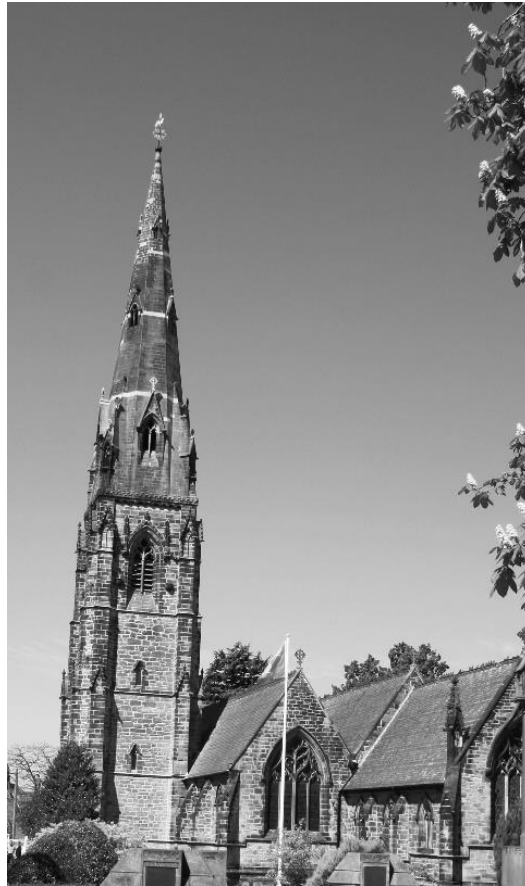


St. Philip & St. James Parish Church, Alderley Edge



Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2022

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters, beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-5

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Ministry Team serving at St. Philip and St. James' during 2022

Rev'd Robin Pye (Vicar)

Rev'd Canon Professor Loveday Alexander (Associate Priest)

Rev'd Linda Lonsdale (Retired Priest)

Mrs Susan Mills (Pastoral Worker)

Mrs Clare Wearne (Baptism Visitor)

Mrs Rachel Roberts (Reader)

Ms Kate Pwaishiho (Ordinand)

Introduction

The impression given by some of our national newspapers is that the Church of England is in a sharp decline exacerbated by the covid pandemic. Into this narrative of sharp decline different commentators insert their own analysis usually based on circumstantial evidence or no evidence at all.

What is the true picture? And how does our church fit into it? The Church of England has just published a report it has commissioned called *Church Attendance in October 2022*.

Across the five dioceses which the report studied (and they included Chester Diocese), total onsite weekly attendance in October 2022 varied between 73% and 81% of 2019, with an average of 78%. This compared with 38% in 2020 and 71% in 2021. So onsite attendance has continued to increase in 2021-22, but at a slower rate than in 2020-21 and it has not recovered to 2019 levels.

If you add in the people who still worship online the percentage creeps up so that in Chester Diocese the numbers of people worshipping is at almost 90% of the 2019 figure. Across the diocese we have lost 10% of our worshippers in the space of three years.

But this overall decline masks a very mixed picture from parish to parish. Two factors in particular are associated with sharper than average decline in worshipping numbers, according to the report.

The first is that if you reduce the number of services, you will see a sharp decline in numbers of people worshipping. And the second is that if you abandon online services you will lose those worshippers for whom this has become the only way they can continue to worship.

Our church came through the whole of the pandemic without reducing services, moving them online when we needed to, but, crucially, not abandoning online worship when the lockdowns ended.

This may well be the reason we have not seen a decline in numbers attending worship. And we are not alone. A significant minority of Church of England churches responded to the challenges of the last three years in a similar way to us.

It was a lot of hard work and this work has been shared among a significant number of members of our congregation. And the hard work continues. But, as a result of this hard work, we are in good shape. And, although one might say that we are bucking the national trend, we are not alone in doing so.

How will all these services be kept going into the future? How can we maintain and expand our online provision? This is the challenge facing the church, nationally.

One recommendation that the report makes is this:

More churches might be kept operational more often if those other than stipendiary clergy were entrusted with leading churches themselves. Some dioceses have concluded that a good way of doing this is with the introduction of 'Focal Ministers', each leading just one church and so with the time and incentive to innovate rather than retrench. Where Focal Ministers have taken on smaller churches, attendance has almost always risen. This can be done by informal local arrangement without waiting for diocesan re-organisation.

I found this recommendation especially interesting. Because one local church where attendance is increasing is St Catherine's Birtles where roughly half of the services are led by our Reader, Rachel Roberts. Focussing on the needs of the congregation at St Catherine's, she has been able to innovate in a way that has engaged more people.

Which brings me to the most significant development to report in 2022; our formation of a joint benefice with St Catherine's Birtles.

Our ministry team has taken on responsibility for leading worship at St Catherine's in return for which they are paying 20% of our parish share (our financial contribution to the diocese). This in turn has allowed us to invest in employing a part-time parish administrator and outreach officer who will enable us to improve our social media and online outreach and also free me up to be more outward focussed in my ministry.

There will be a period of getting used to new ways of working. Maria, our new employee, is climbing a steep learning curve and the whole ministry team and especially the vicar has to learn to adjust to new ways of working to make this as effective as possible. And

we have been doing all this while also providing significant support to St Mary's Alderley while they are in vacancy.

But this vacancy will end soon. And we are learning new ways of working. And these new ways of working are part of a national picture in which some parish churches are flourishing. I believe that ours will be one of those going forward.

For this reason I have selected some verses from 1 Thessalonians for our annual report this year.

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1 Thessalonians 1: 2-5

Writing to the Church in Thessalonica, Paul began by saying how much he thanked God for their work of faith, labour of love and steadfastness of hope.

