THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, IPSWICH

England & Wales · Charity number 1131319

Details

Other names	ST AUGUSTINE'S PCC, IPSWICH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-08-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: To promote the Christian religion.

Classification

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

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£277,898	£281,490	-	-
2023-12-31	£262,157	£204,564	-	-
2022-12-31	£214,707	£194,948	-	-
2021-12-31	£210,707	£171,678	-	-
2020-12-31	£162,136	£145,376	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Alistair Andrew Metcalfe	Chair	2020-11-01
ANDREW ROBERT WOODS		
Adele Rosina Rudland		2017-04-20
Adrian Sutton		2026-05-12
Beverley Smith		2020-10-29
Clare Stockley		2026-05-12
Colin Cecil Scott		2017-04-20
DAVID PEPPER		2026-05-12
Dan Schmuecker		2022-05-03
Ian Geoffrey Daniels		2013-10-08
JACQUELINE WRIGHT		2025-05-13
JULIE RUTH DANIELS		
Jennifer Grace		2015-04-23
Jenny Axford		2025-05-13
Julie Cook		2024-05-14
Katherine Murphy		2025-05-13
Louise Cook		2023-05-06
Nigel Cook		2026-05-12
Philip Stockley		2023-05-09
RACHEL RENFREW		2021-12-07
Rosamund Williams		2024-01-29
Samson Osofisan		2024-05-14
Susanne Mary Pettitt		2019-04-25
Yvonne Swan		2025-05-13

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Accounts

ST AUGUSTINE'S IPSWICH

ANNUAL REPORT and **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended **31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich

Registered charity number 1131319
Financial year ended 31 December 2024

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The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich
Year ended 31 December 2024

Legal and administrative information

Trustees	Incumbent:	Rev Al Metcalfe
	Associate vicar	Rev Ros Williams
	Curate:	Rev Sarah Hall
	Wardens:	Samson Osofisan
		Philip Stockley
	Treasurer:	Rachel Renfrew
	Self-Supporting Minister:	Rev Ian Daniels
	Representative Reader:	Julie Daniels
	Deanery Representatives:	Andrew Woods
		Colin Scott
		Moira Briggs
	Elected Members	Adele Rudland
		Bev Smith
		Chris Cunnell
		Dan Schmuecker
		Jennifer Grace
		Kirstie Clarke
		Julie Cook
		Louise Cook
		Stephen Chittock
		Stephen Swan
		Sue Pettitt
		Una Korse
Charity number	1131319	
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Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC	

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The board of trustees present their reports and accounts for Parochial Church Council of St Augustine's Church, Ipswich ('St Augustine's' Ipswich) for the period ending 31st December 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been a Charity registered with the Charity Commission (Charity number 1131319) since July 30, 2009. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC which in 2024 comprised 26 members. The Parochial Church Council met on six occasions during 2024 and the APCM (Annual Parochial Council Meeting) took place on May 14, 2024.

Location and Facilities

St Augustine's Ipswich is situated on the junction of Felixstowe Road and Bucklesham Road, Ipswich. It is part of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich within the Church of England. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the whole church complex (Church, Lantern Room and The Hub). The correspondence address is Church Office, The Hub, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, IP3 8TH.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

The Electoral Roll prepared for the 2024 Annual Church Meeting showed 234 people on the Church Electoral Roll, 125 of whom were resident within the parish and 109 who were not. The average weekly attendance at worship counted in October was 138 adults and 17 children, but this was atypically low in the context of the full year. With other midweek children's, youth and community activities, we estimate the average weekly reach of our ministry in 2024 to be around 350 people.

Volunteers

St Augustine's Ipswich benefits from the dedicated work of a large number of volunteers. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in these accounts.

Objects and Activities

St Augustine's PCC had the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Revd Al Metcalfe, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole vision of the church which is to make disciples of Jesus as we *gather* in his name, *grow* deeper in his Word and *give* away what we've been given.

We are especially committed to doing whatever it takes to see God bring us growth in three key areas: children, young people and families, discipleship to Jesus through small groups and courses, especially Alpha, and ministries of compassion to our community.

In the last four years we have sent two church plants into our town: River Church, an HTB church focussed on students and young adults in the Waterfront area of the town; and Lindbergh Road Community Church, a missional community focussed on reaching a specific local neighbourhood within our own parish. Both have seen the fruit of new disciples of Jesus.

We are now in a new phase of rebuilding and growth, and though we have no immediate plans to plant again, we are eager to continue to play our part in growing the kingdom of God in Ipswich.

Public Benefit

In accordance with our duties stated in section 17(5) of the Charities Act, we have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit. This public benefit has once again been demonstrated by the activities undertaken this year outlined below.

Achievements and Performance

The Old Testament book of Ezra opens with a powerful reminder of how God 'stirs the spirit' of ordinary people to accomplish his plans and purposes. After God moves the heart of the foreign king Cyrus to create the conditions for a renewal of spiritual life in the land, there rises up '… everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord' (1:5).

In our day, too, we see God by his Holy Spirit stirring people to rebuild a house for his praise and his presence, where others may come and find rest and restoration, help and healing in Jesus Christ. This is the Church, and in local communities across our town, God is doing something new and wonderful to stir people to pray and work for this compelling vision.

As part of the HTB Network, we at St Augustine's desire to play our part in the evangelisation of the nations, the revitalisation of the church and the transformation of society.

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Gathering regularly in worship and prayer forms the bedrock of our community life. In 2024, we held public worship weekly, twice on Sundays (9 and 10.30am) and on Thursdays (10.30am). We aim to engage all ages and backgrounds with worship in several distinct styles – loud and lively, contemplative and traditional – with hospitality, reverence and accessibility as our highest values.

In our official 'Statistics for Mission' submission, we reported a regular worshipping community numbering 230 people, with 159 attending weekly. In addition to these, we hosted three prayer meetings weekly (Mondays at 9.30am and 7.30pm, Thursdays at 7am), averaging 40 participants, plus quarterly midweek Kingdom Come nights, drawing up to 50. We are a community of prayer.

This year our leadership felt called to unite people beyond our own church family to pray for a move of God among 'the rising generation' of children, young people and young adults in our town. In November, our first Half Night of Prayer drew over 100 people from across the town for a night of worship and intercession, giving us a powerful platform to build on in the year to come.

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Following Jesus naturally leads us to share him with others, and our community is increasingly focused on joyfully inviting friends, family and neighbours into the life of our church in the hope they are then drawn into a relationship with him. We use the word 'mission' deliberately — not just as 'action', but stating our commitment to making disciples: people of all ages responding to the gospel, engaging with God's Word, being filled with his Spirit, and serving his world.

In 2024, we celebrated many first-time professions of faith and baptised six new disciples of Jesus. These baptisms as well as testimonies on Easter Sunday were particular highlights of 2024.

Our mission priorities remain threefold: children, youth, and families; adult evangelism and discipleship; and community compassion. For children and families, our weekly Sunday morning sessions ran throughout 2024 (with breaks for holidays). Retiring our All Age Sundays on the first Sunday for a more consistent Sunday morning structure boosted attendance, especially at the 10:30 service, and freed space for more regular prayer ministry.

Weekly groups like Music & Rhyme (Tuesdays) and Hippos (Wednesdays) typically drew 50 under-5s each week, fostering community and connecting families to church life. In the autumn, a refreshed

Music & Rhyme team, including volunteers from our Thursday communion, grew the group and bridged generations. Bubble Church, a new worshipping community for families with children under 7, launched successfully thanks to diocesan funding, trained leaders, and new families in attendance. Messy Church ran three times in 2024, supported by dedicated volunteers and attracting up to 50 kids and families each time, with crafts and games themed around Bible stories. Parenting Solo continued its vital work each month, supporting single parents and their kids.

Our youth ministry grew in 2024. Youth Café relaunched bi-weekly in April, returning to weekly in September and drawing between 15 and 30 teens for games, snacks and socialising. More young people joined Sunday services and church events, with 25 at a bonfire night and 45 at a Christmas silent disco. This deepened connections, setting the stage for a Youth Alpha course in January 2025.

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Adult evangelism and discipleship is our second mission priority. Alpha remains a vital pathway for introducing people to Jesus, with three courses at St Augustine's in 2024—Spring and Autumn evenings, plus our first daytime Summer course—hosting over 25 guests in total. Five of the six people baptised this year came through Alpha.

In September, the 'Living Hope' mission weekend featured international evangelist Simon Guillebaud. Highlights included a youth silent disco with 85 teens turning out to dance and hear Simon speak; a men's breakfast and women's brunch; street evangelism, a cabaret-style event with testimonies on Saturday night; and a huge outdoor fun day spilling out from Sunday's services. Around 500 people attended the various events, many new to church.

Grow Groups — weekly or bi-weekly Bible studies — help disciples deepen their faith. We launched one new group in 2024 and planned more. Two new courses put a renewed emphasis on discipleship: one home-grown (Firm Foundation) and another from Bible teacher John Mark Comer (Practicing the Way). During Thy Kingdom Come between Ascension and Pentecost, we prayer-walked our entire parish, praying for all residents, and delivering 4,000 flyers inviting them to church.

Sunday Bible teaching, also streamed on YouTube, inspires and equips discipleship. We began 2024 considering the call to make Jesus our 'one thing', followed by a vision series 'Doing the Stuff', and expository teaching on the New Testament books of John and Ephesians.

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Our third mission priority is community compassion. Pastoral care of our church family is the business not only of our clergy team, but a growing number of pastoral visitors, more of whom were this year trained to take home communion to the elderly and housebound. We conducted 25 funerals and interments and two memorial services. Our Bereavement Journey course has evolved into a monthly support group, learning to bear the weight of grief and loss together.

A revived monthly service at Prince George care home engaged an average of 25 residents and staff with hymns, scripture, reflections, and prayers. Residents and their families spoke of a new sense of peace in the company of our volunteer team, joining in singing and the Lord's Prayer. The service has led to new connections with families and people finding or renewing their faith.

TLC Renew Wellbeing Café continued to thrive, drawing an average of 40 people each Wednesday for conversation, hobbies, and wellbeing activities. It offers signposting to services, including our Community Compassion Fund for financial hardship, and a reflective prayer space. Our clients regularly go on to explore faith on Alpha. Our monthly Lunch Club averaged 42 elderly guests, while our eighth Holiday at Home week in June delighted 50 seniors daily with outings and entertainment.

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There was much more to celebrate in our life together in 2024. Christmas and Easter traditionally draw larger numbers into church, and once again this proved to be the case at St A's. During Advent, 607 people attended special services for congregation and community, with an additional 442 on

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day alone. Easter Day saw just under 200 people worshipping with us.

In July, our largest group ever headed to Focus with 50 adults, young people and children enjoying a long weekend of worship, teaching and ministry with our HTB church family. Because we recognise the importance of investing in our large and gifted volunteer leadership team, we ran two Leaders' Mornings, welcoming Bishop Sandy Millar in April, and Revd Johnny Douglas in November, and shared resources from the HTB Leadership Conference.

Two welcome lunches introduced over 30 newcomers to our church to hear about our vision and values. We supported our diocese at the Suffolk Show, led worship at a deanery conference, and paid our parish share in full. Monthly groups like Middlemen, Ladies Group, and BSL signing thrived, while our facilities hosted community groups, health providers, local businesses, and local Scouting and Guiding units. Ties with charities like Home for Good Suffolk, EACH, and Headway continued, alongside hosting two diaspora churches including a Malayalam-speaking Syrian Orthodox community.

Lindbergh Road Community Church (LRCC)

While still operating under our PCC and registered charity, LRCC's activities are many and varied and deserve a report of their own. This can be found on their website, www.lrccipswich.org.uk.

Staffing

As well as three full-time stipendiary clergy (Revds Al Metcalfe, Ros Williams and Sarah Hall), in 2024 St Augustine's also employed a Youth Pastor, Lydia Luetchford (full-time from April onwards),a part-time Site Cleaner (David Cook), and a part-time Operations Manager (Joe Crisp-Hihn) and a part-time Bookings Assistant (Lesley Brett).

Future Plans

The charity plans to continue expanding, and adding to its existing activities in forthcoming years, subject to satisfactory funding becoming available.

Reserves Policy

St Augustine's Ipswich aims to accumulate and retain as unrestricted reserves 2 months' running costs. At the end of 2024, unrestricted reserves totalled £29,330 which does not in itself meet this requirement, but designated funds are able to be transferred should it became necessary.

Financial Review

In the period to the end of 31st December 2024, St Augustine's Ipswich raised a total income of £277,898 against a total expenditure of £281,490. Unrestricted funds at the end of the year totalled £122,917, including designated funds of £80,171. Restricted funds at the end of the year totalled £511,881. The balance in the bank at the end of the year totalled £172,532, including £27,432 belonging to LRCC. For further details, please see the financial statements.

Safeguarding

The trustees have adopted the Church of England's safeguarding policy, relating to children, young people, and vulnerable adults. It was once again approved and adopted on December 3, 2024 and can be found on our website at staugustinesipswich.org.uk/safeguarding. Adele Rudland serves as Parish Safeguarding Officer, supported by the diocesan safeguarding officer. The trustees are committed to best practice in safeguarding, through the implementation of our policy, which includes provision for DBS checks, safeguarding training, safer recruitment, and practical measures to protect everybody involved in and served by the church.

Independent Examiners report to the PCC of St Augustine of Hippo

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year Ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the Preparation of the financial statements you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- To follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charity Commission, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of this 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual Items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. 1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Lynn Aldous MAAT PM DIP

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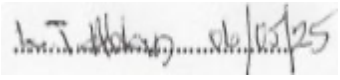
06 MAY 2025

Signature & Date: 

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319
Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted & Designated Funds 2024	Total Funds	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations, legacies & grants	**2(a)**	49,162	149316	198,478	209,349
Investments			1,528	1,528	807
Charitable Activities	**2(b)**	0	77,892	77,892	52,002
Total Income		49,162	228,736	277,898	262,157
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	**3**	37,226	244,264	281,490	204,564
Total Expenditure		37,226	244,264	281,490	204,564
Net Income		11,937	(15,528)	(3,591)	57,593
Net movement in funds		11,937	(15,528)	(3,591)	57,593
Transfer of Funds		-	-	-	-
				-	-
Reconciliation of Funds:				-	-
Total funds brought forward		499,945	138,445	638,390	580,797
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**511,881**	**122,917**	**634,799**	**638,390**

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements **

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	**7**		471,606		468,143
Current Assets					
	8	11,721		9,352	
Debtors	**9**	172,532		164,392	
Bank & Cash in hand		184,254		173,745	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within 1 year	**10**	(21,061)		(3,498)	
Net Current Assets			163,193		170,247
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			**634,799**		**638,390**
Represented by:					
Restricted Funds	**11**		511,881		499,945
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			122917		138,445
Total Funds			**634,799**		**638,390**

Signed and approved on the behalf of the PCC on Tues 29 April 2025

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Revd Al Metcalfe (Chair of Trustees)

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time (although expenses relating to there role is included in project costs) in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Interest on funds on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company , this is normally upon notification of the interest by the bank.

