



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 01/01/2023 **Period start date To** 31/12/2023 **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	
<b>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</b>	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.
<b>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.</b>	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.
<b>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>	Para 1.18	No

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
<b>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.</b>	Para 1.20	<p>Full details are available in our Annual Report which can accessed at (<a href="http://www.christchurchalsager.uk/annual-report.html">http://www.christchurchalsager.uk/annual-report.html</a>)</p> <p>In April, The Bishop of Stockport presided at our confirmation service, with 78 people in attendance (including 4 children). Six candidates were confirmed (one 14 year old, one 19 year old and four aged between 25 and 67).</p> <p>In November, The Bishop of Chester appointed our curate, The Reverend Sister Heather Susan Kemball, to be Curate-in-Charge of the parish of All Saints, Church Lawton in the Deanery of Congleton.</p> <p>Church members getting confirmed; those who are confirmed being called into ordained ministry; and those who are ordained moving on to be church leaders elsewhere are all signs of a healthy church (although no church is ever perfect!). Healthy churches also recognise that we all need to be growing on our frontlines (that is the places where we spend most of our time and the people with whom we engaged with the most) to enable us to grow into the people Jesus intends us to be, so we can bear good fruit for him. That's why I love our</p>

		<p>‘frontlines selfies board’ in the church hall that was populated in January.</p> <p>Once again, this year’s annual report gives an insight into the breadth and depth of the mission and ministry of Christ Church. It needs to be acknowledged that we couldn’t do the things mentioned without the support of our volunteer workforce. Many thanks to every one of you.</p> <p>The cost of living crisis continued through 2023 and many people have turned to the church to support them with warm spaces and health meals at Tea on Tuesday and Messy Church. Big Breakfast on Mondays continues to be popular community space for all ages.</p> <p>The challenge that we have is finding grants to enable use to fund our ministry and community activities, with more organisations competing for few and often smaller grants.</p> <p>Our grants to our mission partners locally and overseas are essential for the communities they support.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<b>Achievements against objectives set</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Investment performance against objectives</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Other</b>		

## **Financial Review**

<b>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</b>	Para 1.21	Receipts: £226,313, payments £222,999. Net assets: £178,949
<b>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</b>	Para 1.22	It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) of approximately 3 months average expenditure
<b>Amount of reserves held</b>	Para 1.22	£50,000
<b>Reasons for holding zero reserves</b>	Para 1.22	
<b>Details of fund materially in deficit</b>	Para 1.24	None
<b>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</b>	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

<b>Description of charity's trusts:</b>		
<b>Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)</b>	Para 1.25	PCCs are governed by two Measures: the <b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) MEASURE 1956</b> as amended ( <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/Eliz2/4-5/3/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/Eliz2/4-5/3/contents</a> ) and the CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES as amended. ( <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/2019/1/schedule/3">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/2019/1/schedule/3</a> )
<b>How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)</b>	Para 1.25	Body corporate (see S3 of Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 above)

<b>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</b>	Para 1.25	<p>The Vicar is appointed to post and is a trustee ex-officio, as is the Curate.</p> <p>The wardens are elected by a meeting of parishioners and electoral roll members and as such are ex-officio members.</p> <p>Deanery Synod members are elected by a meeting of electoral roll members and as such are ex-officio members.</p> <p>All others are elected by a meeting of electoral roll members.</p>
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#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

#### Reference and Administrative details

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

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	Jan - Sept	Bishop of Chester
3	Mrs J Askew	Church Warden Vice Chair		Parishioners and Members of the Electoral Roll of the Parish
4	Dr D L Fidal	Church Warden Vice Chair	Jan - April	As above
5	Mr R Hewitt	Church Warden	May - Dec	As above
6	Mrs S Jones	Deanery Synod Rep		Members of the Electoral Roll of the Parish
7	Mrs A Ward	Deanery Synod Rep		As above
8	Mrs Debbie Preston	Deanery Synod Rep		As above
9	Mrs B Steel	Treasurer		As above
10	Mrs J Newman	Secretary		As above
11	Mrs A Chatterley			As above
12	Mr M Holland			As above
13	Mr G Chatterley			As above
14	Ms G Bowers		Jan - Nov	As above
15	Mr C Follett			As above
16	Mr S Roberts			As above
17	Mrs R White			As above
18	Dr D L Fidal		May - Dec	As above
19	Mrs Alison Thomas		April-Dec	As above
20	Phil Follett-Laing		April-Dec	As above
21	Jessica Follett-Laing		April-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)		
Churchwardens (plate, ornaments and other movable goods of the church on trust for parishioners. Held ex-officio as churchwardens)		