I also give thanks to God that he sent me to a church with these qualities. They have seen us through some challenging times and as we reflect on 2022, we can see that we have passed through them now in relative good shape, ready for what God has to show us next.

Normal Pattern of Worship

Sundays

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel using Common Worship Order One using traditional language. |
| 10.00am | Choral Eucharist using Common Worship Order One and Seasonal Material |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer, generally alternating every week between evensong or Taizé style service and online service using zoom. |

Wednesdays

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| 11.30am | Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel following the Book of Common Prayer. |
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Variations

On the first Sunday of every month at 11.45am we hold an additional service for toddlers and their families which is known as 'Pipnjay'.

On the third Sunday of the month the main 10am service is a shorter 'Family Communion' service using a simpler liturgy.

On the fifth Sunday of the month the main 10am choral eucharist service follows the Book of Common Prayer.

Morning and Evening Prayer

The vicar says Morning Prayer at 8.15 every weekday morning and is joined online by the ministry team on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The vicar says evening prayer at 5.30pm every weekday evening and is joined online by members of the congregation. When other matters call the vicar away, these prayers are still said by the congregation in his absence.

Occasional Services

We conducted 20 baptisms in 2022, of which 3 were adult baptisms. Looking back over previous years, we can be happy with this number, given that in 2021 some of the baptisms were clearly postponements from the period of lockdowns and restrictions in 2020.

2022	20
2021	25
2020	6
2019	13
2018	14
2017	16

We conducted 6 weddings in 2022. 4 of those involved members of our congregation or members of their families. I fear that the steep decline in church weddings is continuing.

2022	6
2021	6
2020	1
2019	8
2018	7
2017	11

We held 17 funeral services in church this year and our ministry team conducted a further 6 services elsewhere.

2022	17
2021	17
2020	3
2019	14
2018	22
2017	18

These services included services for some dearly loved members of our congregation including Michael Roff, Hazel Highton, Mary Beck, Judith and Stephen Napper and Sheila Hoyland. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Confirmation

We organised a joint confirmation service at St Mary's Alderley this year. Sam, Bishop of Stockport took the service, confirming two candidates from St Mary's and two from our church. Congratulations to Frankie Mulcahy and Mason Byrom!

Death of the Queen

We were shocked and saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in September. We held two special services at the start and the end of the period of mourning and we hosted a book of condolences.

The Queen had been part of our lives for so long and kept before the nation a life of faith lived with humility and dedication. We will miss her as we get used to praying for a King instead of a Queen.

Thought for the Day

Thought for the Day was sent out by email during Lent and Advent.

Ordinands and Curates

We were hugely blessed this year by the ministry of our ordinand, Kate Pwaisiho. We also agreed this year to put ourselves forward to be a training parish for curates.

Inclusive Church

We agreed this year to join the Inclusive Church Network. This involves accepting a responsibility to reflect on a regular basis on our life as a church asking if we are truly inclusive and welcoming.

We also support the wider work of the network and are able to advertise ourselves as being a member of the network on the Inclusive Church website as well as on our own.

At the present time, this is often taken to mean that we are inclusive and welcoming of LGBTQ+ people, although inclusivity as a concept is not restricted to this.

School Ministry

Our School Ministry has continued to recover slowly this year.

Children and Young People's Ministry

This aspect of our ministry has stagnated in some respects. We have discontinued Sunday School for the time being and attendance at Pipnjay declined as the year went by. Tuesday Tots remains popular and baptism numbers are healthy.

Average Attendance at Services by Month

	10am	8am	Evening	Wednesday
January	59	10	20	9
February	63	9	20	10
March	66	11	23	9
April	56	10	23	9
May	61	12	19	10
June	59	9	16	8
July	68	8	20	9
August	62	10	20	9
September	54	12	20	9
October	64	11	18	13
November	67	11	21	13
December	58	9	19	12

Special services have been excluded from these figures.

This is where we have landed after the pandemic in terms of numbers attending worship.

Numbers attending the main 10am service are slightly higher compared to 2019.

Numbers attending the 8am service are slightly lower compared to 2019.

Numbers attending evening services are the same as the second half of 2019 when we had seen a significant rise in attendance over the course of that year.

Numbers attending on Wednesday remained lower than 2019 for most of the year but began to pick up towards the end of the year as people's confidence grew and other activities returned to the church building.

Special Services and Events through the Year

January

We held a special service of prayers for Christian Unity and 30 people attended. These prayers had special poignancy given the conversations we had about a closer relationship with the Methodist Church. In the end, these came to nothing, and the Holy Spirit took us in a different direction.

Philip Alexander led the second of our series of talks under the heading *Morality Tales*. He spoke to us about how we should remember the Holocaust.

February

Ernie Rea led the third *Morality Tales* talk. Under the title 'means and ends', Ernie led us in a reflection on whether violence is ever justified as a means to achieving social justice.

March

Lent began with our Ash Wednesday services, attended by 53 people. Together with the other churches in Alderley Edge, we began a series of Bible studies following the book *Holy Habits*. It was our turn to host the World Day of Prayer Service which used materials prepared by the churches of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and reflected on the verse from Jeremiah which reads, 'I Know the Plans I Have For You'. 46 people attended the service. Our final *Morality Tales* talk was led by Philip Alexander who took as his title 'What should we do with tainted money?'

April

Holy Week began with a beautiful Sung Passion Service only attended by 26 people. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week we held an evening service of Holy Communion with an average attendance of 9 people.

Then it was a back to normal feeling as we held a Maundy Thursday Service with feet washing, a Walk of Witness service and Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and Easter Vigil service on Saturday and a Sunrise service at 6am on Easter Sunday. We had 121 people at the main 10am service.