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs , governance costs , administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads and central functions have been allocated on an activity costs basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds	Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.
Designated funds	Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes . The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements
(e) Tax	Exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Any Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.
(f) Debtors	Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
Liabilities and Provisions	Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement , and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.
Financial instruments	This entity only has assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

(i) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	33% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and Fittings	10% Straight line

(j) Going Concern
The Trustees consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead

2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	2024			2023
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	31,530	147,551	179,081	150,111
Legacies	-	1,765	1,765	51,168
Grants	17,632	-	17,632	8,000
Other			-	70
Total	49,162	149,316	198,478.39	209,349

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	2024			2023
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income from hire		61,030	61,030	38,180
Income from Activities		10,356	10,356	6,716
Occasional Office		6,505	6,505	7,106
Other			-	-
Total	-	77,892	77,892	52,002

	2024			2023
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
(3a) Direct Costs	**£**			**£**
Wages and salaries	21,052	44,339	65,391	32,747
	21,052	44,339	65,391	32,747

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

	2024			2023
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	£			**£**
Activity Costs	11,170	35,644	46,813	35,427
Comms, Publicity & Advertising	235	7,970	8,206	6,363
Property costs	4,447	24,530	28,977	35,678
Training		1,395	1,395	963
Office Expenses	321	2,177	2,498	3,211
Insurance		3,596	3,596	3,295
Professional fees		400	400	200
Telephone & Broadband		749	749	927
Depreciation		821	821	393
Bank Charges		32	32	34
Parish Share		119,574	119,574	82,621
Occasional Office		3,038	3,038	2,707
	16,173	199,925	216,098	171,818
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COS	37,226	244,264	281,490	204,564

4. Governance Costs	**2024**	**2023**
	£	**£**
Independent examination	200	200
Trustee exps	-	-
Legal and Professional fees	200	-
	400	200

5. Employees

		£	**£**
Wages & Salaries		64,694	36,838
Social Security Costs		-	-
Pensions		697	576
		65,391	37,414

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	3PT 1 FT	4	3
		4	3

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

6.Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

During both years reported on no remuneration or benefits in kind only travel expenses reimbursement were made to trustees this year

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

	Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	**£**	**£**
Cost			
At 1 Jan 2024	465,000	3,929	468,929
Additions	0	4,284	4,284
At 31 December 2024	465,000	8,213	473,213
Depreciation			
At 1 Jan 2024	0	786	786
Charge for Year	0	821	821
At 31 December 2024	0	1,607	1,607
Net Book Values			
At 31 December 2024	**465,000**	**6,606**	**471,606**
At 31 December 2023	465,000	3,143	468,143

8. Debtors

	2024	**2023**
	£	**£**
Accounts receivable	4,791	3,077
Gift Aid due	5,935	6,276
Prepayments	995	
	11,721	9,352

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	**2023**
Current Account	14,368	24,576
LRCC Current account	27,432	24,136
Deposit Account Restricted Funds	90,333	94,530
Deposit Account M & M	38,329	20,803
Cash- office	12	151
Cash LRCC	135	116
Cash- Holiday at Home	406	
Cash- Lunch Club	220	
Sum Up account	363	80
Equals Account	400	
Undeposited Funds	534	
	172,532	164,392

10. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2024	**2023**
	£	**£**
Trade Creditors	4,691	1,220
Payroll Liabilities	2,315	1,168
Pension	0	15
Damage Deposits	1,850	750
Redirected Gifts	163	20
Accruals- wages for LRCC Youth worker not yet invoiced by the Diocese	12,000	0
Credit card	41	325
	21,061	3,498

11. Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 31 December 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 December 2024
Restricted funds	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Community Hub Property	465,000	0	0		465,000
LRCC Fund (a)	23,592	11,699	20,747		14,544
Youth Fund	2,058		2,058		0
Youth Worker		13,137	9,052		4,085
Community Compassion Fund	1,804	1,177	300	0	2,680
TLC Grant	831		305		526
Designated Gifts	0	764	764		0
Carols on the Green	0	100	100		0
Associate Vicar (b)	6,500	15,490			21,990
Hippos grant	70	0	70		0
Defibrillator	90	1,507	844		753
Bubble Church		1,500	1,477		23
Creative Communications		1,000	399		601
Focus Fund		1,750	610		1,140
IBC Youth Grant		920	500		420
Bluecoats		120			120
Total Restricted	499,945	49,162	37,226	0	511,881
Unrestricted Reserves					
Designated	24,444	5,944	4,600	0	25,788
Building Fund	7,672		4,422		3,250
General funds	106,329	222,792	235,242		93,880
	138,445	228,736	244,264	0	122,917
Total Funds	638,390	277,898	281,489	0	634,799

(a) Lingbergh Road Community Church (LRCC) is a church plant that operates independently but legally remains part of the charity. They raise their own funds so these are shown as restricted in our accounts.

(b) Money has been given specifically for the Associate Vicar post. This will be transferred to unrestricted as it is needed

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12. SOFA Comparatives

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted & Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Income from				
Donations and legacies	**2(a)**	27,738	181611	209,349
Investments			807	807
Charitable Activities	**2(b)**		52,002	52,002
Total Income		27,738	234,420	262,157
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	**3**	26,177	178,387	204,564
Total Expenditure		26,177	178,387	204,564
Net Income		1,561	56,032	57,593
Net movement in funds		1,561	56,032	57,593
Transfer of Funds		-	-	-
				-
Reconciliation of Funds:				-
Total funds brought forward		498,384	82,413	580,797
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**499,945**	**138,445**	**638,390**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, IPSWICH

England & Wales - Charity number 1131319

Accounts

ST AUGUSTINE'S IPSWICH

ANNUAL REPORT and **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended **31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich

Registered charity number 1131319
Financial year ended 31 December 2023

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Year ended 31 December 2023

Charity reference and administrative details

Trustees	Incumbent:	Rev Al Metcalfe
	Curate:	Rev Sarah Hall (from July 2023)
	Wardens:	Tim Naish Philip Stockley
	Treasurer:	Rachel Renfrew
	Self-Supporting Minister:	Revd Ian Daniels
	Representative Reader:	Julie Daniels
	Deanery Representatives:	Andrew Woods Colin Scott
	Elected Members	Adele Rudland Alice Blanchard Bev Smith Chris Cunnell Dan Schmuecker Jennifer Grace Katie Smith Kirsty Clarke Louise Cook Moira Briggs Steven Chittock Stephen Swan Sue Pettitt Una Korse
Charity number	1131319	
Registered office	St. Augustine's Community Hub Bucklesham Road IPSWICH IP3 8TH	
Contact Details	Tel: (01473) 723960 Email: office@staugustinesipswich.org.uk	
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Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC	

ST AUGUSTINE'S IPSWICH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The board of trustees present their reports and accounts for Parochial Church Council of St Augustine's Church, Ipswich ('St Augustine's' Ipswich) for the period ending 31st December 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been a Charity registered with the Charity Commission (Charity number 1131319) since July 30, 2009. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC which in 2023 comprised 23 members. The Parochial Church Council met on six occasions during 2023 and the APCM (Annual Parochial Council Meeting) took place on May 9, 2023.

Location and facilities

St Augustine's Ipswich is situated on the junction of Felixstowe Road and Bucklesham Road, Ipswich. It is part of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich within the Church of England. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the whole church complex (Church, Lantern Room and The Hub). The correspondence address is Church Office, The Hub, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, IP3 8TH.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

The Electoral Roll prepared for the 2023 Annual Church Meeting showed 220 on the Church Electoral Roll, 122 of whom were resident within the parish and 98 who were not. The average weekly attendance at worship, counted in October, was 175 adults and 23 children. With other midweek children's, youth and community activities, we estimate the average weekly reach of our ministry in 2023 to be around 350 people.

Volunteers

St Augustine's Ipswich benefits from the dedicated work of a large number of volunteers. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in these accounts.

Objects and Activities

St Augustine's PCC had the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Revd Al Metcalfe, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole vision of the church which is to make disciples of Jesus as we *gather* in his name, *grow* deeper in his Word and *give* away what we've been given.

We are especially committed to doing whatever it takes to see God bring us growth in three key areas: children, young people and families, discipleship to Jesus through small groups and especially Alpha, and ministries of compassion to our community.

In the last three years we have sent two church plants into our town: River Church, a new HTB church focussed on reaching students and young adults in the Waterfront area of the town; and Lindbergh Road Community Church, a missional community focussed on a neighbourhood within our own parish. Both are seeing the fruit of new disciples of Jesus.

We are now in a new phase of rebuilding and growth, and though we have no immediate plans to plant again, we are eager to continue to play our part in growing the kingdom of God in Ipswich.

Public Benefit

In accordance with our duties stated in section 17(5) of the Charities Act, we have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit. This public benefit has once again been demonstrated by the activities undertaken this year outlined below.

Achievements and Performance

This is an exciting time to be a part of the family at St Augustine's, a vibrant and growing church on the east side of Ipswich, within the Church of England in Suffolk and part of the HTB family of churches. We have set our hearts on following Jesus. We long to demonstrate the beauty of being his disciples – those who, in the words of Dallas Willard, 'are with him, learning to be like him.'

Gathering in worship and prayer forms the heart of our life together in Christ. Throughout 2023 we gathered for public worship every week of the year, twice on Sunday mornings (9 and 10.30am) and on Thursday morning (10.30am). We seek to make sense to people of every age and background in our parish, so loud-and-lively, contemplative and more traditional styles of worship all form part of our weekly programme. All our worship is in modern, comprehensible language, and while we value deep reverence in worship, we do not place importance on dress or ceremony.

Our average weekly attendance at worship grew 21% between 2022 and 2023, with 175 adults and 23 children recorded in October. We hosted three regular prayer meetings each week (Mondays at 9.30am and 7.30pm, Thursdays at 7am) with an average of 40 people taking part each week. Kingdom Come prayer nights offered an additional opportunity for the church to engage in free-flowing, Spirit-led worship and intercession, gathering up to 50 people on termly midweek evenings.

This all added up to a year of encouraging growth in our worshipping community for which we thank God and boldly ask for more. Alan Hirsch writes of the essence of discipleship as, 'To worship is to obey. It is not simply giving words; it is becoming like.' Deeper worship results in more obedience to Jesus, and holiness results in more blessing for our church, overflowing to our community.

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Our discipleship to Jesus inevitably results in a desire to share him with others, and increasingly our life together is becoming about joyfully and confidently inviting friends, family, neighbours and colleagues into relationship with him. 'Mission' is a word we try to use carefully – we do not merely wish it to be a synonym for 'action' but a clear indicator of our desire to see people becoming disciples of Jesus: men, women and children responding to the gospel and being born again, studying and taking seriously God's Word, being filled with his Spirit and sent to love and serve his world. In 2023 we again saw many first time professions of faith in Christ and were thrilled to baptise six believers in September.

Our three mission priorities continue to be: children, young people and families, adult evangelism and discipleship, and community compassion. Children, young people and families come first, starting with our high quality Sunday morning sessions which again ran weekly throughout 2023, apart from short breaks for school holidays, and our now well-established All Together services on

the first Sunday of each month, thanks to a committed team led by Melissa Naish.

Our weekly daytime groups for the under-5s, Music & Rhyme (Tuesday mornings) and Hippos (Wednesday mornings) regularly saw more than 60 children each week, building community and beginning to link their families into other areas of our church life. Messy Church once again ran three times during 2023, attracting up to 50 children each time, together with parents, grandparents and friends. Parenting Solo, a new monthly Saturday afternoon support group, gained traction and provided a much needed resource for single parents and their children.

Our provision for young people was adversely affected by the departure of our youth minister early in the year: our popular Youth Café was put on hiatus and Sunday ministry was reduced but continued thanks to the generosity of volunteers. A new injection of vision followed the appointment of Lydia Luetchford as part-time Youth Pastor in September, who made an impressive and energetic start with events including a fireworks night which gathered 12 young people and their friends – a great encouragement to the church.

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Adult evangelism and discipleship, including Alpha, forms the second of our mission priorities. Alpha continues to be a key place where people find faith in Jesus for the first time. Our two courses in 2023 saw 18 guests begin the course, some of these subsequently being baptised and joining our church family and others expressing a desire to continue journeying towards Jesus.

Helping disciples grow in Jesus are our Grow Groups, weekly or fortnightly opportunities to come around God's Word with a small number of fellow believers. During 2023 we launched one new group and starting making plans for two others. A ten-day focus on prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, nationally known as Thy Kingdom Come, saw many participating in new ways, including a busy Kingdom Come worship and prayer night.

Our Bible teaching on Sunday mornings (usually available on the St Augustine's YouTube page after each Sunday) aims to be inspirational, encouraging and practical in forming us as disciples. Much of the year focussed on expository teaching through the the Gospel of John. The church became familiar with Al's regular encouragement to 'bring a Bible to church', to focus our minds on God's Word and take our own notes. Outlines with questions, suggestions for welcome, worship and 'what next' are provided for group leaders after most talks. Resources such as *Bible in One Year* and *Lectio 365* are regularly promoted to encourage the priority of daily personal times with God.

During the course of the year we advertised for a new staff position, an Associate Vicar for Mission to oversee and drive forward our evangelism in 2024 and beyond. Revd Ros Williams, Curate at St Mark's Coventry was appointed in the autumn to take up her role in January 2024.

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Our third mission focus is community compassion. As well as ongoing pastoral care for our large and diverse church family, many of whom are very elderly or housebound, God is giving us the privilege of caring for an increasingly large number of those who are poor in spirit or simply lonely.

The TLC ('The Lighted Cross') Renew Wellbeing Cafe, a weekly space for local people to gather, connect and talk, continued to grow and flourish in 2023 with an average of 35 people regularly participating every Wednesday morning. Signposting is offered to local services, including to our Community Compassion Fund, a discretionary fund for people in our parish and wider church life facing financial hardship, alongside a range of hobbies and wellbeing activities. A meditative prayer space offers regulars the opportunity to pray and some clients have taken up the opportunity to investigate the Christian faith on Alpha. During the first few months of 2023, TLC offered a soup lunch and remained open later into the afternoon as a Winter Warm Space for local people. A pilot of the CAP Money course pointed to our desire to help those with debt issues in our community.

St Augustine's monthly Lunch Club is well-established and greatly valued by a large number of local elderly people, with over 40 guests regularly attending. Our seventh Holiday at Home week in June was a great success with excursions and entertainments for seniors in our community. Each event averaged around 50 guests, with some with us every day and others joining us once or twice. Each day's smiling faces and grateful comments confirmed that people had a wonderful time. Our valued Memorial services and Bereavement Journey this year developed into a regular support group for those coming to terms with loss, often seeing 15 people participating each month.

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There was very much more to celebrate in our life together in 2023...

In July we welcomed Revd Sarah Hall to our staff team as Curate. Sarah threw herself into church life, bringing energy and life into everything she got involved with. One activity that has returned after a long pause thanks to an enthusiastic new team led by Sarah, is our ministry to residential communities. We were able to restart outreach ministry in Prince George House with more to follow.

Also in July, a group of 30 headed to Focus, the weekend of the HTB Network, of which St Augustine's is a part. It is impossible to overestimate the value for a church like ours of being part of a bigger family with an annual chance to be refreshed by the Holy Spirit and have our vision stretched.

