen. We have continued to do all we can to show God's love and offer God's hope to our villages.

Our pastoral team has continued to offer support to those who need it. Our funeral ministry has been particularly important, a source of hope and comfort for grieving families, and families have appreciated more than ever the church building, as we've been able once more to use it for pastoral services.

Our ladies' and men's midweek groups continue to thrive, and we have added a toddler group and monthly concerts with time to get together beforehand over a cup of coffee or tea. A group of bereaved spouses meet monthly to offer each other support, and a group of people who are on their own meets monthly for lunch at a local pub.

We seek to encourage and develop a desire among our members continually to be learning and growing as Christians.

We continue to endeavour to live out our faith in our community. As in previous years, we managed to visit housebound members of our community, with a gift, at harvest, and this was much appreciated. Members of our churches continue to be involved in all the organisations in our parishes.

We have worked closely with our two benefice church schools, continuing to strengthen the ties between church and school and working to draw some of the children and, with them, their parents into church family life. Our church schools have returned to our churches for their harvest, Easter and end of year services and we have been delighted to welcome them once more.

We try to organise worship that will draw in members of our community. Our benefice choir is rightly admired in our area, and we have used their skill to enhance our worship, particularly at our monthly choral evensong services. We continue to offer Book of Common Prayer services as well as Common Worship ones, and on the fourth Sunday of each month we hold an informal service where families are encouraged to come and join in activities as well as more traditional worship.

Our monthly churchyard working party continues to draw in people not otherwise associated with the church as well as keeping our churchyard looking attractive and tidy.

We continue to look at how to make our outreach even more effective and look actively for opportunities to engage more members of our communities, by any means we can. This year, for the first time for many years, we offered a weekend flower festival. Many of the community as well as church family helped arrange the festival and create the displays, and many more visited over the two days.

We have a strong tradition of Bible study and learning and are always seeking to increase the use of home groups and studies.

Our beautiful, ancient, grade 1 listed building presents us with real challenges as we strive to be the living church in these villages. The Friends of St Mary's continue to raise funds to finance restoration projects. After a number of years of planning and a period of intensive fundraising, the restoration of the two important tombs in our chancel has now been completed.

Ralph Sadleir is of historical interest nationally as well as locally, and the restoration work elicited significant interest, culminating in a very well attended weekend of celebrations in February 2023, when the work was finished.

Our quinquennial inspection took place during 2022. Fortunately, there is nothing of undue concern, and we are now awaiting costings for the most urgent work that needs to be done, preferably within 18 months.

Much has been achieved during 2022, but, as ever, there is much still to do as we shape our vision for the next years. We are ready and eager to carry our work forward, and, with God's help, plan to be instrumental in spreading his gospel ever wider in this community and abroad.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

This report was approved by the PCC on 07.03.2023 and signed on their behalf by Rev John Chitham (Incumbent).

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary income	2a	113,798	32,325	146,123	108,304
Income from investments	2b	1,158	1,081	2,239	1,091
Church activities		4,355	2,494	6,849	6,481
Other incoming resources		2,291		2,291	413
Total Receipts		<u>121,602</u>	<u>35,900</u>	<u>157,502</u>	<u>116,290</u>
Payments					
Church activities	3	100,563	33,232	133,795	138,474
Governance costs	4	990		990	960
Total Payments		<u>101,553</u>	<u>33,232</u>	<u>134,785</u>	<u>139,434</u>
Net Receipts / (Payments)		20,049	2,668	22,717	(23,144)
Balance as at 1st January 2022		68,935	21,720	90,655	113,799
Balance as at 31st December 2022		<u>88,984</u>	<u>24,388</u>	<u>113,372</u>	<u>90,655</u>

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank Balances and Cash		
Short term deposits	79,359	78,329
Cash at bank and in hand	34,013	12,325
	<u>113,372</u>	<u>90,654</u>
Of the total cash of £113,420, £34,202 is restricted.		
Other Assets and Liabilities		
Assets:		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	5,790	4,493
VAT recoverable (Listed Places of Worship Scheme)	3,541	4,685
Grants to be received 2023 for capital work in 2022	3,348	721
Red Balloon Foundation for Spring term 2023 paid December 2022	3,285	2,925
Other monetary assets	4,341	6,234
	<u>20,305</u>	<u>19,058</u>
Liabilities:		
Unbilled fee for independent examination	1,000	1,000
Money donated for missionary partners and appeals not yet sent	8,393	2,285
Other amounts due	1,500	2,906
	<u>10,893</u>	<u>6,191</u>
Investments		
Market value 01.01.22	41,193	35,966
Unrealised gain/(loss) in the year	(4,849)	5,227
Market value 31.12.22	<u>36,344</u>	<u>41,193</u>
The investment comprises shares in the Central Board of Finance, as follows:		
	No. of shares	No. of shares
Chancel Fund	286	286
Chapman Bequest	292	292
Sadleir Bequest (Grave Trust)	134	134
Standon Church Charities	1,047	1,047
	<u>1,759</u>	<u>1,759</u>

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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 07.03.2023 and signed on its behalf.

Mr Keith Plummer (Church Warden)

Miss Lizzy Franks (PCC secretary)

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

The value of the PCC's endowment funds at 31st December is £14,711 (2021 £16,674).