May

We held a special service for Ascension Day with 29 people in attendance. The main service at Pentecost was led by the Archdeacon, Ian Bishop, because the vicar had joined the pilgrimage group to Germany and France.

June

The pilgrims visited Oberammergau for the Passion Play and it had a huge impact on all of us. Unfortunately, a number of pilgrims caught covid on their travels, including the

vicar. We experienced some difficulty in finding replacement priests and some services had to be non-Eucharistic. 13 people attended a special service for Corpus Christi and 32 people came to a special service for Thanksgiving and Remembrance. Anna Cerval-Pena, who spent time with us as an ordinand, was ordained priest.

July

We held a Parish Retreat at Foxhill and had a very significant discussion about how we could heat the church without producing any carbon dioxide.

August

August was a quiet month.

September

Harvest Festival went ahead on 11th despite the news of the Queen's death. It didn't seem right to use the fruit and vegetable costumes so we left these in the parish rooms. 90 attended including 10 children for what turned out to be a rather sombre harvest festival service.

We held a Special Service for the Queen that evening. 42 people attended. And there was another special evening on 25th September to mark the end of the official mourning period.

During the mourning period we held a special Civic service where different members of the community shared their experiences of the pandemic. 85 people attended including 15 children.

October

The Animal Service was organised rather hurriedly. 13 people came. We held our annual service for healing with laying on of hands. The All Souls Requiem Service was amazing. The choir sang Faure's Requiem and 98 people came.

November

Remembrance Sunday saw the new Methodist Minister, Nick Thompson, lead the prayers at the cenotaph at 3pm.

December

Christingle and School Carol services had already gone back to normal in 2021 and these were busy services again this year. It was our turn to host the Nine Lessons and Carols Service this year and an amazing 135 people came to hear an outstanding performance from the choir.

The big change this year was that the Christmas Eve services were restored to their former glory with huge turnouts compared to last year.

Christmas Day itself was actually quieter than last year and we wondered whether a lot of people were away visiting family now that it felt safe to do so.

THANKS

As usual I want to thank people but wonder where these thanks will ever end and who will feel hurt if I forget to mention them.

First of all, let me thank Alan Robinson, Colin Mills and Martin Steiger who work tirelessly to keep our church grounds in really good order, probably saving us thousands of pounds if we had to employ professional gardeners.

I would also like to thank Wendy Davies, Martin Sinker and everybody else whose sleep was disturbed during that period in the summer when vandals kept attacking our marquee. I kept asking to go on the list of people whose mobile phone was linked to the alarm system and they kept forgetting to do that. Thank you.

Can I thank Chris Walker, Jenny Limond and Barbara Williams for stepping in cover for our organist, Peter Spooner, when he had to go off and have an operation?

Other people who stepped in, sometimes at short notice were Rev'd Jane Parry, Bishop Willie Pwaisiho and Rev'd John Murray, who took services here and at St Catherine's and St Mary's so that I was able to get away sometimes.

Five people who just take an entire job off my hands so effectively that I am in danger of forgetting that if it wasn't for them I would have to do this myself:

- Martin Sinker, who continues to run the Fabric Committee with incredible effectiveness.
- Jen Pound who takes care of all things Food Bank and the people who use it.
- Peter Pound who negotiates our utility deals and did such a good job that will not feel the impact of higher energy prices until later in 2023.
- Maxine Drabble who took on producing the pew sheet and the mailchimp emailing system
- Richard Barraclough who looks after our website.

I also want to thank Sandra Thompson and the whole of the Welcome Team and especially those who attended training at the end of the year so we can make our church an even more friendly and welcoming place than it already is.

I also want to thank Bob Tuffin who stepped up to be a churchwarden this year and has brought a lot of hard work, careful thought and dedication to the role.

And finally, my thanks go to the Ministry Team and to everybody who joins me for evening prayer. A lot of clergy become very lonely. I never feel lonely in my work. And I never feel alone. I know I am supposed to be sure that God is always with me. But the people who remind me that God is always with me are the people who pray with me. For you, I will always give thanks to God.

Revd Robin Pye

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Part of The Diocese of Chester (ref 1403) in Knutsford Deanery;
The Parish Church of St Philip and St James Alderley Edge
Church Lane, Alderley Edge SK9 7UZ

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a Charity (No 1131416) within the authority of the Charity Commission.

Bank Account held: Barclays plc London Rd Alderley Edge

The Parish Room adjacent to the Church is also the responsibility of the PCC

MEMBERS OF THE PCC 2022

Clergy: Revd Robin Pye

Revd Canon Loveday Alexander

Reader: Mrs Rachel Roberts (approved at APCM April 2022)

Pastoral Worker: Mrs Sue Mills **Safeguarding Officer**

Churchwardens: Mrs Wendy Davies

Mr Martin Sinker (until June 2022 thereafter attending as Fabric Chair [non-member])

Mr Bob Tuffin (elected April 2022)

Deanery Synod Representatives: Miss Celia Berent

Mr Michael Scaife

Mrs Sandra Thompson

Elected Members:

Mr Simon Caporn

Ms Rhona Dalziel

Mr Rupert Downes

Ms Sarah Magee

Mrs Mandy Parr

Mrs Jen Pound

Mr Charles Rogers

Mrs Margaret Seddon

Mrs Gill Shone

Mr Ian Standen

Ms Gillian Swain

Mr Brian Thompson

Mrs Clare Wearne

Health & Safety Officer

(elected APCM April 2022)

(elected up to APCM 2022, co-opted PCC May 2022)

(co-opted PCC June 2021, elected APCM April 2022)

(elected up to APCM April 2022, co-opted PCC May 2022)

Electoral Roll Officer (elected PCC April 2022)

Treasurer (co-opted PCC June 2021, elected APCM April 2022)

(elected APCM April 2022)

Mr Peter Spooner

Secretary (non-member of PCC)

The PCC met on 8 occasions with overall average attendance at 65%.