Because we recognise the centrality of encouraged, empowered leaders across the life of the church, we ran two Leaders' Mornings during the year, welcoming Pastor Harold Afflu in April, and Revd Johnny Douglas in November. We also offered a livestream version of the HTB leadership conference. These events aimed to invest in our large and gifted volunteer leadership team.

During the year two welcome lunches introduced more than 20 people to who we are as a church and how they could serve and get involved. A revised and updated version of Roy Tricker's *History of St Augustine's* was published, and we relaunched our website. We again supported the diocese's presence at the Suffolk Show, hosted a Diocesan Giving Day at which Al gave one of the keynote talks, and we were pleased once again to fulfil our commitment to pay parish share in full.

Regular monthly activities took place for men (Middlemen), women (Ladies Group) and specific interest groups such as our BSL signing group. Our high-quality facilities are also used on a regular basis by a myriad of community groups and small businesses, some of whom we assist with discounted or pro bono hiring. Local scoutling and guiding groups with longstanding relationships to the church continued to meet in our premises and took part in our worship on Remembrance Sunday. Our relationships with local charities such as Home for Good Suffolk, EACH and Headway continue to the benefit of clients and supporters. We now also provide a regular home to two other local churches from diaspora communities: a south-Indian Syrian Orthodox community which worships in Malayalam and a free church with Filipino roots., GGCIM.

Lindbergh Road Community Church (LRCC)

While still operating under our PCC and registered charity, LRCC's activities are many and varied and deserve a report of their own. This can be found on their website, www.lrccipswich.org.uk.

Staffing

As well as two full-time stipendiary clergy (Revd Al Metcalfe and Revd Sarah Hall), in 2023 St Augustine's also employed a part-time Youth Pastor (Matt Cornwell until April; Lydia Luetchford from September), a part-time Site Cleaner (David Cook succeeding Graham Denness in September), and a part-time Operations Manager (Lesley Brett).

Future Plans

The charity plans to continue expanding, and adding to its existing activities in forthcoming years, subject to satisfactory funding becoming available.

Reserves Policy

St Augustine's Ipswich aims to accumulate and retain as unrestricted reserves 2 months' running costs. At the end of 2023, unrestricted reserves totalled £45,247 which meets this requirement.

Financial Review

In the period to the end of 31st December 2023, St Augustine's Ipswich raised a total income of £262,157 against a total expenditure of £204,564. Unrestricted funds at the end of the year totalled £138,838 including designated funds of £24,444. Restricted funds at the end of the year totalled £499,945. The balance in the bank at the end of the year totalled £164,392, including £24,252 belonging to LRCC. For further details, please see the financial statements.

Safeguarding

The trustees have adopted the Church of England's safeguarding policy, relating to children, young people, and vulnerable adults. It was once again approved and adopted on December 5, 2023 and can be found on our website at www.staugustinesipswich.org.uk/safeguarding. Adele Rudland serves as Parish Safeguarding Officer, supported by the diocesan safeguarding officer. The trustees are committed to best practice in safeguarding, through the implementation of our policy, which includes provision for DBS checks, safeguarding training, safer recruitment, and practical measures to protect everybody involved in and served by the church.

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of St Augustine of Hippo

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year Ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 14 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the Preparation of the financial statements you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general
- Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(B) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my Attention.

Basis of this 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with Those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual Items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 No opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and to prepare financial statements, which accord With the accounting records and comply with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Lynn Aldous MAAT PM DIP
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Stowmarket
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23 APRIL 2024

Signature & Date: L.T. Aldous 24-04-2024

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted & Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	27,738	181611	209,349	177,790
Investments			807	807	26
Charitable Activities	2(b)		52,002	52,002	36,891
Total Income		27,738	234,420	262,157	214,707
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	26,177	178,387	204,564	194,948
Total Expenditure		26,177	178,387	204,564	194,948
Net Income		1,561	56,032	57,593	19,760
Net movement in funds		1,561	56,032	57,593	19,760
Transfer of Funds		-	-	-	-
				-	-
Reconciliation of Funds:				-	-
Total funds brought forward		498,384	82,413	580,797	561,037
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**499,945**	**138,445**	**638,390**	**580,797**

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		468,143		468,536
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	9,352		4,357	
Bank & Cash in hand	9	164,392		93,684	
		173,745		98,041	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within 1 year	10	(3,498)		(2,448)	
Net Current Assets			170,247		95,593
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			**638,390**		**564,129**
Represented by:					
Restricted Funds	11		499,945		498,384
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			138445		82,413
Total Funds			**638,390**		**580,797**

Signed and approved on the behalf of the PCC on 30 April 2024

Trustee Revd Al Metcalfe (Chair)

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011 the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is he functional currency of the charity.

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.
For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.
Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time (although expenses relating to there role is included in project costs) in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report
Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.
Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.
For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.
Interest on funds on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company , this is normally upon notification of the interest by the bank.

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs , governance costs , administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads and central functions have been allocated on an activity costs basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds	Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.
Designated funds	Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes . The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements
(e) Tax	Exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Any Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.
(f) Debtors	Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
Liabilities and Provisions	Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement , and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.
Financial instruments	This entity only has assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

(i) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	33% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and Fittings	10% Straight line

(j) Going Concern
The Trustees consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead

2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	2023			2022
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	18,738	131,373	150,111	136,581
Legacies	1,000	50,168	51,168	26,321
Grants	8,000	-	8,000	14,018
Other		70	70	870
Total	27,738	181,611	209,349	177,790

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	2023			2022
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income from hire		38,180	38,180	25,536
Income from Activities		6,716	6,716	4,830
Occasional Office		7,106	7,106	5,964
Other			-	560
Total	-	52,002	52,002	36,891

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Notes to the Accounts (cont.)
Year ended 31 December 2023

(3a) Direct Costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	32747	37,414
	32747	37,414

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

	2023 £	2022 £
Activity Costs	35427	39919
Comms, Publicity & Advertising	6363	1,191
Property costs	35678	20,777
Training	963	637
Office Expenses	3211	2,642
Insurance	3295	2,929
Professional fees	200	3,791
Telephone & Broadband	927	1,244
Depreciation	393	393
Bank Charges	34	72
Parish Share	82621	81,103
Occasional Office	2707	2,836
Governance costs	0	-
	171818	157,534
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	204564	194,948

4. Governance Costs	**2023**	**2022**
	£	**£**
Independent examination	200	200
Trustee exps	-	-
Legal and Professional fees	-	-
	200	200

5. Employees		
	£	**£**
Wages & Salaries	36,838	36,838
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pensions	576	576
	37,414	37,414

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	all part time	3	3
		3	3

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

6.Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

During both years reported on no remuneration or benefits in kind only travel expenses reimbursement were made to trustees this year

7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

	Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 Jan 2023	465,000	3,929	468,929
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	465,000	3,929	468,929
Depreciation			
At 1 Jan 2023	-	393	393
Charge for Year	-	393	393
At 31 December 2023	-	786	786
Net Book Values			
At 31 December 2023	**465,000**	**3,143**	**468,143**
At 31 December 2022	465,000	3,536	468,536

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accounts receivable	3077	1691
Gift Aid due	6276	2666
	9,352	4,357

9. Cash at bank and in hand

Current Account	24,576	92,728
LRCC Current account	24,136	805
Deposit Account Restricted Funds	94,530	
Deposit Account M & M	20,803	
Petty Cash	151	151
Petty Cash LRCC	116	
Sum Up account	80	
	164,392	93,684

10. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	1,220	692
Payroll Liabilities	1,168	1,168
Pension	15	15
Damage Deposits	750	300
Redirected Gifts	20	
Credit card	325	273
	3,498	2,448

11. Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 31 December 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 December 2023
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
Community Hub Property	465,000	-	-		465,000
LRCC Fund	24,613	10,451	11,471		23,592
Youth Fund	3,044	2,000	2,986		2,058
Lantern Room	1,867		1,867		(0)
Community Compassion Fund	2,189	315	700	-	1,804
TLC Grant	831				831
Parenting Solo	760	-	760		-
Designated Gifts	81	732	813		(0)
Carols on the Green		150	150		
Associate Vicar		6,500			6,500
Legacy		1,000	1,000		-
Elizabeth Walters Trust		1,000	1,000		-
Hippos grant		500	430		70
Diocese Heating Grant		5,000	5,000		-
Defibrillator		90			90
Total Restricted	498,384	27,738	26,177	-	499,945
Unrestricted Reserves					
Designated	24,389	2,773	2,718	-	24,444
Building Fund	12,777		5,105		7,672
General funds	45,247	231,647	170,171		106,722
	82,413	234,420	177,995	-	138,838
Total Funds	580,797	262,157	204,171	-	638,783

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, IPSWICH

England & Wales - Charity number 1131319

Accounts

ST AUGUSTINE'S IPSWICH

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich
Registered charity number 1131319
Financial year ended 31 December 2022

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The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich

Year ended 31 December 2022

Charity reference and administrative details

Trustees	Incumbent:	Revd Al Metcalfe
	Curates:	Revd Amy Key (until June 2022) Revd Matt Key
	Youth Worker:	Matthew Cornwell
	Wardens:	Nigel Cook Tim Naish
	Treasurer:	Rachel Renfrew
	Self-Supporting Minister:	Revd Ian Daniels
	Representative Reader:	Julie Daniels
	Deanery Representatives:	Andrew Woods Colin Scott Sue Pettit
	Elected Members:	Adele Rudland Alice Blanchard Bev Smith Dan Schmuecker Jennifer Grace Katie Smith Kirsty Clarke Moira Briggs Steve Chittock Yvonne Swan
	In attendance:	Revd Jennifer Ragan
Charity number	1131319	
Registered office	St. Augustines Community Hub Bucklesham Road IPSWICH IP3 8TH	
Contact details	Tel: (01473) 723960 Email: office@staugustinesipswich.org.uk	
Independent Examiner	Lynn Aldous MAAT PM DIP 4 Layham Gardens Stowmarket IP14 2PY	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC	

ST AUGUSTINE'S IPSWICH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The board of trustees present their reports and accounts for Parochial Church Council of St Augustine's Church, Ipswich ('St Augustine's' Ipswich) for the period ending 31st December 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been a Charity registered with the Charity Commission (Charity number 1131319) since July 30, 2009. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC which in 2022 comprised 21 members. The Parochial Church Council met on six occasions during 2022 and the APCM (Annual Parochial Council Meeting) took place on May 3, 2022.

Location and facilities

St Augustine's Ipswich is situated on the junction of Felixstowe Road and Bucklesham Road, Ipswich. It is part of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich within the Church of England. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the whole church complex (Church, Lantern Room and The Hub). The correspondence address is Church Office, The Hub, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, IP3 8TH.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

The Electoral Roll prepared for the 2022 Annual Church Meeting showed 214 on the Church Electoral Roll, 91 of whom were not resident within the parish and 123 who were resident. The average weekly attendance at worship, counted in October, was 93 adults and 19 children (Sunday only) rising to 125 adults with our Thursday Morning Communion service. With children's, youth and community activities, we estimate the average weekly reach of our ministry in 2022 to be around 300 people.

Volunteers

St Augustine's Ipswich benefits from the dedicated work of a large number of volunteers. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in these accounts.

Objects and Activities

St Augustine's PCC had the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Revd Al Metcalfe, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole vision of the church which is to make disciples of Jesus as we gather in his name, grow deeper in his Word and give away what we've been given.

We are especially committed to doing whatever it takes to see God bring us growth in three key areas: children, young people and families, discipleship to Jesus through small groups and especially Alpha, and ministries of compassion to our community.

In the last two years we have sent two church plants into our town: River Church, a new HTB church focussed on reaching young adults in the Waterfront area of the town; and Lindbergh Road Community Church, a small missional community focussed on a neighbourhood within our own parish. Both are seeing the fruit of new disciples of Jesus.

We are now in a new phase of rebuilding and growth, and though we have no immediate plans to plant again, we are eager to continue to play our part in growing the kingdom beyond our own parish.

Public Benefit

In accordance with our duties stated in section 17(5) of the Charities Act, we have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit. This public benefit has once again been demonstrated by the activities undertaken this year outlined below.

Achievements and Performance

St Augustine's community life emerges from and revolves around our pattern of prayer and worship. As John Piper memorably put it, 'Worship is the goal and the fuel of mission: Mission exists because worship doesn't.'

Throughout 2022 we gathered to pray and worship every week of the year, twice on Sunday mornings (9 and 10.30am) and once on Thursday morning (10am, becoming 10.30am early in the year). We believe the breadth of our worship is part of our strength, with loud and lively, contemplative and more traditional styles of worship all in our weekly programme. At Christmas and Easter our programme expanded to include additional services of worship; during the month of August, we gathered just once on Sunday to meet a reduced demand due to holidays. Hugely encouraging has been the continuing and growing response to our revived Thursday Morning Communion service.

Our weekly programme of prayer consists of two regular 'appointment' gatherings: on Monday evenings, on Zoom, and early on Thursday mornings, in person. Informal prayer in small groups and prayer triplets also takes place throughout the week.

The year saw a gradual increase in weekly numbers participating in all our worship and prayer activities, still somewhat down on recent memory due both to the aftermath of the COVID pandemic and former members, including key leaders, now gathering new congregations as River Church and Lindbergh Road Community Church (LRCC).

In January we officially sent out the River Church team led by Matt and Amy Key who had both served their curacies with us. As an independent registered charity of their own, their activities are reported separately and we rejoice in seeing them thriving and growing. Our connection with River continues as Al serves as a board member.

While still operating under our PCC and registered charity, LRCC's activities are extremely varied and also deserve a report of their own. This can be found on their website, lrccipswich.org.uk.

Children, young people and families is the first of our three missional priorities, and our offering here goes well beyond our excellent Sunday morning sessions which took place weekly throughout 2022, apart from short breaks for school holidays and our very popular All Together services on the first Sunday of the month.

Our weekly daytime groups for the under-5s, Music & Rhyme (Tuesday mornings) and Hippos (Wednesday mornings) saw unprecedented numbers each week, building community and beginning to feed families into other areas of our church life. One of these, Messy Church, ran three

times, becoming a nascent worshiping community in its own right.

Sunday mornings for young people offered a mix of breakfast Bible studies, and opportunities to serve in church, followed by lunch and games. Midweek, our Youth Cafe ran for young people of high school age most weeks of the year, offering a safe space to hang out and opportunity to build relationships.

Adult discipleship, including Alpha, forms the second of our missional priorities. Our Bible teaching on Sunday mornings (also usually available online after each Sunday) aims to be inspirational, encouraging and practical in forming each of us as disciples of Christ. Indeed our main teaching series in 2022, *Disciples*, used the lens of discipleship through which to read the Gospel of Luke. Among other things, we also discovered the beautiful paradoxes of Jesus' *Upside Down Kingdom,* and spend two months meeting Jesus 'as if for the first time' through the remarkable TV series *The Chosen.*

Helping us go deeper are weekly or fortnightly Grow Groups. We find there is no better way to grow as disciples of Jesus than to come around God's Word with a small number of fellow believers. A ten-day focus on prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come, saw many of us participating in new ways of prayer, including a Half Night of Prayer. A clear fruit of discipleship is adult baptisms and reaffirmations of baptismal faith, and we rejoiced with four brothers and sisters on Easter Day.

