



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2020 **Period start date To** 31/12/20 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Alsager

Charity registration number: 1131298

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Alsager exists to: 1. Enable the church to play its part in God's mission to his world; 2. Co-operate with the minister in sharing leadership; 3. Ensure legal compliance with charity law and ecclesiastical law, in particular in the areas of finance, employment and appointments; 4. Care for the buildings and churchyard so that they may be best suited for the purpose of the church's ministry and mission; 5. Be a channel of consultation within the wider Church through its synodical structures on matters that affect the Church locally and nationally.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Regular public worship open to all; the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; teaching of Christianity through sermons; courses and small groups; taking of religious assemblies in schools and for schools in the church worship space; the provision of youth clubs, children's clubs and a parent/carer and toddler group both with a Christian Ethos; Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature; Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and children and other fellowship/worship groups; supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	No

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Full details are available in our Annual Report which can accessed at (http://www.christchurchalsager.uk/annual-report.html)</p> <p>During January through most of March mission and ministry continued as usual, until 22nd March when the country went into lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Sunday services continued every Sunday throughout the year during the pandemic. This included pre-recorded services made available online, live streamed, and when permissible and approved by the PCC in-person.</p> <p>Many of our activities continued online including our activities with families, children and youth. The schools received weekly pre-recoded material from us. Additional materials (church magazine, fun packs etc.) were delivered to homes to encourage all ages.</p> <p>Some of our ministries moved outside, when this was permissible, for example a Nativity event and a Light trail together with Messy Church.</p> <p>In the Autumn we ran an online Alpha Course using Zoom and some of the group still meet on</p>

		<p>line as a growth group.</p> <p>We started 'Helping Hands' a ministry that offers practical and spiritual support to anyone in the community. In addition we maintained pastoral support through regular telephone contact especially with the vulnerable, elderly and lonely. As we were allowed, we met people on their doorsteps and in their gardens.</p> <p>Some of our ministries that couldn't move online or outside due the nature of the activity or vulnerability of participants had to be cancelled. For example, Big Breakfast (weekly meeting place open to all) and Coffee and Communion (mid-week service which attracted many vulnerable elderly people).</p> <p>Grants to projects at home and abroad have had a positive impact on needy communities in communities round the world.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Receipts: 206,298, payments 187,244. Net assets: 136,706
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) of approximately 3 months average expenditure
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50,000
Reasons for holding zero	Para 1.22	

reserves		
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Expected reduction of grant income; reduced fees income.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from congregation, fees and grants.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Reduction in principal sources of income.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	PCCs are governed by two Measures: the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) MEASURE 1956 as amended (http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/Eliz2/4-5/3/contents) and the CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES as amended. (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/2019/1/schedule/3)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Body corporate (see S3 of Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 above)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Vicar is appointed to post and is a trustee ex-officio, as is the Curate. The wardens are elected by a meeting of parishioners and electoral roll members and as such are ex-officio members. Deanery Synod members are elected by a meeting of electoral roll members and as such are ex-officio members. All others are elected by a meeting of electoral roll

		members.
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Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Parochial Church Council Of Christ Church, Alsager is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Parochial Church Council Of Christ Church, Alsager is a member of Churches together in Alsager. The Parochial Church Council Of Christ Church, Alsager has a Memorandum of Understanding with the local Methodist Circuit regarding services at Oakhanger.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Alsager
Other name the charity uses	PCC of Christ Church, Alsager
Registered charity number	1131298
Charity's principal address	Christ Church Office 35 Church Road, Alsager Stoke on Trent ST7 2HS

	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity			
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Daran Ward	Vicar/Chair		Bishop of Chester
2	Rev Sr. H Kemball	Curate		Bishop of Chester
3	Dr D L Fidal	Church Warden Vice-chair		Parishioners and Members of the Electoral Roll of the Parish
4	Mrs J Mills	Church Warden	Jan – Oct	As above
5	Mrs J Askew	Church Warden	Oct – Dec	As above