Of the 8 meetings: 6 were ordinary; 1 was to appoint officers following the APCM; 1 was to discuss the proposed Pastoral Scheme involving St Catherine Birtles, St Mary Alderley and ourselves.

Delegated from the PCC were the Standing Committee and the Fabric Committee.

The following 'Mission Groups' reported to the PCC: Training and Discipleship; Worship Space; Pastoral Care; Music.

SIDESPEOPLE

At the year end the list of Sidespeople contained 21 names, as follows:

Alan Boyd	Jennifer Boyd	Josie Dawes	Ann Estridge
Stuart Heaviside	David Hollas	Stephen Napper	Anna Nicholson
Elaine Ockelton	Mandy Parr	Nick Parr	Alan Robinson
Michael Scaife	Martin Sinker	Sue Pawsey	Martin Steiger
Brian Thompson	Sandra Thompson	Bob Tuffin	Wendy Walker
Ian Wilson			

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Officer Mrs Sue Mills reports to the PCC on any issues that may arise, and ensures that DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) procedures are up to date. In 2021, Gillian Swain joined Sue to help complete the DBS applications.

There were no formal "safeguarding" issues reported in 2022. Through the issues supported by our volunteers in the local community Sue has worked closely with Social Services, Housing agencies and Community Volunteer Service advisors. Sue Mills and Rev Robin Pye have a working relationship with the Chester Diocese Safeguarding Team. Chester Diocese have requested all of the Ministry update their level 3 Safeguarding Training and the PCC members should complete Basic Awareness and C1 Safeguarding, plus Domestic Abuse Awareness Training. Sue aims to retire from this role after April 2023.

HEALTH & SAFETY

In his role, Simon Caporn continues to update, improve and create new risk assessments for a variety of activities and events and liaise with external consultants on various maintenance and safety checks. Progress and issues are reported back to the PCC. There have been no serious health and safety issues but a few minor falls and following such incidents we seek to learn from them and act to minimise future risks.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Electoral Roll Officer: Mrs Elaine Ockelton up to APCM 10th April 2022; Mrs Gill Shone from PCC 10th April 2022

At the start of the year there were 133 names on the roll, of whom 47 were non-resident. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 30th May 2022, there were 131 members, of whom 52 were non-resident. At the end of the year there were 135 names on the roll of whom 57 were non-resident.

Mrs Gill Shone, Electoral Roll Officer

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Last year was our first full post-lockdown year and as such seemed busier than usual as we emerged from restrictions and regulations. Church services became more relaxed and alive again and activities were relaunched, along with new ideas. Our inspirational ministry team lead by Robin continued to fulfil our spiritual needs and worked hard in the service of our church and also to support St Catherine's Birtles and St Mary's Nether Alderley during their interregnum. We give thanks to them, and also for the steadfast support of our PCC, other church officials and groups, our congregation and members.

The churchwardens also experienced change with the retirement of Martin and the return of Bob. We are so grateful to Martin for his six years of tireless dedication and efficient service – through the major restoration of our spire and refurbishment of the West End (and the organ) to the continued support for our vicar and congregation. We are fortunate that he continues to lead our building and fabric committee as this allows the churchwardens to focus on other aspects of church life. It was great to welcome Bob back as churchwarden as his experience and enthusiasm has enabled a smooth transition and, in many cases, a running start.

Wendy attempted to keep up as Bob introduced the Parish Plan (cyclical budgeting system), began a number of grant applications, prepared compliance documentation for our livestreaming activity, supported the setting up of the St Elizabeth fund, helped to re-consider recruitment and training of servers, and engaged fully with the newly formed Worship Space committee as they looked to improve the spaces (and materials eg altar frontals) in the church. Many of these activities are covered elsewhere in this report, and we are grateful to all those people who so willingly give up their time and energy to progress these initiatives.

Wendy continued to co-ordinate the 'Tuesday Tots' sessions and introduced a new team of enthusiastic volunteers. In the summer, the marquee was a much enjoyed facility for the children and also for a number of other events including afternoon teas, baptism and birthday parties. A security camera and alarm system was introduced in an attempt to deal with intruders, but in the end it was less problematic to take down the marquee early. A vagrant also camped behind the Parish Rooms in the autumn and used the West

End facilities. With the help of Robin and Sue (and social services) we were able to find ways of moving these young people to safer places. The familiar turquoise van of 'Remedy on the Park' also moved on at the end of the year, and we were able to re-use the kitchen, give Jen more space for the foodbank, and tidy up in a timely way before the arrival of our new administrator.

We were very pleased to help Robin recruit Maria Byron as our parish administrator. It was a relief to know that, after such a busy year for Robin and the ministry team, much of the administrative burden could be taken away and new processes introduced to improve our digital outreach. The financing of this appointment was made easier because of our new relationship with our sister church St Catherine's.

One of the highlights of 2022 was the completion of our work to form a Benefice with St Catherine's Birtles. Our relationship had grown stronger over 2021, largely thanks to Rachel, and we look forward very much to our new relationship in 2023.

Wendy Davies and Bob Tuffin

THANKS from the CHURCHWARDENS

At every service we are reminded about how many people come together to make our worship a happy and inclusive experience. Many people are mentioned in this report, and others quietly contribute – sometimes unmentioned but not un-noticed. Many organise our rotas and co-ordinate important activities: Margaret Seddon and the flowers team, Mandy Parr and the readers/intercessors, Anne Shaw and the coffee team, Bethan Weston and Rupert Downes and the livestreaming team, Wendy Walker and the '8 o'clockers' who help set up for the 10:00am, and Diane Rippon who ensures that the church is always spotless. Along with Peter and the choir, Stuart our vergers, the Sidespeople and welcomers, your contributions make a real difference – thank you.