The ten-week Alpha continues to be a key place where people find faith in Jesus for the first time. Our two courses in 2022 saw around 20 people begin the course, many of these subsequently joining our church family. But it doesn't need a course to make a Christian, and God has also blessed us with new believers coming to faith through appeals as part of our worship on Sunday mornings.

Our third mission focus is community compassion. As well as ongoing pastoral care for our large and diverse church family, many of whom are very elderly and some of whom are housebound, we are caring for an increasingly large number of those who are poor in spirit or simply lonely.

St Augustine's monthly Lunch Club and annual Holiday at Home week are both well established and greatly valued by a large number of local people, as are the Bereavement Journey and Memorial services.

Adding to this, 2022 saw the continued growth and development of the TLC ('The Lighted Cross') Renew Wellbeing Cafe, a weekly space for local people to gather, connect and talk. Signposting to local services is offered alongside a range of hobbies and wellbeing activities. In October, the Cafe extended its opening hours, registering as a 'Winter Warm Space', joining a town-wide initiative to help people with the cost of living. The offer of a bowl of soup and a warm welcome was taken up by many who now consider themselves part of our wider church community.

This year also saw the launch of our Community Compassion Fund, a discretionary fund for people in our parish and wider church life facing financial hardship. Our hope is that this will be just one more way in which we can be a practical blessing to our local community.

A great deal else takes place under the banner of St Augustine's, helping to build family and share the good news of Jesus with our wider community. Because we recognise the centrality of encouraged, empowered leaders across the life of the church, we invested in two Leaders' Mornings during the year, welcoming Bishop Sandy Millar in May, and Revd Johnny Douglas in November. Both occasions felt like significant milestones in our life together.

In July, a group of 30 headed to Focus, the weekend of the HTB Network, of which St Augustine's is a part. It is impossible to overestimate the importance for a local church like ours of being part of something bigger, being refreshed by the Holy Spirit and having our vision stretched.

Regular monthly activities took place for men (Middlemen), women (Ladies Group, Sisterhood) and interest groups such as a BSL signing group. Our high-quality facilities are also used on a regular basis by a myriad of community groups and small businesses, some of whom we assist with discounted or pro bono hiring. Our longstanding relationship with local charities such as EACH and Headway continue to the benefit of clients and supporters.

Finally, the year was both happy and deeply sad as we marked both the Queen's Jubilee in May and her passing in September with celebrations and opportunities for prayer and reflection on the life and legacy of our deeply committed Christian monarch.

Staffing

As well as a full-time stipendiary clergy (Revd Al Metcalfe), in 2022 St Augustine's also employed a part-time Youth Minister, a part-time Cleaner, and (from August) a part-time Operations Manager.

Future Plans

The charity plans to continue expanding, and adding to its existing activities in forthcoming years, subject to satisfactory funding becoming available.

Reserves Policy

St Augustine's Ipswich aims to accumulate and retain as unrestricted reserves 2 months' running costs. At the end of 2022, unrestricted reserves totalled £38,218 which meets this requirement.

Financial Review

In the period to the end of 31st December 2022, St Augustine's Ipswich raised a total income of £214,707 against a total expenditure of £194,948. Unrestricted funds at the end of the year totalled £82,413, including designated funds of £37,196. Restricted funds at the end of the year totalled £498,384. The balance in the bank at the end of the year totalled £109,184, including £26,116 belonging to LRCC. For further details, please see the financial statements.

Safeguarding

The trustees have adopted the Church of England's safeguarding policy, relating to children, young people, and vulnerable adults. During 2022, Nigel Cook served alongside Revd Al Metcalfe as Safeguarding Officer, supported by the diocesan safeguarding officer. The trustees are committed to best practice in safeguarding, through the implementation of our policy, which includes provision for DBS checks, safeguarding training, safer recruitment, and practical measures to protect everybody involved in and served by the church.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Augustine of Hippo

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out in the following pages

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of this 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 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.

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Signature & Date L.T Aldous. 24/4/23.

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted & Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and legacies	**2(a)**	25,346	152,444	177,790	193,004
Investments			26	26	-
Charitable Activities	**2(b)**	590	36,301	36,891	17,713
Total Income		25,936	188,771	214,707	202,698
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	**3**	33,103	161,845	194,948	171,678
Total Expenditure		33,103	161,845	194,948	153,441
Net Income		(7,167)	26,926	19,760	49,257
Net movement in funds		(7,167)	26,926	19,760	49,257
Transfer of Funds		(19,047)	19,047	-	-
				-	
Reconciliation of Funds:				-	
Total funds brought forward		524,598	36,439	561,037	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**498,384**	**82,413**	**580,797**	**561,037**

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements **

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		468,536		465,000
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	4,357		3,668	
Bank & Cash in hand	9	109,184		93,684	
		113,541		97,352	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within 1 year	10	(1,280)		(1,315)	
Net Current Assets			112,261		96,037
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			**580,797**		**561,037**
Represented by:					
Restricted Funds	11		498,384		524,598
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			82413		36,439
Total Funds			**580,797**		**561,037**

Signed and approved on the behalf of the PCC on 2/5/ 2022

A Metcalfe

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Trustee Name ..... AL METCALFE, CHAIR

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011 the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.
For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.
Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time (although expenses relating to there role is included in project costs) in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report
Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.
Interest on funds on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company , this is normally upon notification of the interest by the bank.

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs , governance costs , administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads and central functions have been allocated on an activity costs basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds	Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.
Designated funds	Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes . The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements
(e) Tax	Exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Any Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.
(f) Debtors	Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
Liabilities and Provisions	Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement , and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.
Financial instruments	This entity only has assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

(i) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	33% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and Fittings	15% Reducing Balance

(j) Going Concern
The Trustees consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead

2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	2022			2021	
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Donations	12,155	124,426	136,581	136,024	
Legacies	-	26,321	26,321	6,750	
Grants	13,191	827	14,018	50,230	
Other		870	870		
Total	25,346	152,444	177,790	193,004	210,717

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	2022			2021
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Hub		25,536	25,536	9,463
Income from Activities		4,830	4,830	2,587
Occasional Office	30	5,934	5,964	5,541
Other	560		560	122
Total	590	36,301	36,891	17,713

(3a) Direct Costs	**2022** **£**	**2021** **£**
Wages and salaries	37,414	33,950
	37,414	33,950

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

	2022 **£**	**2021** **£**
Activity Costs	39919	41628
Comms, Publicity & Advertising	1,191	173
Property costs	20,777	10,996
Training	637	-
Office Expenses	2,642	3,626
Insurance	2,929	2,727
Professional fees	3,791	
Telephone & Broadband	1,244	815
Depreciation	393	-
Bank Charges	72	32
Parish Share	81,103	75,000
Occasional Office	2,836	2,730
Governance costs	-	-
	157,534	137,728
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	194,948	171,678

4. Governance Costs	**2022**	**2021**
	£	**£**
Independent examination	200	200
Trustee exps	-	-
Legal and Professional fees	-	-
	200 0	200

5. Employees

	£	**£**
Wages & Salaries	36,838	
Social Security Costs	-	
Pensions	576	
	37,414	-

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	all part time	3	2
		3	2

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

6.Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

During both years reported on no remuneration or benefits in kind only travel expenses reimbursement were made to trustees this year

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

	Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	465,000	-	465,000
Additions	-	3,929	3,929
At 31 December 2022	465,000	3,929	468,929
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	-	-	-
Charge for Year	-	393	393
At 31 December 2022	-	393	393
Net Book Values			
At 31 December 2022	**465,000**	**3,536**	**468,536**
At 31 March 2021	465,000	-	465,000

8. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accounts receivable	1691	975
Gift Aid due	2666	2694
	4,357	3,668

10. Cash at bank and in hand

Current Account	20,390	92,728
LRCC Current account	26,116	805
Deposit Account Restricted Funds	31,608	
Deposit Account M & M	30,918	
Petty Cash	151	151
	109,184	93,684

9. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	692	1,197
Payroll Liabilities	-	-
Pension	15	
Damage Deposits	300	50
Credit card	273	68
	1,280	1,315

11. Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 31 December 2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 December 2022
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
Community Hub Property	465,000	-	-		465,000
LRCC Fund	30,234	16,375	21,996		24,613
Church planting Fund	321	2,045	2,366		-
Building Fund	20,297	-	-	(20,297)	-
Youth Fund	4,014	150	1,121		3,044
Lantern Room	4,730		2,863		1,867
Community Compassion Fund		1,115	176	1,250	2,189
TLC Grant		4,501	3,670		831
Parenting Solo		940	180		760
Designated Gifts		811	730		81
Total Restricted	524,598	25,936	33,103	(19,047)	498,384
Unrestricted Reserves					
Designated	9,581	28,672	4,440	(9,425)	24,388
Building Fund	-		3,591	16,368	12,777
General funds	26,859	160,099	153,814	12,104	45,247
	36,439	188,771	161,845	19,047	82,412
Total Funds	561,037	214,707	194,948	0	580,797

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for the year ended 31 December 2021

Chair of PCC:	Rev Al Metcalfe
Treasurer:	Mrs D L Finch
Independent Examiner:	Mrs L Aldous

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Aims & Purposes

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Augustine's PCC had the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Revd Al Metcalfe, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole vision of the church which is:

'To play our part in the re-evangelisation of the nation, the revitalization of the church, and the transformation of society'

as people come to faith in God through our mission to:

'Know Jesus, show his love and make him known.'

The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church Complex (Church, Lantern Room and Church Halls).

Electoral Role and Attendance

The Electoral Roll prepared for the 2021 Annual Church Meeting showed 209 on the Church Electoral Roll, 83 of whom were not resident within the parish and 126 who were resident. The average weekly attendance at worship, counted in October, was 86 adults and 17 children (Sunday only) and 115 adults and 17 children (including Thursday morning Holy Communion), still significantly down on previous years because of coronavirus measures.

Coronavirus Pandemic

2021 was another year marked by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK. January 6 saw the country entering a third national lockdown, dramatically affecting every area of our national life including commerce, culture, education and places of worship. Much of the rest of the year was governed by a 'Roadmap', with the government gradually lifting restrictions as a vast vaccination programme was gradually rolled out. Life began to return to an approximation of normality in the autumn but by the end of the year, threats of a new and more contagious variant of the coronavirus affected many people's plans for celebrating Christmas and New Year. As a result, 2021 will be remembered as another uniquely challenging year to run a church or be part of one but St Augustine's church family responded with faith and resilience to the changing circumstances thanks to a strong leadership team, a united PCC and two committed church wardens.

The Year in Review

January to March

The year began with the decision to take our Sunday worship back online only, after a few months of in-person (but greatly restricted) gatherings at the end of 2020. **Services were again livestreamed** from inside the church, made possible by a dedicated team of musicians and technical volunteers. A new teaching series **'The New Normal'** took us through the Gospel of Mark up to Easter. In February we began a **popular 'coffee and chat' time on Zoom** after each Sunday's service, hosted by different individuals or couples from their home each week. We also experimented with streamed extended worship times called 'Soaking.' We resumed in-person services at the end of March, with booking required to manage the restriction on capacity. **Prayer Online** continued twice weekly on Monday evenings (hosted by Sarah Stone) and Thursday mornings (hosted by Matt and Amy Key). **Children's ministry** continued online thanks to a dedicated team led by Melissa Naish with a Monday afternoon meeting called 'KidsConnect', online Music & Rhyme sessions and Bible activity packs via email for parents to do with kids. Our **young people** also met on Sunday mornings online, and experimented with 'walk and talk' sessions. While many of our **gathered community ('Connect') groups** were still on hiatus, some continued throughout the spring lockdown, including our popular signing group. We ran a second online **Alpha Course** and saw four people choosing to follow Jesus as a result later in the spring.

In January, we mourned the passing of **Ann Boxall**, a long-standing and well-respected member of our church family. Ann was a Reader, former Girl Guiding leader, and had responsibility for many areas of church life over the years. A funeral and thanksgiving service were shared online in February.

On January 31 and after numerous delays, we commissioned and sent Ian and Julie Daniels and a small team to formally begin **Lindbergh Road Community Church**. Archdeacon Rhiannon King joined us for this important milestone event – the first of two new churches to be planted from St Augustine's over two years. A vision night for the second of these, **River Church,** took place in February as a team began to form around our curates Amy and Matt Key.

PCC, Leadership and Ministry Team meetings were all held regularly online. A new **Finance and Giving Group** was convened to work on behalf of the PCC to address long-standing issues with our finances, chaired by Al, with a membership of Tim Naish, Jenny Grace, Donna Finch and Graeme Richardson. An early focus was discussion of the future of the Church Halls – making them sustainable again, and indeed profit-making.

Throughout this time, our network of clergy and group leaders provided **pastoral care** to our large congregation via telephone and Zoom calls and walks in the open air. Al began a regular **'vicar's newsletter'** to around 100 people who had not been able to access our services online and continued with this through until the autumn. A team put together and delivered blessing bags for volunteers at our local vaccination centre. On **March 23**, there was a national minute's silence to show support for the millions of people who've been bereaved. That night we lit up the outside of the church and tower in yellow, attracting attention on social media.

April to August

We reopened our doors for in-**person Sunday worship** at the familiar times of 9am and 10.30 in time for Easter. Although we were still unable to sing in church under government restrictions, we got around this by ending each service outside and singing loudly each week. After Easter we began a new sermon series called

'Grace is the Word', taking a deep dive into the gift of God's grace. This was followed in the summer by a series through the Old Testament book of **Daniel**. Children's and youth ministry continued as in the spring, introducing outdoor Hippo Trails as the weather improved. Later in the summer, **Summer Fun** sessions in local parks helped to gather our children back together.

We brought together our **whole leadership team** for a Saturday morning on April 17. It was incredible to finally worship together in person again, to look back on all that had happened since lockdown and to begin to share a vision for the future. We also convened a new team to review and develop our **communications, especially social media**. A new team formed around Andrew and Jenny Grace to look after the gardening and grounds, including renovations to the church halls, now branded the **St Augustine's Community Hub**. We conducted a user's consultation on the future of the Hub, which concluded with a new vision document, hiring policy and a fresh way forward in time for reopening in the autumn.

Our APCM in May was a 'hybrid' meeting, with some attending in person and some online. We reelected Nigel Cook and Graeme Richardson as Church Wardens. Al's address was focused on thanking those who served above and beyond during the incredible challenges of 2020 (interregnums are difficult even without global pandemics!) with a special mention to Revd Ian Daniels who chaired the interim senior leadership team.

Thy Kingdom Come, the Archbishops' annual prayer focus ran from 13 to 23 May and again was a 'hybrid' event. Prayer bags were put together and delivered to those who could not make it to church. There was also a hybrid Half Night of Prayer, walking, running or cycling at Prayer on the Move, and the more sedate Cake and Prayer. In June, we had the joy of **baptizing by full immersion** three adult believers, two of whom became Christians on our spring Alpha course. On the same day, we celebrated with Revd Alec George, retired clergy in our parish, the 50th anniversary of his priesting. We ran a **stewardship campaign in June**, following a short series on Money and Giving, as part of the FGG's focus on increasing giving from within the church family. Our **Family Funday** in July was a huge success – a time for the church family to reconnect and meet new friends as we threw open the doors to the Church, Hub and our grounds, with a bouncy castle, loads of games, BBQ and train rides.