### **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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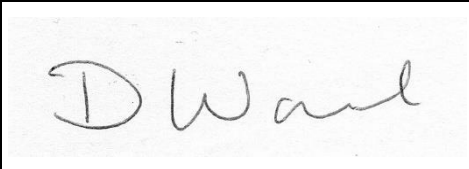
### Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	Rev Daran Ward	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	



<b>Receipts</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Congregational Giving	A	158,456	129,471
Gift Aid Recovered	A	40,080	24,350
Grants	B	32,173	25,496
Income from Church Activities	C	18,486	16,412
PCC/Other Fees		14,902	16,464
Miscellaneous	D	3,216	15,620
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>267,313</b>	<b>227,813</b>

<b>Payments</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Parish Share		71,757	69,667
Salaries	E	77,240	70,076
Clergy / Staff Expenses	F	5,820	4,635
Cost of Ministry / activities	G	13,847	13,763
Church Running Expenses	H	18,614	37,679
Utilities	I	14,363	7,064
Mission Giving and Donations	J	18,190	12,946
Miscellaneous	K	3,168	1,235
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>222,999</b>	<b>217,065</b>

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Current Account	12,989	10,476
Business Reserve Account	96,015	55,119
CCLA Account	22,402	21,706
60DN account	50,350	50,000
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Cash and unrepresented cheques	31	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,787</b>	<b>137,341</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Agency Collections	2,838	2,708
Accounts Payable		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,838</b>	<b>2,708</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>178,949</b>	<b>134,634</b>

<b>Receipts</b>	267,313	
<b>Payments</b>	-222,999	
<b>Excess (deficit) to date</b>		44,314
<b>Opening balance</b>		134,634
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>178,948</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>	<b>2023</b>
Unrestricted	163,774
Designated	170
Restricted	15,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>178,949</b>

## Further Analysis - Receipts

### (A) Congregational / other Giving

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Standing Orders	89,777	0	1,200	90,977	87,544
Gift-Aid Envelopes	200	0	0	200	200
Non Gift Aid S/O	8,426	0	1,200	9,626	6,491
Plate	1,832	0	0	1,832	1,890
Messy Church Collection	158	0	0	158	315
Coffee and Communion Collection	141	0	0	141	10
One-off Gifts - GA	18,110	0	550	18,660	22,375
One-off Gifts - non-GA	33,056	0	550	33,606	7,168
All other giving	1,893	20	117	2,030	938
Churchyard donations	0	0	1,226	1,226	2,540
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,593</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4,843</b>	<b>158,456</b>	<b>129,471</b>
<b>Tax refund on Gift Aid</b>	<b>40,080</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,080</b>	<b>24,350</b>

### (B) Grants

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Recurring Grants	1,050	0	0	1,050	1,050
Youth / Children's Grant	0	0	23,000	23,000	20,000
Other (One-off) Grants	2,848	0	3,475	6,323	3,546
Bibles for Children	0	0	1,800	1,800	900
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,898</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,275</b>	<b>32,173</b>	<b>25,496</b>

### (C) Receipts from church activities

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Hall Hire	9,704	0	0	9,704	7,988
Magazine	240	0	0	240	275
Solar Feed-in	4,003	0	0	4,003	4,288
Cherubs	523	0	0	523	596
BB@C	4,017	0	0	4,017	3,200
F2F	0	0	0	0	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,486</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,486</b>	<b>16,412</b>

### (D) Miscellaneous

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Sales	600	0	0	600	170
Earmarked Income	550	0	0	550	0
Interest	1942	0	0	1,942	400
Pension contribution repayments	17	0	0	17	203
Insurance payment	0	0	0	0	14,747
Sundry - Other	-291	0	398	107	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>3,216</b>	<b>15,620</b>