FABRIC REPORT

Starting at roof level, an annual leaf-clearance and inspection early in the year revealed several missing slates and in particular a missing flashing against the tower wall, leading to water ingress and damp on the inner wall below. Repairs were carried out promptly. Also on the roof the maintenance of the alarm system presented the installers GBSG with considerable access problems but overall the system has been in operation throughout the year. Open Reach on behalf of British Telecom made contact, wishing to upgrade the telecoms equipment in the spire by installing a fibre-optic link from Church Lane. This has required a Faculty application, eventually granted, and also the involvement of our Architect and Diocesan legal input. The fibre-optic installation is expected early in 2023.

Following on from General Synod's target of 2030 for all churches to achieve carbon neutrality, a survey and report was commissioned with a local energy efficiency specialist, Humblebee. The report, when it came in, was very wide-ranging in possible ways forward

for St P&J. Detailed discussions took place involving Florence Collier of Humblebee and our Architect Mark Pearce; it became clear that more research would be needed into possible energy sources and associated costs. Meanwhile the annual service of our one operating gas boiler and other gas equipment was carried out. Towards the end of the year it was suggested by Robin that consideration of new heating systems be put on hold for the time being and that instead we move lighting and redecoration up the priority agenda. As a consequence the second (currently defunct) Hamworthy gas boiler will be brought back into commission as a backup, if economically viable.

Quotations were obtained for full redecoration of the painted interior walls, including stripping and plaster repairs where needed. Subject to the success of a grant application, this work will be carried out in the first half of 2023. It is recognised that our splendid stained-glass windows have not been cleaned within living memory, and efforts will be made to have this done by specialists, also during 2023.

Considerable energy savings can be made by converting our internal and external lighting to LED light sources. A study is in progress to re-light the interior of the Church and meanwhile any failed bulbs or spotlights are being replaced with LED's. The external floodlights will be replaced with LED equivalents, subject to grant funding.

Among the many minor works carried out during 2022, a dropped kerb was installed by Cheshire East at no cost to St P&J, giving better access to the South Porch. A broken leaded light in the South Door was repaired professionally. An oak portable lectern was purchased, with a simple height adjustment, giving a more comfortable reading position to those who find the brass lectern rather high. Just in time for Christmas the sound system was upgraded, with volume controls etc. now operated from a tablet screen.

The marquee, purchased with grant funding during 2021, was duly returned from storage on 29th March and was used for a range of activities including a splendid fund-raising tea event. However unwanted night-time intruders caused problems with mess and damage to furniture and an attempt at arson. An alarm system was installed but did not fully solve the problem and the marquee was taken down and returned to storage on 25th August, earlier than hoped for. As ever our outside workers did a magnificent job keeping the grass areas and hedges neatly cut and the flower beds splendidly stocked. During the year a Jubilee Tree was planted, and also John Howarth arranged the installation of a sundial.

Martin Sinker, Chair of the Fabric Committee

The churchwardens have carried out the annual check of silverware and valuables, making the usual photographic record for comparison purposes. In 2022 they cleared out the two safes in the vicar's vestry and took important documents to the Records Office in Chester for archiving.

MISSION GROUPS AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

A TRAINING PARISH: TRAINING AND DISCIPLESHIP in the life of our church

Annual Report 2022: Loveday Alexander

Training and discipleship are integral to the life of our church, and all contribute to the overall aim of ‘making disciples’ (Matt 28.20, Acts 2.42). In this report I have tried to pull together all the information I have on training in different aspects of church life. Please let me know if you are involved in any aspect of training which you would like me to include!

- 1. Ministry training creates two-way links with Chester Diocese and with the wider church.** We continue to benefit from being known as a “Training parish”. During 2022, we continued to enjoy the ministry of our ordinand **Kate Pwaisiho** and had the joy of attending the ordination of our previous ordinand **Anna Cerval-Pena** at Chester Cathedral. Reader **Karen Drury** from High Legh completed her training placement in our parish in May 2022. Robin continues to be involved in **Reader Training** for Chester Diocese. Robin runs regular evenings of **Theological Reflection** for our own Ministry Team and other Readers. Rachel and Sue both completed the diocesan **Leadership training** module in 2022, and Sue began working through two diocesan training modules on **bereavement and funerals**. Rachel has been elected to the diocesan Committee for Ministry and is regularly involved in diocesan lay training events like **Called to Serve** in January and the **Lay Conference** in March 2022. Loveday was a speaker at the Lay Conference and continues to be involved with continuing theological education in the cathedral, the diocese and the wider church.
- Worship is the focus of our life as a church and both sustains and is sustained by the life of discipleship.** Many different groups of lay people contribute to the enhancement of our worship, and many of these roles involve training which can provide a helpful way to draw newcomers into the life of the church. During 2022 we have provided practical training for **live-streaming** and the **sound system**. **Maxine Drabble** helped to develop the weekly pew-sheets which are sent out to 170+ people (and to specific groups like young families) via the database. Rachel Roberts, Mandy Parr and Bob Tuffin have brought together a small team to re-think and enhance our **Worship Space** and how we use it. The **Welcome Team** held a series of training events to draw in and resource new members. The course covers the importance of being a welcoming church; being watchful and taking responsibility for welcoming people; the distinction between the role of the welcome team and the role of sides-people; exploring how we welcome different groups of people (families with children, people with disabilities, people who are in trouble; how to offer prayer ministry to people in need; and how to collect details, add people to the photo montage, get people onto the electoral roll. Many

ideas have come out of the training sessions, such as a need for a series of training sessions on prayer.