At the end of July we moved into 'Step 4' of the Government's roadmap which meant we no longer required booking for services and we could sing indoors again. It was no longer mandatory to wear a face covering inside church, but we continued to suggest that people did, especially while singing, in line with most shops, theatres and other places where people gather indoors.

September to December

The Autumn saw the church taking several positive steps towards getting back to normal. We increased the capacity of our Sunday services, removed the requirement to book and resumed serving refreshments but attendance was very slow to build. A teaching series exploring what the Bible has to say about **The Heart** kicked off the Autumn, followed by Harvest, Remembrance services and a visit from a special guest Johnny Douglas. In Advent, we looked at characters in the Christmas story who were **'Changed by Jesus even before he was born'**, trailing a new series through the Gospel of Luke for the spring of 2022.

A new **Thursday Morning Communion** service was launched in the Lantern Room, building on a popular gathering at Broke Hall House prior to the first lockdown. An enthusiastic and committed team, including clergy from neighbouring parishes makes this popular weekly service sustainable. Our popular seniors' **Lunch Club** opened again on a monthly basis thanks to leadership from Jenny Grace and a team.

Our Hub complex saw an uptick in bookings as more groups and organisations returned to meeting regularly. These included previous regulars, the local **Guiding and Scouting groups**, **Flower Club**, **Women's Institute** and others. New regular hirers, including our local NHS Pulmonary Rehab clinic, have improved the financial outlook, while making space for local community groups such as the Suffolk Soul Singers. The church continues to support the valuable work of **Home for Good** with a pro bono regular booking in the Lantern Room. Sadly around this time, the Mothers' Union branch associated with the church decided to close. Some members continue to be part of our popular **Ladies' Group**; some have joined other local branches.

The Autumn also saw a return to regular pastoral visiting of the elderly and housebound, although local hospitals and care homes remained closed to most visitors. Our **Bereavement Journey** team led by Linda Denness and Liz Mears ran their first course in two years, gratefully received and complemented by the return of the **memorial service** in October. A church memorial service for **Marjorie Wakeling** saw the church full for the first time in memory as people came to pay tribute to a much missed great woman of faith. **Holiday at Home** steering group decided not to go ahead with a Christmas gathering and to leave resuming ministry until 2022.

In September, the **River Church** team which had been forming throughout the year around our curates Amy and Matt Key hosted an **open evening** for St Augustine's at which we worshipped and prayed together for the 20 or so from our congregation who would be officially sent in January. However, once a Bishop's Mission Order had been signed, River Church was permitted to begin meeting publicly from September 29 to catch students arriving in the town at the start of the academic year. Amy and Matt's involvement in St Augustine's reduced considerably but they technically remained curates at St Augustine's.

As the Autumn drew on, we began to see more lovely glimpses of the church community gradually coming back to life, new people joining us on Sundays (some of whom found us online over lockdown) and old friends returning. A large **welcome lunch** gathered 15 new people together with existing members. Our **Early Morning Prayer** each week on Thursdays became a vibrant place of vision and intercession, while Prayer Online on Monday evenings continued with strength. Many of our **Connect Groups** fell into abeyance during the lockdown, but some survived, continuing to meet to encourage one another and pointing the way forward for a renewal of this important area of church life in 2022. A **leaders' weekend with Johnny Douglas** encouraged and strengthened our whole leadership team.

The **TLC Renew Wellbeing Cafe** opened its doors in October 2021, offering weekly safe space for people struggling with loneliness and mental health issues. This is a successful outworking of our mission both to grow in social action, providing space 'where it's ok not to be ok' and extend our worship offering with contemplative prayer.

In the closing months of the year, a new wave of COVID-19 because of a highly transmissible variant meant that some Christmas events later in December were regrettably cancelled, but others, such as the long-standing **EACH Christmas Carol Service** went ahead with great success. We celebrated the end of another complex and demanding year in the knowledge that even in the darkest times, God is with us in Jesus.

LRCC Year in Review

Officially launched in January 2021, Lindbergh Road Community Church has seen a year of growth in all areas. A soft start of our activities stemmed back to mid 2020 in the midst of the pandemic. During the lockdown at the start of 2021 a core group of 6 (the original core team of 4 plus two others) met weekly on zoom. From Easter onwards as restrictions gradually eased we met outside every Sunday afternoon, managing ourselves according to the rule of 6 initially and then expanding as it became possible. We launched the highly successful Games on the Green initiative for local families with funding and support

from our local borough councillors and thanks to generous grants from a number of other organisations we have been able to continuously deliver detached youthwork (being out on the streets, meeting young people where they are) as well as launch a new local initiative called Youth Connect, providing opportunities for mentoring, skills training and support for young people. In collaboration with another Inspiring Ipswich group, Engage Ravenswood, we launched a monthly Messy Church in September, building on our previous work sending out Messy Church in a bag since April; then in October we began meeting weekly for worship, prayer and teaching, including a monthly communion.

LRCC produces a monthly update – you can register to receive it by contacting revian@lrccipswich.org.uk or just speak to Ian or Julie.

LRCC leads through three strands – our adults, our youth, and our children and families. We wanted to finish by sharing some blessings and reflections from the year.

From the adults work:

We have spent some time exploring the idea of meeting to be fed in one place and meeting to serve in another. This has come out of a sense of calling two of our regular attendees felt growing in them over some time. They have been regular worshippers at a Baptist church for several years. That church recently sent people out to plant and also to reenergise other church families – they felt the call to do something but clearly God also called them not to go on any of the other teams. When LRCC came along they were led to us with a strong sense of God doing something exciting in this area. I think (sometimes without knowing it) they continually bring prophetic words to us and great encouragement. They have amazing hearts for God and in conversation with someone else on the LRCC team we both agreed we discerned God bringing them into leadership at LRCC in the future.

From the youth work:

We have been greatly encouraged and affirmed through the support from Ipswich Borough Council and other local agencies. They are seeing things in what we are doing that is transformational for the young people in this neighbourhood.

One young person, met whilst out on detached youthwork, raised safeguarding concerns for the team. These were of course reported. We later found out that we had provided the last critical piece of the puzzle of what was really going on for that young person and as a result the proper interventions could be made.

Our youth work is also opening opportunities with other members of staff working with young people at Inspire Suffolk. They're all curious about what we are doing and why; and when one pops in to ask "So what actually happens at a Bible study?" we praise and thank God for putting us in the right places.

From the children and families work

It is amazing to be able to work with children, their families, and other adults all together on a Sunday evening. We all look at the same Bible reading but in age-appropriate ways. There are challenges at times but there are great blessings as the children bless the adults with their creativity and insights.

We have been continuing to build a great relationship with staff at Inspire Suffolk which has led to a potential opportunity to work with them to create a family friendly space with potential openings for the local community and more targeted work with toddlers in the future. We believe that God is opening doors there to create something desperately needed.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Ipswich Deanery Synod, along with our clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the Church in Ipswich. The meetings continue to be missional, inspirational, relational and pastoral intricately linked with the aims and aspirations of Inspiring Ipswich. Meetings continued to be held via Zoom. In February, the Revd. Charlotte Cook of Westerfield was licensed as Assistant Area Dean, Helen Smith was commissioned as Inspiring Ipswich Administrator and Prayer Facilitator and Revd Canon Tim Montgomery Lead on the Transforming Wigan Project gave an insight into the workings of the project and asked some searching questions to aid Synod in our quest to Inspire Ipswich and further the Kingdom. In June, Katherine Ahluwalia presented the work of Lighthouse Women's Aid and shared key learning points on domestic abuse which has increased since the lockdowns brought about by the pandemic, and our own curates Amy and Matt formally introduced the vision for River Church to the deanery. In November, the national 'Living in Love and Faith' project was introduced and discussed with the goal of 'listening compassionately and becoming informed.'

Buildings and Management

Office employees:

Due to the ongoing lockdowns and uncertainty about the future, the PCC made the decision on the advice of our Finance and Giving Group to make the post of part-time Parish Administrator redundant at the beginning of the year, keeping open the post of part-time Treasurer. At the end of the 2021, our treasurer Donna Finch gave notice to return to a position with England Netball. Graham Denness continued to work as part-time cleaner across the church and Hub complex.

Church Complex

Renovations began on the church halls, now branded the St Augustine's Community Hub. We conducted a user's consultation on the future of the Hub, which concluded with a new vision document, hiring policy and a fresh way forward in time for reopening in the autumn. While occupancy to that point was minimal, we began to build up bookings from hirers old and new as the year came towards an end.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Augustine of Hippo

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 10 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of this 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 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.

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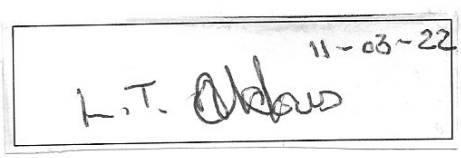
Signature & Date 

Financial Review 2021

The total **income** for 2021 in to the unrestricted fund is £126,271.84 (1) the income in to the designated funds is £15,122.38 (2) and the income in to the restricted funds are £69,322.85 (3) (which is mainly made up of £29,267.03 restricted LRCC Fund and £20,297.03 Building Fund Funds) The total income for 2021 is £210,717.07 (5) which is around 28% increase on 2020 (6) but still 18% below 2019 (£245,438.33) This increase relates to significant grants/legacies to our Designated funds LRCC and River Church. St Augustine's Mission and Ministry fund were only slightly above 2020 (2020 Donations £11,406.40, 2021 £14,467.79 and income 2020 £108,050.09, 2021 £111,803.92 but still below 2019 £164,016.38.

The total **expenditure** for 2021 from the unrestricted fund is £115,778.11 (7) the expenditure from the designated funds is £7,594.13 (8) the expenditure from the restricted funds is £48306.20 (9) which is made up of LRCC, River Church and Staff Wages. Therefore the total expenditure for 2021 is £171,678.44 (10) which is 18% increase on 2020 £145,376.58 (11) but still 32% below 2019 (£226,397.19) this is due to a slow staged opening up after the national lockdowns.

The **Balance Sheet** shows

Debtor (13) Total of £3,668.00 constitutes the estimated expected Gift Aid (HMRC rebate) for September to December 2021 and £974.00 Hub Hire fees.

Cash in Hand (14) Current balance as of 31st December 2021 in the Lloyds Bank £93,683.84

Creditors (15) the total has risen this year to £1,247.21.

The funds are represented by

General fund £26,926.51

Younger Church £251.71 Income balance from Music & Rhyme and Donations

Holiday at Home remains at £156.06 with no activities occurring in 2021

Outreach Fund £1,476.06 is represented by Donations for Puppets, Carols, Donations for LYN Christmas and St Augustine's Fun Day.

Pastoral Care has increased to £1250.00 with a generous Donation and a change of purpose. This fund will now be referred to as the Community Compassion Fund.

Church Planting Fund (River Church) £321.25 this is a balance of Gift Aid claim and Stewardship.

LRCC Fund £30,234.47 within St Augustine's Current Bank account

LRCC Bank Account £804.94

Building Fund £20,297.03, represents £18,071.15 Legacy, £1,480.50 Insurance Claim and £745.88 Donations for the Cross upkeep.

Lantern Room £4,730.36

St Augustine's has paid 93% (£75,000) of our official allocated Parish Share which is £80,714

Gift Aid In Q1, 2 & 3 we achieved claiming back £16,087.18 including Q4 we would anticipate a grand total of £18,780.68 (£15,923.93 directly for St Augustine's)

Reserve Policy indicated 2 months of expenditure should be held in reserve, based on 2021 expenditure we should be holding a minimum of £22,000 in reserve. St Augustine's Cash in Hand is £25,441.49 and as such, we continue to meet the PCC's requirement on reserves but aim to increase our Mission & Ministry fund.

The Year ahead

We continue to face a challenge in relation to our Finances, as the Finance and Giving Group we hope to analyse income and Expenditure and with the formation of a strategic plan aiming to reduce our monthly deficit whilst continuing with our Mission and Ministry.

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	14,467.92	4,676.55	52,865.21	—	72,009.68	36,281.68
Investments	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other income	111,803.92	10,445.83	16,457.64	—	138,707.39	126,854.92
Total income and endowments from:	(1) 126,271.84	(2) 151,22.38	(3) 69,322.85	—	(5) 210,717.07	(6) 163,136.6
Expenditure on:						
Other expenditure	115,778.11	7,594.13	48,306.20	—	171,678.44	145,376.58
Total expenditure on:	(7) 115,778.11	(8) 7,594.13	(9) 48,306.2	—	(10) 171,678.44	(11) 145,376.58
Net income / (expenditure)	10,493.73	7,528.25	21,016.65	—	39,038.63	17,760.02
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	480.01	15.16	18,990.49	—	19,485.66	10,450.05
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	- 15.17	- 19,470.49	—	- 19,485.66	- 10,450.05
Net income / (expenditure)	10,973.74	7,528.24	20,536.65	—	39,038.63	17,760.02
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	10,973.74	7,528.24	20,536.65	—	39,038.63	17,760.02
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	15,952.77	2,052.39	504,060.84	—	522,066.00	504,305.98
Total funds carried forward	26,926.51	9,580.63	524,597.49	—	561,104.63	522,066.00

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Balance sheet (Summary)
As at: 31 December 2021

		As at 31/12/2021 £	As at 31/12/2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		465,000.00	465,000.00
		465,000.00	465,000.00
Current assets			
Debtors	(13)	3,668.00	4,032.70
Cash at bank and in hand	(14)	93,683.84	53,966.46
		97,351.84	57,999.16
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	(15)	1,247.21	933.16
Net current assets less current liabilities		**96,104.63**	**57,066.00**
Total assets less current liabilities		**561,104.63**	**522,066.00**
Total net assets less liabilities		**561,104.63**	**522,066.00**
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General fund	(A)	26,926.51	15,952.77
Designated			
Designated - Accounts Payable		—	—
Designated - Younger Church		251.71	232.63
Designated - Building Fund		—	—
Designated - Audio-Visual		—	0.01
Designated - Catering/Entertainment		—	129.19
Designated - Hippo House	(B)	—	—
Designated - Holiday at Home		156.06	156.06
Designated - Community Hub		6,446.80	—
Designated - Organ Fund		—	—
Designated - Outreach Fund		1,476.06	1,284.50
Designated - Pastoral Care		1,250.00	250
Restricted			
Restricted - Church Equipment		—	—
Restricted - Community Hub Property		465,000.00	465,000.00
Restricted - IRCC Fund		30,234.47	—
Restricted - Church Planting Fund	(C)	321.25	6,745.19
Restricted - Building Fund		20,297.03	24,025.88
Restricted - Youth Worker		4,014.38	4,153.41
Restricted - Lantern Room		4,730.36	4,136.36
Funds of the church		**561,104.63**	**522,066.00**