6	Mrs S Jones	Deanery Synod Rep		Members of the Electoral Roll of the Parish
7	Mr J Masters	Deanery Synod Rep	Jan - Oct	As above
8	Mrs Barbara Beard	Deanery Synod Rep	Jan – July	As above
9	Mrs A Ward	Deanery Synod Rep	Oct – Dec	As above
10	Miss R Mason	Deanery Synod Rep	Oct – Dec	As above
11	Mrs B Steel	Secretary Deputy Treasurer	Jan – Oct Oct – Dec	As above
12	Mrs S Fidal	Treasurer		As above
13	Mr M Holland			As above
14	Mr G Chatterley			As above
15	Mrs D Preston			As above
16	Mr S Roberts			As above
17	Mrs J Warren MBE, DL			As above
18	Mrs L Wilkinson		Jan - Sept	As above
19	Mr M Brown		Jan - Nov	As above
20	Mr S Parnell		May – Dec	As above
21	Mr D Page		Oct – Dec	As above
22	Mrs R Davies		Oct – Dec	As above
23	Mrs A Chatterley		Oct – Dec	As above
24	Mrs R White		Oct – Dec	As above

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Rev Daran Ward (church and immediate surroundings, and church drive held on trust for parishioners. Held ex-officio as incumbent)		
Dr D L Fidal, Mrs J Askew (plate, ornaments and other movable goods of the church on trust for parishioners. Held ex-officio as church wardens)		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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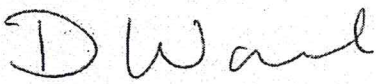
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Rachel White
Full name(s)	Rev Daran Ward	RACHEL ANN WHITE MS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	SECRETARY
Date	25/10/21	



Christ Church Alsager

Accounts for 2020

**Prepared for the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 23rd May 2021**

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Receipts		2020	2019
Congregational Giving	A	121,053	150,640
Gift Aid Recovered	A	31,488	23,312
Grants	B	30,593	18,600
Income from Church Activities	C	8,629	23,038
PCC/Other Fees		13,117	16,420
Miscellaneous	D	1,418	2,442
Total Receipts		206,298	234,452

Payments		2020	2019
Parish Share		67,624	65,975
Salaries	E	71,550	72,648
Clergy / Staff Expenses	F	5,361	5,035
Cost of Ministry / activities	G	7,079	20,431
Church Running Expenses	H	17,319	15,507
Utilities	I	4,974	6,781
Mission Giving and Donations	J	11,950	11,623
Miscellaneous	K	1,386	4,864
Total Payments		187,244	202,863

Current Assets	2020	2019
Current Account	116,538	94,845
Buildings Account	1,505	1,505
CCLA Account	21,413	21,322
Accounts Receivable	0	221
Cash and unrepresented cheques	230	364
Total	139,686	118,258

Liabilities	2020	2019
Agency Collections	1,388	606
Accounts Payable	1,592	
Total	2,980	606

Net Assets	2020	2019
	136,706	117,652

Receipts	206,298	
Payments	-187,244	
Excess (deficit) to date		19,055
Opening balance		117,652
Closing balance		136,706

Represented by Funds	2020
Unrestricted	107,998
Designated	673
Restricted	28,035
Total	136,706

Further Analysis - Receipts

(A) Congregational / other Giving

	2020			2019	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Standing Orders	87,602	0	6,160	93,762	81,141
Gift-Aid Envelopes	1,530	0	0	1,530	3,661
Non Gift Aid S/O	7,595	0	1,500	9,095	7,873
Non Gift-Aid Envelopes	591	0	0	591	1,239
Plate	823	0	0	823	2,501
Messy Church Collection	151	0	0	151	429
Coffee and Communion Collection	10	0	0	10	15
One-off Gifts - GA	7,930	0	1,180	9,110	38,744
One-off Gifts - non-GA	2,900	0	210	3,110	14,070
All other giving	278	0	794	1,072	968
Churchyard donations	220	0	1,579	1,799	0
Total	109,629.89	0	11,423	121,053	150,640
Tax refund on Gift Aid	29,836		1,653	31,488	23,312

(B) Grants

	2020			2019	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Recurring Grants	0	0	1,050	1,050	1,050
Youth / Children's Grant	0	0	20,000	20,000	14,000
Other (One-off) Grants	2,000	0	5,500	7,846	2,550
Church Yard	0	0	0	0	1,000
CJRS grant (furlough scheme)	1,697	0	0	1,697	0
Total	3,697	0	26,550	30,593	18,600