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

The value of the PCC's restricted funds at 31st December is £24,388 (2021 £21,720).

Another £21,632 of restricted funds are invested in CBF Investment Fund Income Shares.

Designated funds represent income set aside by the PCC for payment of specific expenses.

The value of the PCC's designated funds at 31st December is £4,426 (2021 £2,596).

Unrestricted funds are general funds which may be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

The value of the PCC's general fund at 31st December is £84,606 (2021 £66,339).

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
2 Receipts				
2a Voluntary income				
Planned giving	75,401		75,401	46,598
Income tax	18,852	0	18,852	14,778
Collections and donations	7,695	8,095	15,790	16,329
Grants and appeals	9,813	24,230	34,043	28,561
Contributions	2,037		2,037	2,039
	<u>113,798</u>	<u>32,325</u>	<u>146,123</u>	<u>108,304</u>
2b Income from investments				
Dividends		1,081	1,081	1,045
Interest	1,158		1,158	46
	<u>1,158</u>	<u>1,081</u>	<u>2,239</u>	<u>1,091</u>

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3 Payments	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Church activities				
Missionary and charitable giving:				
Overseas Missionary Societies	615	3,962	4,577	3,645
Overseas relief and development agencies		10	10	0
Home missions and other Church societies	40	1,070	1,110	5,667
Secular agencies		6,118	6,118	369
	<u>655</u>	<u>11,160</u>	<u>11,815</u>	<u>9,681</u>
Parish share	58,206		58,206	56,487
Other ministry expenses	12,553	585	13,138	14,289
Church running expenses & maintenance	17,990	1,284	19,274	19,702
Other expenses	931		931	700
Administrator	4,449		4,449	4,049
Other administrative expenses	3,576		3,576	3,843
Capital projects	2,203	20,203	22,406	29,723
	<u>100,563</u>	<u>33,232</u>	<u>133,795</u>	<u>138,474</u>

Capital Projects

This year, the long-planned restoration work on the two Sadleir tombs in the chancel of St Mary's was finished. Fund raising has been undertaken through the Friends of St Mary's to raise the amount necessary for the project. We are now awaiting receipt of the final grants and the completion report which will trigger the issuing of the final invoice.

£14,152 has been spent on the project this year, not including VAT which we hope to recoup through the Listed Places of Worship scheme. An application has been submitted in February 2023.

At the moment, we are awaiting a grant of £1,000, promised by Churchcare and payable on receipt of the completion certification. A grant of £1,312 has been received in 2023 from FOSM in relation to a survey of the tower, following our quinquennial inspection. For the moment, our Restoration Fund is showing a negative balance, but this will be reversed on receipt of these two items, the LPW claim and a further grant from FOSM, which has underwritten any excess costs of the work on the tombs to the value of £5,976. In addition, an individual benefactor has also promised up to £5,000 of further funds if needed.

4 Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination fee	<u>990</u>	<u>960</u>

5 Staff and Trustees

The PCC has no employed members of staff. Other than the Rector, who is not employed by us, its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Michael Smith, a Trustee, received £6,804 during the year in his capacity as organist of the church (2021 £6,450). Marion Smith received £1,123 during the year in her capacity as a self-employed administrator of the church (2021 £6,737). She retired in February. Both of these amounts are permitted by the governing document of the charity, and the cost is shared with our other benefice churches. No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

The fees of the organist are included in ministry expenses. The remuneration of the administrative assistant is included in administration costs.

PCC members and officers were reimbursed for any PCC expenses they incurred.

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6 Movement in Funds

	Balance 01.01.22	Income	Expenses	Balance 31.12.22
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	66,339	118,493	(100,274)	84,558
Unrestricted Funds - Designated				
The Centre	129	2,044	(1,279)	894
Legacy Fund	1,417			1,417
Tithe Fund	50			50
Transport Fund	1,000			1,000
Streaming equipment Fund		65		65
For replacement communion linen		1,000		1,000
	<u>68,935</u>	<u>121,602</u>	<u>(101,553)</u>	<u>88,984</u>
Restricted Funds				
Restoration Fund	(849)	14,614	(20,203)	(6,438)
Appeals	2,285	10,668	(6,128)	6,825
Leadership Training Fund	1,000	1,000	(500)	1,500
Bells Appeal	7,097			7,097
Friends of Standon Churchyard	4,966	3,019	(830)	7,155
Organ Fund	0			0
Piano Fund		100		100
Choir Fund		925	(454)	471
Standon Church Charities	5,502	643	(570)	5,575
Overseas Mission Partners inc harvest appeal	1,234	4,296	(3,962)	1,568
Pastoral Fund	485	50		535
Gift for Curate's Priesting		585	(585)	0
	<u>21,720</u>	<u>35,900</u>	<u>(33,232)</u>	<u>24,388</u>
Total Funds	90,655	157,502	(134,785)	113,372

7 Connected Charities

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon

Charity Commission No. 1088516

Main objects: The preservation, beautification and improvement of the fabric of the church.

These are pursued by raising funds and making donations to Standon PCC towards the cost of the work it supports.

The charity is run by a committee made up of 6 people appointed by Standon PCC and 6 people elected by its annual general meeting.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF STANDON, ST MARY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council Of Standon, St Mary ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 1 to 5 preceeding.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Sarah Crispin ACA

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Date: 25 April 2023