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
DU0001 - Donations	4,925.02	3,724.95	724.94	—	9,374.91	31,281.68
GD0001 - Gift Day	—	—	5,655.00	—	5,655.00	—
GR0001 - Grants	2,792.90	951.6	46,485.27	—	50,229.77	—
LG0001 - Legacies	6,750.00	—	—	—	6,750.00	5,000.00
Donations and legacies Totals	14,467.92	4,676.55	52,865.21	—	72,009.68	36,281.68
Investments						
BI0001 - Bank and Bond Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
CB0001 - CBF Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investments Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other income						
AL0001 - Alpha Income	—	50	—	—	50	150
AV0001 - Audio-Visual Income	—	—	—	—	—	449.99
CC0001 - Cash Collections	4,255.80	—	—	—	4,255.80	1,811.75
CE0001 - Catering & Entertainment	—	134.62	—	—	134.62	183.57
CH0001 - Community Hub Hirer	—	7,541.00	—	—	7,541.00	3,622.41
CH0002 - Community Hub Hirer	50	1,601.25	—	—	1,651.25	426.5
DF0001 - Discipleship	65.27	—	—	—	65.27	1,211.29
ET0001 - Education and Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
FC0001 - Funeral Collections	708.42	—	—	—	708.42	—
FF0001 - Funeral Fees	4,027.28	—	—	—	4,027.28	1,674.60
FF0002 - Funeral Heating Fees	100	—	—	—	100	—
FF0003 - Fabric Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
GA0001 - Gift Aid Income	15,270.18	653.75	2,856.75	—	18,780.68	20,401.22
HH0001 - Holliday at Home	—	—	—	—	—	—
LH0001 - Lantern Room Hire	271	—	—	—	271	239.26
LR0001 - Lantern Room	—	—	—	—	—	—
OR0001 - Outreach Income	—	34.2	2,049.89	—	2,084.09	165
PC0001 - Pastarol Care Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
PP0001 - Private Photo-copying	—	—	—	—	—	—
RP0001 - Recycling paper	121.7	—	—	—	121.7	222.3
SC0001 - Stewardship - 3rd Party	7,652.30	—	1,920.00	—	9,572.30	6,197.83
SE0001 - Stewardship - Envelope	9,028.55	—	—	—	9,028.55	16,087.94
SR0001 - Sundry Receipts	3,332.42	—	—	—	3,332.42	7,127.26
SS0001 - Stewardship - Standing	65,485.00	—	9,611.00	—	75,096.00	65,346.00
WC0001 - Wedding Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
WF0001 - Wedding Fees	1,414.00	—	—	—	1,414.00	1,538.00
WF0002 - Wedding Heating Fees	—	—	—	—	—	—
YC0001 - Younger Church Income	22	431.01	—	—	453.01	—
YW0001 - Youth Worker	—	—	20	—	20	—
Other income Totals	111,803.92	10,445.83	16,457.64	—	138,707.39	126,854.92
Income and endowments	126,271.84	15,122.38	69,322.85	—	210,717.07	163,136.60

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Other expenditure						
AE001 - Accounts	200	—	—	—	200	225
AL001 - Alpha Expenditure	150.12	194.87	—	—	344.99	609.81
AW001 - Away Weekend	—	—	—	—	—	—
BC001 - Bank Charges	32	—	—	—	32	32
CE001 - Curate/SSM Expenses	864.2	—	572.24	—	1,436.44	1,004.59
CE002 - Catering/ Entertainment	455.53	288.01	—	—	743.54	147.73
CM001 - Cleaning & Sanitry Materials	35.13	778.96	—	—	814.09	1,427.33
DE001 - Donations	1,208.02	—	—	—	1,208.02	580
DF001 - Discipleship	66.5	—	—	—	66.5	1,200.00
DT001 - Donations from Tithing	—	—	—	—	—	5,382.30
EL001 - Electricity	1,102.84	733.73	—	—	1,836.57	1,843.42
ET001 - Education and Training	—	—	—	—	—	174.33
FF001 - Funeral Fees	2,239.46	—	—	—	2,239.46	712.95
GA001 - Gas	559.33	480.13	—	—	1,039.46	1,876.32
HH001 - Holiday at Home	—	—	—	—	—	—
IE001 - Insurance Expenditure	2,727.36	—	—	—	2,727.36	2,656.68
MA001 - Music, Audio & Visual	3,353.01	—	465	—	3,818.01	1,666.00
MR001 - Maintenance & Repairs	894.65	—	3,928.85	—	4,823.50	2,789.58
OE001 - Community Outreach	135.98	776.92	—	—	912.9	3,124.16
OS001 - Office Costs	1,137.62	241.5	—	—	1,379.12	300.09
PA001 - Publicity & Advertising	173.46	—	—	—	173.46	378.12
PH001 - Photocopier Hire	2,246.40	—	—	—	2,246.40	4,552.80
PL001 - Church Planting	—	—	31,091.19	—	31,091.19	2,609.78
PS001 - Parish Share	75,000.00	—	—	—	75,000.00	65,336.00
RM001 - Repair & Maintenance	—	1,788.91	—	—	1,788.91	830.44
SE001 - Sundries Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	31.46
SR001 - Service Supplies	212.36	—	—	—	212.36	142.51
SW001 - Staff Wages	20,342.41	1,622.68	11,984.43	—	33,949.52	34,821.90
TB001 - Telephone & Broadband	814.71	—	—	—	814.71	715.9
VE001 - Vicar Expenses	773.66	—	—	—	773.66	1,776.07
WE001 - Water Expenditure	479.86	213.64	—	—	693.5	1,078.49
WF001 - Wedding Fees	491	—	—	—	491	505
YC001 - Younger Church	82.5	474.78	—	—	557.28	120
YW001 - Youth Worker Expenses	—	—	264.49	—	264.49	896.93
Other expenditure Totals	115,778.11	7,594.13	48,306.20	—	171,678.44	139,547.69
Expenditure Grand totals	115,778.11	7,594.13	48,306.20	—	171,678.44	139,547.69

Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

Preparation of financial statements, reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund accounting

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds represent resources received and allocated according to limitations on their use specified by donors or other providers. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that own their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and charitable activities

Income is recognised when the PCC has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
Legacy income is recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.
Income raised from fund-raising events is accounted for gross and as being immaterial to the overall income level of the PCC and is included within income from charitable activities.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rent is due.

Gains and losses on investments

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and Unrealised gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure.

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

Charitable activities include all costs that directly relate to the work of the Church, including running costs and costs of maintenance and repair. Support costs and governance costs are deemed to relate directly to the work of the Church.
The Parish share is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011.
No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other land and buildings

Freehold buildings, other than consecrated buildings, are depreciated on a straight line basis over fifty years. The gross book value is based on an insurance valuation from 27th June 2014 as adjusted for subsequent additions at cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis for over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £2,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at 31 December using the closing quoted market price. The

statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Current assets

Debtors

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.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held on deposit either with CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank as short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

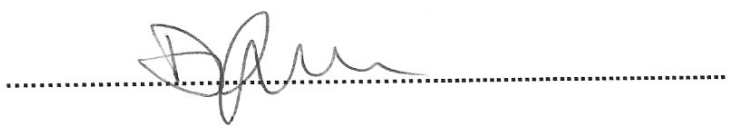
Financial Instruments

The PCC only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Reserve Policy

The reserves policy was reviewed by the PCC in 2011 and was changed such that it is now PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted/designated funds (if possible) which equates to two months unrestricted payments including parish share, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Donna Finch – Treasurer –



Administrative information

Location

St. Augustine's Church is situated on the junction of Felixstowe Road and Bucklesham Road, Ipswich. It is part of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 2, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, IP3 8TJ

Volunteers

The Churchwardens and PCC acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who served on Committees and Subcommittees and participated in the running of Church events and activities during 2021.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council met in person on 5 occasions and 4 occasions virtually during 2021.

APCM Arrangements

These were put in place for 20th May, 2021. There was also a short PCC meeting held directly following the APCM where Katie Smith and Adele Rudland were both voted in as new members of the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been Charity registered with the Charity Commission (Charity number 1131319) since 30th July, 2009. Prior to this the PCC was a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. However with a gross annual income of more than £100,000 we were required to register by 30th September 2009.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	Rev Al Metcalfe (from November 2020)
Curates:	Amy Key
	Matt Key
Wardens:	Nigel Cook
	Graeme Richardson
Treasurer:	Donna Finch
	Rachel Renfrew (from November 2021)
Self-Supporting Minister:	Revd Ian Daniels
Deanery Representatives:	Colin Scott
	Andrew Woods
	Sue Pettit
Licensed Ministers:	Julie Daniels
	Matt Cornwell

Elected members (each year for up to a three-year term):

Jenny Grace (appointed Vice Chair)
Adele Rudland
Steve Chittock
Moira Briggs
Alice Blanchard
Shelana Goldsmith-Gray
Kirsty Clarke
Katie Smith
Bev Smith

In Attendance: Revd Jennifer Ragan (From July 2013)

Approved by the PCC on 29th April 2022 and signed by Rev Al Metcalfe (Chair)

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, IPSWICH

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for the year ended 31 December 2020

Chair of PCC:	Rev Al Metcalfe
Treasurer:	Mrs D L Finch
Independent Examiner:	Mrs L Aldous

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2020 Reports and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Augustine's Church, Ipswich

Aims & Purposes

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Augustine's PCC had the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Revd Al Metcalfe (following his appointment in November 2020), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole vision of the church which is:

'To play our part in the re-evangelisation of the nation, the revitalization of the church, and the transformation of society'

as people come to faith in God through our mission to:

'Know Jesus, show his love and make him known.'

The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church Complex (Church, Lantern Room and Church Halls).

Electoral Role and Attendance

The Electoral Roll prepared for the 2020 Annual Church Meeting showed 203 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 81 of whom were not resident within the parish and 122 who were resident. The average weekly attendance, counted in October, was 46 adults and 6 children under 16 years of age, significantly down on previous years because of a reduced building capacity dictated by coronavirus restrictions.

Interregnum

St. Augustine's entered 2020 in Interregnum. The Churchwardens and PCC, working with the Ministry Team, ensured Public Worship and Occasional Offices continued, as the Church sought not to stand still but to continue growing God's Kingdom, as they waited for a new Vicar. The first advertisement and subsequent selection process did not appoint during March. As the Coranavirus pandemic took hold, PCC was grateful to Archdeacon Rhiannon King in supporting a second advertisement and selection panel in July 2020. Reverend Al Metcalfe was duly appointed and licensed in November 2020.

Coronavirus Pandemic

As the Pandemic hit and the first lockdown occurred, the church buildings were closed and all parish activities stopped. A small team then led St Augustine's through to July, as we moved worship and church life online. We are indebted to our Curates, Amy and Matt Key, and Ian Daniels, for their online leadership through this time, and to all who contributed in some way as Connect Groups turned to Zoom, Facebook and YouTube became Sunday morning church, and many, many people made and received phone calls. In July, we opened for Private Prayer during the week, and then recommenced in-person services in early September. November saw us closed again, before re-opening for Advent and Christmas in-person.

A note from our new Vicar

I'm pleased to be able to introduce a collection of reports from people across the life of St Augustine's Ipswich, summarising some of the many activities of the church in 2020.

I was licensed as Vicar on November 3, 2020 and, with my wife Sarah and two kids Connie and Reuben, have been warmly welcomed into this large and thriving church family. I have little, therefore, to add to these reports, except that which should be obvious – 2020 was an extremely difficult year for St Augustine's, as it was for the rest of the church in the UK.

In March, the country went into lockdown in response to growing evidence of a pandemic caused by the Covid-19 virus. Public worship was suspended nationwide, people were told to stay at home wherever possible, and the vast majority of social interaction ceased. Although restrictions were later partially relaxed, church life was unable to return to anything approaching normal for the rest of the year. Thanks to gifted people within the church, much worship life migrated online, with services filmed and distributed digitally via Facebook and YouTube. Worship musicians learned to play together virtually with outstanding results. Daily Bible and prayer devotions from our curates Amy and Matt were a feature throughout the summer. And by the end of the year, services were being live-streamed from inside the church, sometimes with small congregations present.

This burst of creativity and hard work was greatly appreciated by the church community and gave outsiders a whole new way to encounter the church and the gospel of Jesus. It did not, however, reach everyone – during the year we learned of around 100 people affiliated with the church but not connected to the internet or sufficiently able to access services. These people were sadly underserved during the year, though as you will read, much was done to keep in personal touch with them.

Towards the end of the year, as the church building was able to partially reopen, ticketed in-person services were introduced, but apart from Christmas Eve never came close to reaching capacity. We learned that while people missed being with each other and quickly grew weary of Zoom calls and online services, most were still hesitant to return. As I write, the picture is brightening but we must now reckon with the long, slow rebuilding of the church's physical life and witness. In this, we find hope in the resurrection of Jesus and his promises that the gates of hell will not prevail against his church. While we are not naïve about the challenges that face us, we choose to put our trust wholly in the Lord Jesus Christ and his power to save.

I have been delighted to get to know a large and capable team here at St Augustine's, including the leaders of two nascent church plants; many prayerful people hungry for more of God and to share the gospel with our parish; and much hope for the future. I'm thankful for every one of them, and for their reports which follow. With the earliest church, we continue to pray 'Come, Holy Spirit.' **Revd Al Metcalfe, Vicar**

Pastoral Ministry

Pastoral Care and Home Visiting

Pastoral care is an important part of church life. Our team is made up by Teresa Allcock, Linda Denness, Mary Sawyer, Colin Scott, Revd Jennifer Ragan, Dan and Helen Schmuecker. The team provide home visits for anyone requesting one, to the housebound due to ill health or age, and home communion is also offered. The team gives comfort to bereaved families and an annual memorial service is held, which is much appreciated by many. Since March last year, due to Covid-19, we have only been able to make telephone calls with no home visits or memorial service. **Dan Schmuecker**

Healing Ministry

We are blessed at St Augustine's with a prayer for healing ministry where people are prayed for during and after the services, coming to the front or being prayed for where they sit. Christ empowers us all to minister to one another, and names are prayed for publicly during the intercessory prayers at our services or via the weekly notice sheet when people have specifically asked the church to pray for them. Sadly during this pandemic, we were unable to meet but prayer has continued on Zoom. We also have an online prayer team, praying for anyone or any situation in confidence, and also in emergency situations. Prayers can also be added to the private section of our St. Augustine's Facebook page. **Helen Schmuecker**

Bereavement Course

The Bereavement Course is produced and run by members of our Mothers Union. The last course was attended by 12 people but had to finish half-way through due to Covid-19. Those attending the course were finding it very useful in dealing with their grief and pain. We plan to finish the course when rules allow. **Sandra Belton, Linda Denness, Helen Schmuecker**

Prince George's House

Hello Prince George house it's St Augustine's here
We're sorry we haven't been able to bring you some cheer
With our hymns and our prayers and readings too
Our talks and our chat and fun things we do

We're missing you folks, all your smiles and your cheer
When we can't come to visit and see you so near
But you're in all our thoughts and our prayers to be sure
And We're thinking of you all at this time even more

We remember great times when we've laughed, even cried
When we've sung rousing hymns or prayed side by side
When We've talked of our saviour Jesus our King
By his grace we are saved it's a sure certain thing

We've said how He's with us in good times and bad
How he's near us so surely at times when we're sad
He is the good shepherd, who will care for us all
He'll not let us stumble or falter or fall

So hold onto Jesus your guardian and friend
Like a lamb he'll protect you right up till the end

Stay strong in your faith and stay close to his side
In his love and protection, you'll always abide

We'll see you again when this dark time is past
And we hope that the weeks will fly, ever so fast
So lean on sweet Jesus, just call on his name
Your blessed redeemer forever the same. **Sue Sturgess**

Broke Hall House

There is a service at 10am every Thursday – this is a traditional Holy Communion service, and we have between 20 and 35 people attending. Followed by coffee and chat, prayer is also available. Alun Fozard plays the organ. Due to Covid we have not met since March. **Linda Denness**

Fellowship and Community Groups

Connect Groups

St Augustine's is home to nine small fellowship groups known as Connect Groups. These were overseen by Ann Boxall until January 2021 when Ann sadly passed away. Although lockdown meant much group life was suspended from March, most of the groups continued meeting throughout the year on Zoom.