(C) Receipts from church activities

	2020			2019	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Hall Hire	2,597	0	0	2,597	7,653
Magazine	450	0	0	450	250
Solar Feed-in ¹	3,562	0	0	3,562	4,020
Cherubs	261	0	0	261	838
Bowling Club	464	0	0	464	666
D of E	0	0	0	0	5,068
BB@C	905	0	0	905	3,230
Events	390	0	0	390	1,313
Total	8,629	0	0	8,629	23,038

(D) Miscellaneous

	2020			2019	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Sales	272	0	132	404	0
Earmarked Income	0	0	0	0	180
Interest	91	0	0	91	159
Refund of Interregnum expenses	0	0	0	0	515
Pension contribution repayments ²	715	0	0	715	0
Insurance payment	0	0	0	0	1,386
Sundry - Other	208	0	0	208	201
Total	1,286	0	132	1,418	2,442

Further Analysis - Payments

(E) Salaries / Associated Costs

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Salaries	52,913	0	18,637	71,550	68,544
Pension backpayment	0	0	0	0	4,105
Total	52,913	0	18,637	71,550	72,648

(F) Staff Expenses

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Working Expenses of the Vicar	258	0	0	258	813
Youth Worker Expenses	380	0	0	380	512
Children's Worker Expenses	105	0	0	105	272
Vicarage Expenses	3,971	0	0	3,971	2,766
Support & Training Costs	479	0	86	565	431
Curate's expenses	81	0	0	81	228
Other expenses	0	0	0	0	15
Total	5,275	0	86.05	5,361	5,035

(G) Ministry /activities

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Youth	670	0	0	670	1,853
Children	654	0	719	1,373	1,856
Children - Bibles for Schools	0	0	0	0	907
Children's Multimedia Class	0	0	0	0	1,545
Messy Church	706	0	374	1,080	1,969
Upkeep of Services	1,931	0	0	1,931	1,773
Discipleship	75	0	529	604	602
BB@C	784	0	0	784	2,688
D of E	0	0	0	0	4,258
Ministry & Mission	636	0	0	636	2,656
Evangelism (Alpha)	0	0	0	0	324
Total	5,457	0	1,622	7,079	20,431

(H) Running Expenses

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Church Maintenance	1,917	0	0	1,917	2,036
Church Insurance	3,382	0	0	3,382	3,299
Churchyard Maintenance	1,365	0	817	2,182	2,052
Hall Maintenance	1,263	0	0	1,263	480
Hall Insurance	1,319	0	0	1,319	1,308
Cleaning Supplies	613	0	0	613	965
Payroll /Bank Charges	1,124	0	0	1,124	1,346
IT/ tech Equipment ³	1,607	0	0	1,607	550
Phones and Internet	672	0	0	672	735
Admin Supplies	1,168	0	0	1,168	1,723
Media Publicity	600	0	0	600	712
Other equipment ⁴	1,063	0	0	1,063	0
Governance charges	409	0	0	409	300
Total	16,502	0	817	17,319	15,507

(I) Utilities	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Church Electricity/Gas	2,446	0	0	2,446	3,247
Church Water	26	0	0	26	66
Hall Electricity	2,032	0	0	2,032	3,061
Hall Water	268	0	0	268	238
St Luke's Electricity		202		202	169
Total	4,772	202	0	4,974	6,781

**(J) Mission Support (Far Out) /
Grants to Individuals**

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
UCB	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,600
Oakhanger Project	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,600
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,600
CSW	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,600
Icfem Mission	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,600
Tear Fund	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,600
PCF Gateway Trust	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,600
Sub- total	11,900	0	0	11,900	11,200
Grants to Individuals	0	50	0	50	423
Total	11,900	50	0	11,950	11,623

(K) Miscellaneous

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Interregnum Expenses	0	0	0	0	2,603
Earmarked Expenditure	0	0	0	0	180
Deanery Expenses	45	0	0	45	0
Trading costs	235	0	0	235	0
Oakhanger Insurance	0	651	0	651	645
Cost of Fundraising	1	0	0	1	83
Sundry - Other	454	0	0	454	1,353
Total	735	651	0	1,386	4,864

1. Particularly high in 2019 because of one missing payment in 2018
2. Repayments of missing pension contributions
3. Includes streaming computer
4. Includes £840 for screens

Independent Examiner's Report To the PCC of Christ Church, Alsager

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....*Derek Nyland*.....

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Date:*5 March 2021*.....

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