2. Study groups and digital communications

- a. The **Bible Study Group** meets monthly (on the first Monday of the month) and welcomes around 20 people including some from the Methodist Church. In the first part of 2022 we were following a series on the book *Holy Habits* (Andrew Roberts), looking at the 10 essential practices that undergird the life of discipleship. The Wilmslow Home Group, meeting with Kate Downes, was able to make use of the same material. Our study focus for 2022-23 will be Creation, Climate, and the Bible.
- b. *Holy Habits* also formed the focus for the **Churches Together Lent Groups** in 2022, meeting at St Philip and St James on Monday nights (led by Loveday, Robin, Rod Hill, and John Murray) and at AEMC on Thursday afternoons (led by Robin).
- c. *Thought for the Day* (TFTD) was sent out electronically during Lent and Advent to 200+ people on the database. The Lenten TFTD in March 2022 used *Holy Habits* as a framework for wide-ranging and thoughtful reflections on discipleship. The Advent TFTD in December 2022 followed a series of readings from the OT prophets leading up to Christmas. TFTD is co-ordinated and sent out by Loveday, ably supported by Robin, John Murray, and the Methodist ministers Rod Hill (till Easter) and Nick Thompson (from September), with contributions from Readers Rachel Roberts and Karen Drury.
- d. A **Theological Reflection** group met with Robin during the year to reflect on current issues.

3. To be a pilgrim: pilgrimages and retreats

A highlight of 2022 was the pilgrimage to Oberammergau (May 30—June 9), led by Mandy, Robin and Rachel and taking in Heidelberg, Schwäbisch Hall, Ulm, Oberammergau and Mont St Odile (Alsace). Loveday led daily prayers and attempted to send out daily bulletins to the congregation back home, with the aid of Maxine Drabble. The Passion Play at Oberammergau was an unforgettable experience, and the whole pilgrimage forged fellowship and brought us together in new ways. Robin also led a Retreat at Foxhill.

Loveday Alexander

The Welcome Committee

St Philip and St James is noted for the warmth of its welcome but this does not just happen. We have invested continuously in ensuring that anyone entering our church, whether a new or existing worshipper, can depend on a warm, friendly and inclusive welcome. We have a team of Welcomers to make any act of worship or visit for any other reason an experience which reflects Gods love.

During December '22 and January '23 members of the Welcome Team attended one of three training sessions, led by Robin, to invest in our welcoming capabilities.

To continue to build our church a Christian Welcome is a key element but it needs to be versatile and also cater for some as they leave. The training focused on how we welcome families with children, how we welcome people with special needs, how we approach people whom look upset, how we offer to pray for people and how we pray for people. And importantly how we collect people details so that we can keep in touch with them.

The Welcome Team provides an important contribution to the ministry of St Philip and St James Church. and it is an imperative that we continue to provide an uplifting welcome to all who attend our 10am Sunday Services and other special events.

Sandra Thompson

THE WORSHIP SPACE COMMITTEE

In May 2022, the PCC identified the need for a new committee who would have responsibilities for driving continuous improvements to the design and furnishing of our worship spaces within St Philip and St James. It was agreed that the new Worship Space Committee would reports to the PCC and work alongside the Fabric Committee.

The Worship Space committee has the following broad, but exciting brief:

1. Design and development of worship spaces e.g. the St James Chapel
2. Altar linen and vestments, kneelers
3. Worship artifacts
4. Flowers and decoration
5. Hymns books and service sheets
6. Lighting
7. Technological internet connection, live-streaming, zooming.

Altar linen and vestments and Lighting currently have separate work programmes but in due course will amalgamate with the Worship Space Committee.

In this first year, the Committee has been focusing on the design and development of worship spaces and on the challenge of balancing two competing demands. The need to:

1. To address practical issues and irritants.
2. To reflect (theologically) on how we create dynamic spaces which enhance our worship and our mission.

Therefore, we have been busy orchestrating a general decluttering, restoring and cleaning, cataloguing the books in our library and making sure that everything is in its logical place. We have also reflected theologically on how to enhance our welcome area, the Baptism/ family friendly area, spaces for personal prayer, the Chapel of our Lady and St James Chapel.

The committee members are: Rhona Dalziel, Bob Tuffin, Sue Mills, Mandy Parr, Michael Scaife, Clare Wearne and Rachel Roberts. There are also many other people in our church who quietly in the background ensure that our worship spaces are beautiful, purposeful, and practical. We are very grateful to them. The ultimate job of the new committee is to make sure that we create an environment which supports all their efforts.

Rachel Roberts

PASTORAL CARE

Our main aim is to make sure that someone in the congregation is able to respond to those who need a bit of extra support. This could be support from one of the Care Group members, or that we ask among the congregation to provide a listening ear, or practical support.

Home or Hospital and Care Home Visits:

Services and visits to Nursing homes got going again in 2022, dependent upon individual homes policies. Home visits were carried out on an individual basis, taking into account vulnerability, government and Church of England Guidelines, and need. Care group visitors continued to use traditional and more innovative ways of keeping in touch: telephone calls, Zoom calls, e-mailing, door visits and walking.

Transport: Jenny Pound continued to coordinate the transport requests – hospital appointments for those who couldn't drive a distance, and lifts to and from church.

Volunteer Shopping scheme: (Sue Mills, Wendy Davies, Ian Standen)

This continued to a lesser extent with a hard core of very vulnerable individuals remaining supported by our volunteers for one-off tasks, but encouraged to seek statutory services and paid carers for day to day support. Some community volunteers continued with their connections to locals.