Ladies Group

We are a group of approximately 25 ladies who meet in the Lantern Room on the third Tuesday of the month from 7.30 – 9.30. Our aims and objectives are to support and encourage ladies in the local community and to promote the Christian faith and its values amongst the members. The evenings are relaxed, friendly and host a range of interesting and entertaining speakers. Refreshments are served and enjoyed by all who attend. We welcome visitors who may attend up to two meetings free before joining and paying a membership subscription. Any funds remaining at the end of the year are donated to a local charity. 2020 was a strange year. We met twice before the pandemic forced a national lockdown. All speakers booked for 2020 have agreed to visit us in 2021 as soon as we are able to meet again. The committee arranged for small Christmas goodie bags to be given to each member in December which were gratefully received. **Kathie Scott**

Lunch Club

Lunch Club enjoyed three meals together at the beginning of the year but since then we have been unable to meet for obvious reasons. We have been keeping in touch with our members through phone calls and were able to deliver them a Christmas card and a favour box with chocolates in like they would have had as part of their Christmas dinner. Our members are missing the social time they get by coming to Lunch Club and can't wait to gather again to eat our shepherd's pie! **Julie Daniels**

Sisterhood

We had some really good programme ideas for 2020 but we were unable to run them. We tried online meeting for a little while, but it was not very well attended after a few weeks. Many struggled with the format and I think once we were able to start meeting distantly for a while people were still wary of doing so. With a bit of luck once life gets back to a bit more "normal" we can all start meeting in person again.

In the end the programme for 2020 was as follows: 8th March - Bible Journaling with Leanne; 9th April - Bingo via Google Hangouts; 23rd April - 80s Quiz via Zoom; 14th May - Pictionary via Zoom; 11th June - Charades via Zoom; 9th July - Walk in Holywells Park; 13th August, 17th September and 15th October - Walks in Felixstowe. Moving forward, I think it may be necessary to consider moving Sisterhood to another day or week of the month. Many of our members with other Church commitments often found that they end up missing the meetings which is a shame. **Kristen Thorpe**

Mothers Union

Our 28 members met 3 times in early 2020. We also...

- Launched a Bereavement Course
- Collected and donated 40 bags of new items to the Woman's Refuge December
- Donated hospital toiletry bags
- Knitted hats for seafarers

All members were contacted by phone throughout the year and members on email received a monthly Diocesan MU newsletter. **Sandra Belton**

Middle Men

Back in January 2020 the Middle Men sat in the Fat Cat pub and planned a varied programme of monthly events to include a 'star gazing' night, and an evening walk so that we didn't always default to meeting in the pub to chat, eat and drink, not that that is necessarily a bad thing! In February we had a ten-pin bowling night but for reasons I hardly have to explain, we were then not able to meet up again for the rest of the year. But the good news is that we still have a list of good ideas for things to do in 2021 once we are able to meet up again in person, so if you would like to join us for our monthly meet up on the first Thursday of each month, please do let me know**. Andrew Grace**

Signing Group

The Signing Group was originally meeting monthly on a Saturday morning, but started meeting weekly on Zoom during the first lockdown in March 2020. There are about 10 regular members and we have greatly valued the fellowship we have shared over the year: worshipping and praying together while also expanding our repertoire of worship songs. If you watched the Christmas Carol service on DVD or Facebook, you will have seen us signing 'Silent Night'. We are very grateful to Revd Penny Brinkley, Chaplain to the Deaf in our diocese, who joins us each week and teaches us. Looking ahead to 2021, we will continue to meet weekly on Zoom until we are able to get together in person again. **Sam Morley**

Holiday at Home

At the start of 2020 the Holiday at Home team and guests were looking forward to the sixth consecutive annual Holiday at Home Week in June. The team held meetings in January and February to plan the year's activities. We put together a week's programme of events, booked coaches, a choir and a band and had an illustrated brochure ready for printing and distribution. The programme was to be launched at a coffee morning in the Lantern Room on 29th April and Gavin Stone had accepted our invitation to speak on that occasion.

In mid-March it became clear that the situation with Covid-19 was so serious that it would be impossible to go ahead with the proposed coffee morning. Indeed, it was already obvious at that stage that the Holiday at Home Week had to be cancelled. We contacted everyone on our guest list giving them the news which most of them were already expecting but we said at that time that we hoped to have a celebratory Christmas event once the crisis was over. As it transpired of course no such meeting took place and all we were able to do was send a Christmas card to each of the 113 households on our list. It will be some time before we are

able to engage in our usual full programme of activities, but we hope to have a one-off get together as soon as conditions allow us to do so safely. **Peter Sawyer**

Quiet Day

The annual quiet day for 2020 to be held at Otley Hall had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and national lockdown. We had arranged for Area Dean Nick Atkins to lead this day but sadly this was not to be. We look forward in hopes that 2021 will see a return of this usually well attended and enjoyed quiet day. **Colin Scott**

Young People, Children and Families

Happy Hippos

Happy Hippos has been unable to meet in person for the majority of the year, but we have kept in touch with all our families through a regular weekly email. During the first lockdown an email was sent with lots of different activities that could be done at home with a different theme being explored each week (19 different themes were covered in total!). At the start of September, we were able to offer face to face story trails in the Church grounds where families came and listened to a story and then followed a trail finding things from the story, the children finished with a craft related to the story. Our families loved being able to come and participate in the story trails with much thanks and positive feedback received. When we went back into lockdown, we carried on with the weekly emails this time offering a trail which families could do either out and about in their community or in their own houses. Families with pre-school children have been very hard hit by the pandemic as support networks have been taken away and many are isolated. The children have also missed out on socialisation for much of their short lives – some children never having met another child! Many can't wait to be able to come to a face-to-face toddler group again. **Julie Daniels**

0-5's Sunday Provision

The provision this year has been constantly reviewed and has evolved into something new that is working for our families and encouraging participation for wider connect families in the community. At the beginning of the year, we held our 0-5's provision as we did the previous year, in the lantern room during the 10:30 service on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, using the structure of pervious 'Come Together', where parents and children attended together for a Bible story, activity, worship and pray – followed by craft/activity, play and snack. When we needed to close and go online, we provided a downloadable activity, available through our website which was on the same theme of the Sunday service. We also had Saturday Storytime live on Facebook for a short time.

In July and August, we tried Zoom for the children and families - just 15min before the service started but this wasn't well attended. Since September we have been creating Bible Story Activity Packs which have been very flexible for families to use with their children at a time which suits. They have included a Bible story, suggested linked activities with resources, a rhyme, worship suggestion and prayer. We are now sending out 12 packs monthly with 2 stories sessions included. We have had some families previously connected with Hippos and Music receive these packs. **Melissa Naish**

Family Life Group

The Family Life Group keep in contact with children baptised at St Augustine's, inviting them to three services, Mothering Sunday, Harvest and the Crib service, which haven't taken place because of Covid lockdown. **Julie Daniels**

Music and Rhyme

This is a group for babies and children up to the age of 5 and those who are caring for them. This took place in the Lantern Room on Tuesday mornings during term time, with two sessions each week, either 9:30 or 10:30am until Covid-19 hit. It quickly moved to Facebook Live with one session at 10am until the Summer holiday and in September moved onto Zoom so we could see each other in this challenging and difficult year.

Each session included about 45 mins of singing (30mins online), with actions and instruments followed by a short snack and social time. Our number have fluctuated during the year, seeing about 35-40 children a week at the beginning to now around 8-15 children. There was a suggested donation of £1 but this has not been able to be collected online. A blessing is sung at the end of each session and we are singing a few Christians songs each week. We continue to build great relationships with families which allows us to invite them to other Church services and events.

Melissa leads this group weekly. When in person it is supported by one other church member to set up and prepare snack. Melissa would like to split the leading with someone else to share this weekly responsibility and time commitment - Could this be you? **Melissa Naish**

Messy Church

Messy Church is a 'Fresh Expression of Church' involving creativity, celebration and hospitality. Resources are provided by the Bible Reading Fellowship. In 2020 we ran Messy Church in March, June, October and December. The main difference this year is that all our Messy Church provision have been enjoyed at home. We have looked at the Mothers and others, the Lord's Prayer, Harvest and Christmas. When possible, the families have received booklets of activities and a bag full of the resources, they have needed to take part. Activities have also been available through our website with downloadable resources.

We have started planning these in partnership with other churches in the dioceses, which have made planning a little lighter. We thank Sue and Chris Pettit who have helped to collate instruction booklets and packs. **Julie Daniels and Melissa Naish**

Parenting Group

Our planned course for this year was due to be provided virtually since we couldn't meet but we couldn't get the families interested together on the same evening, so we shared the videos with them, which allowed them to do this at a time which suited them. Not ideal, but we did what we could at the time. We hope to get this up and running again next year. Care for the Family's 'The Mum Show' was shared with our families, which provides 12 session about parenting in a pandemic. **Melissa Naish**

Open the Book

At the start of the year the Open the Book team were regularly going into four schools to share Bible stories with the children. This obviously stopped in March and like most things we went online. We now have a YouTube channel which was shared with the schools. On our channel there are a selection of Open the Book stories with the introductions, conclusions and prayer read by team members, with the stories being told by the puppets. At Christmas the team spent a happy hour on Zoom recording the Christmas story which was then edited and made available for the schools to share with their children. **Julie Daniels**

Youth

The first couple of months of 2020 - began as 2019 had finished - with all of our in-person groups happening from youth café, both Christian Unions at St Alban's and Copleston High, our movie nights, and worship jam - as well as our Sunday morning sessions. I held a training and vision event called 'Toolbox' for those working

with and interested in working with youth in our church where I shared my experiences and we looked at the purpose of youth work and I shared some resources. As circumstances changed in March with national lockdown - our Sunday sessions moved from being in-person to online and increased so that we were meeting every week and all other social and school groups were put on pause. This online space was used to look at what God's word says about the themes of hope, trust and purpose in a time of uncertainty. As well as sharing times of prayer and word - we played games and quizzes.

Each week, I shared a 'Thought for the week' video with our youth - and this was shared as part of the Wednesday slot of the Church online daily devotionals. As well as this, I communicated with parents about how I could support them as well receiving prayer requests. A couple of times a week I would share reflections on what I was reading in my quiet time too.

In May and July, a number of our youth linked live with HTB Youth for *The Gathering* – a worship event and *Focus Alive* - the youth part of HTB's Focus festival. In October and again in December - I dropped sweets and chocolate around to our young people - socially distanced, it was an amazing opportunity to briefly see our youth face-to-face and talk with them and their parents. **Matt Cornwell**

Other ministries

Home For Good

In February this year our Church hosted a Beetle Drive event which raised a total of £326.20, which went towards the Home for Good: Suffolk Welcome Bags project, which has allowed all newly approved foster carers and adopters to receive a welcome pack full of information about how the charity can support them, some useful books and chocolates. A video was shown in November through our steamed services as part of our annual commitment as a Home for Good Church to help raise awareness of the need for more foster carers and adopters for our vulnerable children and to share that God's mission for us is to care and support them. It clearly showed what Home for Good: Suffolk is doing across our country and how we are a church can continue to be involved.

The Lantern room was used as a venue for training to help local early years settings and schools learn more about supporting the needs of fostered, adopted and children with special guardianship in their education. It covered in impact on early trauma and/abuse on the developing brain, attachments and sometimes life-long learning. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, our face-face support group which ran twice a month had to stop but Home for Good: Suffolk still been connecting with their families in other creative ways. December saw several members of the church wrapping and packing 122 Christmas/Winter gift bags which contained an individual gift for 218 children. Our foster, adoptive and families with special guardianship loved them! Home for Good: Suffolk are very gratefully that room bookings for groups and courses are provided free of charge and are a way of our giving to support their local work in our community. The Church also supports them by providing photocopying too. **Melissa Naish**

Puppet ministry

During 2020 the puppet team re-branded and is now known as Reach Out Puppets. During the first lockdown we were recording a weekly Puppet song from our homes and posting it with a short message on our Facebook page, this was thanks to our friends at One Way UK who gave permission for their music to be used online. These were really well received and the followers on our Facebook page grew in number. As the team got busier the videos got less as they take many hours to produce but we were able to produce more around Christmas time to share the Christmas Story. **Ian Daniels**

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Augustine of Hippo

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 15 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of this 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 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.

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Signature & Date L.T. Aldous (MAAT) 02-03-2021

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Ipswich Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the Church in Ipswich. The meetings continue to be missional, inspirational, relational and pastoral intricately linked with the aims and aspirations of Inspiring Ipswich. Due to the pandemic, the last two meetings have been held via Zoom. We welcomed Bishop Martin to the first meeting and on the most recent, the Revd. Charlotte Cook of Westerfield was licensed as Assistant Area Dean and Helen Smith was commissioned as Inspiring Ipswich Administrator and Prayer Facilitator. The Revd Canon Tim Montgomery Lead on the Transforming Wigan Project gave an insight into the workings of the project and asked some searching questions to aid Synod in our quest to Inspire Ipswich and further the Kingdom. **Colin Scott**

Buildings and Management

Office employees:

Over the first three months of 2020 the church office was staffed four days a week until the first national lockdown when staff were furloughed and/or worked from home with periodic post and telephone checks.

Church Complex

At the beginning of the year the Hall and Lantern room continued to be used by a number of groups for a variety of activities. Both venues closed in March and remained closed for the balance of 2020. Weekly checks were made to ensure all was well, with water being run through pipes and general tidiness of the site.

Ventilation of the Lantern Room was addressed by PCC during the autumn, as they gave the go-ahead for a re-design of the east wall, and the installation of opening windows. It is hoped this will provide much needed fresh air when used in conjunction with the Lantern roof openings.

Some of the tubes in the Lighted Cross were replaced in the autumn.

The raised AV desk and associated cabling was sorted and tidied, with faculty signed off as complete.

Lantern Room Finances

The PCC continued to monitor the income with a view or paying back the first year of our small interest free loan (£20,000 over 4 years, £5,000) Due to Covid our first-year repayment total was deferred until 2021.

Financial Review 2020

The total **income** for 2020 in to the unrestricted fund is £119,457.09 (1) the income in to the designated funds is £8,295.76 (2) and the income in to the restricted funds are £35,383.75 (3) (which is mainly made up of £21,127.00 (4) restricted donations, Church Planting Fund and Youth worker Funds) The total income for 2019 is £245,438.33 (5) which is 66.5% lower than 2019 (6) This is due to donations for specific funds and activities.

The total **expenditure** for 2020 from the unrestricted fund is £106,764.95 (7) the expenditure from the designated funds is £18,253.09 (8) the expenditure from the restricted funds is £20,358.54 (9) which is made up of Lantern Room, Church Planting and Youth Worker Fund. Therefore the total expenditure for 2020 is £145,376.58 (10) which is 64% lower than 2019 (11) This is obviously due to Covid-19 pandemic and 2 national Lockdowns.