Note 1

## Further Analysis - Payments

### (E) Salaries / Associated Costs

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Salaries	55,294	0	21,945	77,240	70,076
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,945</b>	<b>77,240</b>	<b>70,076</b>

### (F) Staff Expenses

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Working Expenses of the Vicar	216	0	0	216	493
Youth Worker Expenses	384	0	0	384	559
Children's Worker Expenses	18	0	0	18	120
Administrator Expenses	0	0	0	0	18
Vicarage Expenses	3,943	0	0	3,943	3,292
Support & Training Costs	416	0	0	416	135
Curate's expenses	843	0	0	843	0
Other expenses	0	0	0	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,820</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,820</b>	<b>4,635</b>

### (G) Ministry /activities

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Youth	2,059	0	88	2,147	2,734
Children	1,240	0	472	1,712	2,927
Children - Bibles for Schools	0	0	1,065	1,065	976
Messy Church	1,710	0	81	1,791	1,645
Cherubs	83	0	0	83	307
Upkeep of Services	982	0	0	982	1,499
BB@C	3,294	0	0	3,294	2,749
Tea on Tuesday	405		1,483	1,888	0
Ministry & Mission	548	0	0	548	451
Evangelism (Alpha)	337	0	0	337	475
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,189</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>13,763</b>

Note 2

### (H) Running Expenses

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Church Maintenance	1,090	0	0	1,090	15,831
Church Insurance	3,728	0	0	3,728	3,490
Churchyard Maintenance	891	0	1,226	2,117	8,478
Church Major repairs	0	0	0	0	0
Hall Maintenance	1,528	0	0	1,528	1,211
Hall Insurance	1,224	0	0	1,224	1,440
Cleaning Supplies	970	0	0	970	807
Payroll /Bank Charges	772	0	0	772	810
IT/ tech Equipment	1,460	0	0	1,460	2,218
Phones and Internet	974	0	0	974	1,029
Admin Supplies	1,718	0	0	1,718	589
Media Publicity	607	0	0	607	70
Other equipment	100	0	996	1,096	284
Oakhanger Insurance	1,330	0	0	1,330	1,122
Governance charges	0	0	0	0	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,392</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>18,614</b>	<b>37,679</b>

Note 1

### (I) Utilities

2023

2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Church Electricity/Gas	6,810	0	0	6,810	3,334
Church Water	162	0	0	162	160
Hall Electricity	6,511	0	0	6,511	2,893
Hall Water	421	0	0	421	319
St Luke's Utilities	459	0	0	459	358
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,363</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,363</b>	<b>7,064</b>

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

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
UCB	2,570	0	0	2,570	1,870
Oakhanger Project	2,570	0	0	2,570	1,870
Wycliffe Bible Translators	2,570	0	0	2,570	1,870
CSW	2,570	0	0	2,570	1,870
Icfem Mission	2,570	0	0	2,570	1,720
Tear Fund	2,570	0	0	2,570	1,720
PCF Gateway Trust	2,570	0	0	2,570	1,720
<b>Sub- total</b>	<b>17,990</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,990</b>	<b>12,640</b>
Hardship fund	200	0	0	200	306
Grants to Individuals	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,190</b>	<b>12,946</b>

**(K) Miscellaneous**

	<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Earmarked Expenditure	550	0	0	550	0
Deanery Expenses	45	0	0	45	0
Trading costs	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of Fundraising	25	0	0	25	34
Sundry - Other	2,635	0	-87	2,548	1,201
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-87</b>	<b>3,168</b>	<b>1,235</b>

Note 1 These two lines in 2022 relate to the cost of redecoration of the Church offset by the Insurance claim

Note 2 Tea on Tuesday was awarded a grant, by CE Council in April 2023, costs were separated at that time. The restricted spend falls within the grant monies.

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

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 3-6.

## 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 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
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed .....  .....

Name: ..... Derek Wyland .....

Address: ..... 38 Homeshire House .....

..... Sandbach Road South, ST7 2LP .....

Date: ..... 20 March 2024 .....