Foodbank

We continued to collect food from Waitrose and Tesco and deliver to Hope Central, Handforth and ROAR in Macclesfield on a daily basis. Jen is very grateful to all the volunteers from the community and the church family. We collected food in the yellow bin in the church porch for the Foodbank and although not opening formally on a Sunday, we kept in contact with folk who used the Foodbank previously and delivered to them when they were in need. The food in the Foodbank was sorted approximately once a month and surplus was transfer to Hope Central in Handforth and a Foodbank in Wythenshawe where it was greatly appreciated.

We are also very grateful to Heather Jobling, a member of the congregation who started hosting lunches, which she cooks for friends, asking for donations of food, toiletries and laundry items for the foodbank.

Note from the Churchwardens: Heather also prepared an amazing afternoon tea in the marquee as a fund-raising activity for the general church funds. This raised approximately £1000 for which we are extremely grateful. A very enjoyable afternoon.

‘Reach Out’

‘Warm Wednesdays’: In October 2022 we resumed Wednesday activities and this is getting back to pre-pandemic engagement levels, with people from the community and local nursing homes coming along. These activities include the Art Group, Mid-week Communion, Lunch and ‘Voices Together’ (Sue Mills, Gillian Swain and Robin Pye).

The ‘West End’ of the Church continued to be well used with coffees after services, bible study, and organisations such as the Mothers Union and the Alderley Edge History Society enjoying the space and its facilities.

St Elizabeth Fund

We set up The St Elizabeth Fund at the end of 2022 in order to provide small grants to those in need as the cost of living increased, and also to make regular donations to Christian Aid. This new initiative involves St Philip and St James, the Methodist Church, and St Pius Church. Regular monthly (£5) donations are made by the congregations and people in the local community, which is greatly appreciated.

Sue Mills, Pastoral Worker

The Alderley History Group based At St Philip & St James

The history group went from strength to strength and we became part of the ‘Warm Wednesdays’ in Church, which was started in the autumn. We began a new archiving system, and continued to work hard to catalogue our archives in a shared cloud. This gives greater access and we also we hope to roll out our digital archive to our members during 2023.

We held several meetings in the ‘West End’ in 2022, including a Pims social evening in June for members to visit our exhibition to celebrate the Queens Platinum jubilee, with a display of over 100 royal mugs (over a 100 years in age) and memorabilia showing how the village celebrated various occasions over the last 100 years.

Clare Pye gave a talk about Broadheath, 90 years of wrangling in Over Alderley, and Graham Diliway talked about The Stanley family.

Visitors to the church can use a map which the group helped to produce, with notes of interesting and historic facts about the Church.

Mandy Parr, Secretary AHG.

THE CHOIR AND OPALS AND OUTREACH THROUGH MUSIC

The choir continued to thrive despite starting the year with Covid restrictions. Whilst the number forming the choir for services at the beginning of the year was limited to eight, rehearsals involved everyone by occupying the nave. Gradually the number at services was increased to full capacity throughout the year. Membership of the Choir includes those who ordinarily sing for Sunday morning services and those who join with our ordinary members to sing as part of the Deanery Choir. Ordinary membership rose by two during the year and the Deanery Choir gained two external members. By the year end the total membership was:

Ordinary Members		Deanery Choir
Soprano	10	13
Alto	5	6
Tenor	2	3
Bass	4	6
Total	21	28

Locally, the choir has been pleased to provide a strong choral input to our regular 10am Sunday services plus other occasional services. These included:

- Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance
- Three weddings where there was a strong connection to the church and choir
- The funeral/memorial service for Judith and Stephen Napper. This was a moving service which Rhona Dalziel started so memorably by singing the first two verses of “Amazing grace” in her rich alto voice
- Requiem for All Souls
- Nine Lessons and Carols

The Deanery Choir has sung choral evensong at:

- St. Mary’s Rostherne, marking the retirement of three clergy - Philip Robinson, Patricia Robinson and Trish Cope
- Holy Trinity Rainow, with its very lively acoustic
- St Catherine Birtles
- St Cross Knutsford, with a strawberry tea provided
- St Mary Alderley, with a “posh” tea to raise money for their flower fund

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of singers in our church, amongst whom are several who have conducted (Barbara Williams, Anna Meadmore, Jenny Limond and Chris Wearne) or played organ locally or piano at St Mary Alderley (Chris Walker, Barbara Williams, Anna Meadmore, Jenny Limond, Chris Wearne). Especial mention should be made of Chris Walker who undertook to play for every 10am Sunday service for several weeks up to Christmas whilst Peter Spooner was absent.

OPALS recommenced providing the vocal lead for Taizé services from January onwards. There are four members of the group and they are joined by three cantors drawn from the choir (Wendy Davies, Rhona Dalziel and Chris Wearne). Latterly two instrumentalists joined them (Nicky Green on flute and Sarah Williamson on double bass) and this was particularly well received by the congregation. OPALS have also joined with choir members to cover weddings and funerals.

Mr. Peter Spooner, Organist and Choirmaster

THE MOTHERS' UNION

As lockdown restrictions were relaxed, we were able to meet and members enjoyed presentations by Sue (Mills) – Altar Frontals, Kate (Pwaisiho) – Solomon Islands and Alice (Walker) – Mastermind 2022.

Robin conducted our Lent Reflection and compiled and conducted services in the Lady Chapel for our regular April and September meetings. He also conducted our Wave of Prayer Service in May. He highlighted the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence during the daily evening prayer services held in church, which were well supported by members. Sadly, we had to cancel our Cream Tea due to the extreme heat warning.