Transfers (12) show journals entries made between General fund and Church Hall fund ensuring that this fund shows a zero balance.

The **Balance Sheet** shows

Debtor (13) Total of £4,032.70 constitutes the estimated expected Gift Aid (HMRC rebate) for October to December 2019 and £32.70 Funeral Fees.

Cash in Hand (14) Current balance as of 31st December 2020 in the Lloyds Bank £58,786.23

Creditors (15) The total is significantly lower than previous years at £933.16.

The funds are represented by
General fund £12,554.41

Younger Church £232.63 Income balance from Music & Rhyme and Donations

Catering/Entertainment £129.19 balance from Donations to be used for Hospitality

Holiday at Home £156.06 this is excess income from previous Activities

Outreach Fund £1,395.09 is represented by Donations for Puppets, Carols, Donations for Alpha and LYN Christmas.

Pastoral Care £250.00 this is a designated fund to be used for "Person in parish in need"

Church Planting Fund £6,745.19 donation for Church Planting and LRCC

Building Fund £24,025.88, represents £22,000.00 Legacy, £1,480.50 Insurance Claim and £145.48 Balance of Donations for Cross

Lantern Room £4,136.36 Income to repay Interest Free Loan.

St Augustine's has paid 79% of our official allocated Parish Share which is £82,040

Gift Aid we achieved claiming quarterly for the first 3 quarters of the year. We anticipated a total annual claim of £8,000.00 however by September we had been able to reclaim Gift Aid of £15,366.04 (13)

Tithing Due to Financial restraints during 2020 we were only able to Tithe 44% of our Original calculations. This tithing was shared between 15 organisations including our support for Peter and Pat Wyards

Category	Organisation	Tithing
Mission	Bible Society	210.17
	Tools with a Mission	210.17
	CMS (Peter & Pat Wynard) for 3 years	2,500.00
	Scripture Union	150.12
Local	FIND	210.17
	Love Early years	150.12
	Night Shelter	150.12
	Inspire	240.19
	Ipswich CYM	420.33
	Talitha Koum	210.17
Church of England & others	Church of England Pensions Board	210.17
	DBF (Kagera General Fund)	420.33
	Friends of St.Edmundsbury Cathedral	150.12
	Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	150.12

Total	5,382.28

Special collections in 2020 as our Activities were limited we only had 2 special collections, One to send Gail Minter's new vocation at St Matthews and our very successful inclusion in the National Love Your Neighbour Christmas Appeal.

Organisation	Tithing
Gail Minter Leaving Collection	580.00
LYN Christmas Blessing Bags	3,469.00

Reserve Policy indicated 2 months of expenditure should be held in reserve, based on 2020 expenditure we should be holding a minimum of £18,000 in reserve. The balance sheet shows Cash in Hand of £53,786.23 but it should be noted that retract of our day to day expenditure comes from the Church General Fund or the Church Hall Fund. The balance on these funds as at the 31" December 2020 totalled, £12,554.41 As such, we continue to meet the PCC's requirement on reserves but aim to increase our General fund over the next year.

The Year ahead

We continue to face a challenge in relation to our Finances, as a newly formed Finance and Giving Group we hope to analyse income and Expenditure and with the formation of a strategic plan aiming to reduce our monthly deficit whilst continuing with our Mission and Ministry.

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	11,406.40	3,748.28	21,127.00	36,281.68	89,939.37
Investments	—	—	—	—	—
Other income	108,050.69	4,547.48	14,256.75	126,854.92	155,498.96
Total income and endowments from:	**119,457.09** (1)	**8,295.76** (2)	**35,383.75** (3)	**163,136.6** (5)	**245,438.33** (6)
Expenditure on:					
Other expenditure	106,764.95	18,253.09	20,358.54	145,376.58	226,397.19
Total expenditure on:	**106,764.95** (7)	**18,253.09** (8)	**20,358.54** (9)	**145,376.58** (10)	**226,397.19** (11)
Net income / (expenditure)	**12,692.14**	**-9,957.33**	**15,025.21**	**17,760.02**	**19,041.14**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	(12) —	10,450.05	—	10,450.05	27,717.36
Gross transfers between funds - out	-10,450.05	—	—	-10,450.05	-27,717.36
Net income / (expenditure)	**2,242.09**	**492.72**	**15,025.21**	**17,760.02**	**19,041.14**
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**2,242.09**	**492.72**	**15,025.21**	**17,760.02**	**19,041.14**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**13,710.68**	**1,559.67**	**489,035.63**	**504,305.98**	**485,264.84**
Total funds carried forward Breakdown is shown on Balance Sheet Report 2	**15,952.77**	**2,052.39**	**504,060.84**	**522,066.00**	**504,305.98**

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319

Balance sheet (Summary)
As at: 31 December 2020

		As at 31/12/2020 £	As at 31/12/2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		465,000.00	465,000.00
		465,000.00	465,000.00
Current assets			
Debtors	(13)	4,032.70	10,736.64
Cash at bank and in hand	(14)	53,966.46	31,778.15
		57,999.16	42,514.79
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	(15)	933.16	3,208.81
Net current assets less current liabilities		**57,066.00**	**39,305.98**
Total assets less current liabilities		**522,066.00**	**504,305.98**
Total net assets less liabilities		**522,066.00**	**504,305.98**
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General fund	(A)	15,952.77	13,710.68
Designated			
Designated - Accounts Payable		—	—
Designated - Younger Church		232.63	42.63
Designated - Building Fund		—	—
Designated - Audio-Visual		0.01	50
Designated - Catering/Entertainment	(B)	129.19	68.35
Designated - Church Hall		—	—
Designated - Hippo House		—	—
Designated - Holiday at Home		156.06	156.06
Designated - Organ Fund		—	—
Designated - Outreach Fund		1,284.50	992.63
Designated - Pastoral Care		250	250
Restricted			
Restricted - Church Equipment		—	—
Restricted - Church Hall Property		465,000.00	465,000.00
Restricted - Church Planting Fund		6,745.19	369.99
Restricted - Building Fund	(C)	24,025.88	23,625.88
Restricted - Youth Worker		4,153.41	—
Restricted - Lantern Room		4,136.36	39.76
Funds of the church		**522,066.00**	**504,305.98**

The Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Ipswich - 1131319
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies					
DU0001 - Donations	11,406.40	3,748.28	16,127.00	31,281.68	82,184.15
GD0001 - Gift Day					7,005.22
LG0001 - Legacies			5,000.00	5,000.00	750.00
Donations and legacies Totals	11,406.40	3,748.28	21,127.00	36,281.68	89,939.37
Investments					
BI0001 - Bank and Bond Interest					
CB0001 - CBF Interest					
Investments Totals					
Other income					
AL0001 - Alpha Income		150.00		150.00	380.00
AV0001 - Audio-Visual Income	449.99			449.99	
AW0001 - Away Weekend					89.00
CC0001 - Cash Collections	1,811.75			1,811.75	7,318.02
CE0001 - Catering & Entertainment		183.57		183.57	726.59
CH0001 - Church Hall Hirings (Regular)		3,622.41		3,622.41	10,024.62
CH0002 - Church Hall Hirings (Casual)		426.50		426.50	3,354.00
DF0001 - Discipleship	1,211.29			1,211.29	1,479.62
ET0001 - Education and Training					
FC0001 - Funeral Collections					
FF0001 - Funeral Fees	1,674.60			1,674.60	5,785.59
FF0002 - Funeral Heating Fees					400.00
FF0003 - Fabric Fund					
GA0001 - Gift Aid Income	17,539.47	35.00	2,826.75	20,401.22	30,011.18
HH0001 - Holliday at Home					1,633.00
LH0001 - Lantern Room Hire	239.26			239.26	2,128.62
LR0001 - Lantern Room					172.00
OR0001 - Outreach Income	35.00	130.00		165.00	592.92
PC0001 - Pastoral Care Income					
PP0001 - Private Photo-copying					77.40
RP0001 - Recycling paper	222.30			222.30	214.53
SC0001 - Stewardship - Charitable gift	5,397.83		800.00	6,197.83	6,608.46
SE0001 - Stewardship – Envelope Giving	16,087.94			16,087.94	26,969.71
SR0001 - Sundry Receipts	7,127.26			7,127.26	236.35
SS0001 - Stewardship – Standing Orders	54,716.00		10,630.00	65,346.00	55,052.00
WC0001 - Wedding Collections					
WF0001 - Wedding Fees	1,538.00			1,538.00	2,136.00
WF0002 - Wedding Heating Fees					100.00
YC0001 - Younger Church Income					
YW0001 - Youth Worker					9.35
Other income Totals	108,050.69	4,547.48	14,256.75	126,854.92	155,498.96
Income and endowments Grand totals	119,457.09	8,295.76	35,383.75	163,136.60	245,438.33

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total This year	Total Last year
Expenditure					
Other expenditure					
AE001 - Accounts Examiner(Independent)	225.00			225.00	300.00
AL001 - Alpha Expenditure	124.07	485.74		609.81	904.22
AW001 - Away Weekend					
BC001 - Bank Charges	32.00			32.00	32.00
CE001 - Curate/SSM Expenses	1,004.59			1,004.59	367.76
CE002 - Catering/ Entertainment		147.73		147.73	1,321.21
CM001 - Cleaning & Sanitary Materials	390.30	1,037.03		1,427.33	1,813.41
DE001 - Donations	580.00			580.00	4,692.76
DF001 - Discipleship	1,200.00			1,200.00	3,076.80
DT001 - Donations from Tithing	5,382.30			5,382.30	1,127.51
EL001 - Electricity	1,108.67	734.75		1,843.42	3,135.44
ET001 - Education and Training	174.33			174.33	1,440.20
FA001 - fabric					60.00
FF001 - Funeral Fees	712.95			712.95	2,459.00
GA001 - Gas	1,349.19	527.13		1,876.32	2,904.48
HH001 - Holiday at Home					1,783.63
IE001 - Insurance Expenditure	2,656.68			2,656.68	6,562.80
LR001 - Lantern Room			5,804.40	5,804.40	50,056.49
MA001 - Music and Audio	1,666.00			1,666.00	1,852.92
MR001 - Maintenance & Repairs(Church)	2,789.58			2,789.58	5,174.47
MT001 - Ministry Training					280.00
OE001 - Outreach	77.99	3,046.17		3,124.16	814.81
OS001 - Office Costs	188.32	111.77		300.09	1,836.39
PA001 - Publicity & Advertising	131.44		246.68	378.12	201.00
PC001 - Pastoral Care	24.49			24.49	391.99
PH001 - Photocopier Hire	4,552.80			4,552.80	4,552.80
PL001 - Church Planting			2,609.78	2,609.78	
PS001 - Parish Share	65,336.00			65,336.00	82,040.00
RM001 -Repair Maintenance(ChurchHall)		830.44		830.44	2,154.95
SE001 - Sundries Expenditure	31.46			31.46	65.30
SR001 - Service Requisite	142.51			142.51	986.68
SW001 - Staff Wages	13,954.51	10,066.64	10,800.75	34,821.90	37,555.79
TB001 - Telephone & Broadband		715.90		715.90	761.92
TS001 - Tresurer/Secretary Expenses					21.80
VE001 - Vicar Expenses	1,776.07			1,776.07	1,214.80
WE001 - Water Expenditure	528.70	549.79		1,078.49	1,319.45
WF001 - Wedding Fees	505.00			505.00	834.00
YC001 - Younger Church	120.00			120.00	278.31
YW001 - Youth Worker Expenses			896.93	896.93	2,022.10
Other expenditure Totals	106,764.95	18,253.09	20,358.54	145,376.58	226,397.19
Expenditure Grand totals	106,764.95	18,253.09	20,358.54	145,376.58	226,397.19

Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

Preparation of financial statements, reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund accounting

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds represent resources received and allocated according to limitations on their use specified by donors or other providers. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that own their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and charitable activities

Income is recognised when the PCC has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
Legacy income is recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.
Income raised from fund-raising events is accounted for gross and as being immaterial to the overall income level of the PCC and is included within income from charitable activities.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rent is due.

Income from investments

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the PCC; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.
Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised on a fiscal year basis.

Gains and losses on investments

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and Unrealised gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure.

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

Charitable activities include all costs that directly relate to the work of the Church, including running costs and costs of maintenance and repair. Support costs and governance costs are deemed to relate directly to the work of the Church.
The Parish share is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011.
No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other land and buildings

Freehold buildings, other than consecrated buildings, are depreciated on a straight line basis over fifty years. The gross book value is based on an insurance valuation from 27th June 2014 as adjusted for subsequent additions at cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis for over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £2,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at 31 December using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Current assets

Debtors

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.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held on deposit either with CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank as short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

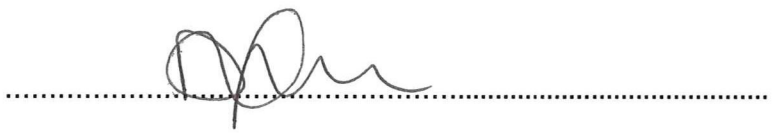
Financial Instruments

The PCC only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Reserve Policy

The reserves policy was reviewed by the PCC in 2011 and was changed such that it is now PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted/designated funds (if possible) which equates to two months unrestricted payments including parish share, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Donna Finch – Treasurer – 5th March 2020



Administrative information

Location

St. Augustine's Church is situated on the junction of Felixstowe Road and Bucklesham Road, Ipswich. It is part of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 2, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, IP3 8TJ

Volunteers

The Churchwardens and PCC would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard undertaking various and numerous tasks, serving on Committees/Sub Committees and participation in Church events, especially during the Interregnum and Pandemic. Your help however small is greatly acknowledged. May the Lord continue to bless you all at the start of another year in the life our Church.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council met on in person on 2 occasions and 8 virtually PCC meeting during 2020.

APCM Arrangements

These were put in place for 29th October, 2020. There was also a short PCC meeting held directly following the APCM where Rev Ian Daniels was appointed as Interim Chair; Donna Finch as Treasurer and Moira Briggs as PCC secretary. No Lay Vice Chair was appointed.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been Charity registered with the Charity Commission (Charity number 1131319) since 30th July, 2009. Prior to this the PCC was a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. However with a gross annual income of more than £100,000 we were required to register by 30th September 2009.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	Rev Al Metcalfe (from November 2020)
Curate:	Amy Key
	Matt Key (from July 2020)
Wardens:	Nigel Cook
	Gail Minter (until July 2020)
	Graeme Richardson (from October 2020)
Treasurer:	Donna Finch
Self-Supporting Minister:	Revd Ian Daniels
Deanery Representatives:	Colin Scott
	Andrew Woods
	Sue Pettit
Representative Reader:	Ann Boxall
	Julie Daniels
	Matt Cornwell – Youth Worker

Elected members (each year for up to a three-year term):

Jenny Grace (appointed Vice Chair in December)
Adele Rudland
Steve Chittock
Moira Briggs
Alice Blanchard
Shelanna Goldsmith Gray
Kirstie Clarke
Bev Smith

In Attendance: Revd Jennifer Ragan (From July 2013)

Approved by the PCC on 4th May 2021 and signed by Rev Al Metcalfe (Chair)

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