Members prepared the posies for Mothering Sunday and later in the year prepared Christingles. In November we hosted a Coffee Morning which included our Deanery friends and new prayer partners from St Luke, Holmes Chapel. Our Alternative Carol Service included our Tuesday Tots families and was enjoyed by all. It was a delight to see the wonder on the faces of the tots during Robin's Christmas story.

To commemorate our Patron the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee we provided a flowering cherry tree and plaque for the church grounds. Details were uploaded on to The Queen's Green Canopy website. Our thanks go to Martin (Steiger) for his help and advice in procuring, siting and planting the tree.

We continued to support:

C.W.A. (Cheshire Without Abuse), providing 50 Easter Eggs, 50 Selection Boxes, toilet bags and Christmas Presentation Gift Boxes of toiletries for teenage boys.

Oasis - Easter Eggs, Selection Boxes and toiletries.

The S.C.B.U. units at Wythenshawe and Stepping Hill Hospitals - tiny garments and blankets.

Ukrainian refugees - new underwear, toiletries and sundries. We are most grateful to Anna (Brook) for providing transport to the distribution centre.

The main project launched by the diocese to provide Bags of Education for children in Ukraine was enthusiastically received. 40 completed bags have already been despatched and a further 10 will be sent early in the New Year

No baby boxes have been delivered to HMP Styal, but Pam has had a phone call recently ... so maybe soon.

Linda has continued doing sterling work contacting members. She provides a listening ear for “fedupness”. Josie and Sandra have continued with their responsibilities for social concern, faith and policy.

A big “thank you” to everybody – clergy, church family and wider community for their support.

The committee thanks everyone who has contributed in any way at all during the year.

Mrs Sheila Rayner, Mothers’ Union

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALDERLEY

For Churches Together in Alderley, 2022 was a year of consolidation and rebuilding after the uncertainties of the pandemic. Two of our clergy retired at Easter (Rod Hill of AEMC and Jon Hale of St Mary’s Alderley), and in September we welcomed Nick Thompson as the new minister at AEMC, along with his wife Pam, a Fair Trade champion for Traidcraft.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January) gave us the theme ‘Following the star’ for the annual service of unity held at St Philip and St James (23rd January) and the daily readings which were sent out for TFTD.

Given the uncertainties around holding public services at Christmas 2021, we were immensely thankful to see a gradual opening-up through the spring of 2022, and were able to restore the Walk of Witness from AEMC to St Philip and St James on Good Friday (April 15th) and the Sunrise service on the Edge on Easter Sunday (April 17th). Lent Groups using Andrew Roberts’ book *Holy Habits* were run at St Philip & St James (Monday evenings) and at AEMC (Thursday afternoons).

With the aid of Ian Wilson and his team, envelopes for Christian Aid Week were distributed along with our parish newsletter, and raised a total of £1,626.40.

Quiz Aid in aid of Christian Aid was organized by Norman and Mildred Sellers at the Scout Hut on October 8th (with fish and chips) and a quiz organized by Chris Wearne. The event is a great fellowship builder and raised £515 for Christian Aid.

On Remembrance Sunday (November 13th) a short service of prayers and readings by children from the Primary School was led by Nick Thompson.

We were welcomed to St Mary's on Advent Sunday for a candlelit service for Advent, and the year ended with carol singing outside Waitrose and a wonderful service of Nine Lessons and carols at St Philip and St James, which together raised £310 for Christian Aid.

I would like to express my thanks to our CTIA reps, Pam Higham and Sandra Thompson, for their help and support. Special thanks go to retiring Treasurer Norman Sellers for all that he has done for CTIA over the past 13 years.

Loveday Alexander, Chair.

World Day of Prayer Service

Prepared by the WDP movement in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This years' service was hosted by St Philip & St James Church. We welcomed representatives of St Catherine's, Birtles into our WDP churches together committee, along with Alderley Methodist, St Mary's, & St Pius X .

We held the service at 7pm, and were part of a worldwide wave of services over a 36hr period. The service was written by the women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland, using the text "I know the plans I have for you". We gave out packets of seeds of hope. Marion Sudbury led our reflection, and representatives of all 5 churches took part.

All countries were represented at our service Wendy Davies sang the Lord's Prayer in Welsh. We had Tayto crisps from NI, welsh cakes and Victoria sponge baked by Marjorie Young from AEMC.

We had over 60 people at the service and collected just over £385. This money will help the work of the WDP in England Wales & N Ireland and projects run by Christian charities around the world.

Mandy Parr, WDP representative StP&StJ

KNUTSFORD DEANERY SYNOD ANNUAL REPORT

As part of the Knutsford Deanery it is important that the sixteen parish groups work together for the common aim of proclaiming the Gospel in this area, sharing good practice, faith experience and together embracing the issues of the wider Church. We gain support and great collegiality from our association with our neighbouring parishes.

Rural Dean: Revd Canon Ian Blay, Mobberley

Lay Chair: Isobel Chetwood, Wilmslow

There were three meetings in 2022. The March meeting was held on zoom as the Rural Dean had tested positive. The July meeting took place at St Wilfred's Mobberley (and simultaneously on zoom) and the November meeting at St Cross Knutsford (and on zoom). Meetings followed the usual pattern: a guest speaker (usually) and reports from General Synod and Diocesan Synod representatives, the Treasurer's report, the Rural Dean and the Lay Chair. Meetings end with reports from the parishes. This is always an interesting part of the meeting as it enhances our sense of being part of a wider organisation.

Guest speakers were Bessia Kanengoni, the Diocesan Digital Giving Advisor in July, and Ven. Ian Bishop: The Church & the Environment in November. The November meeting also featured an interesting presentation by representatives of the Knutsford Hub, which provides a reference point to direct people to local organisation relevant to their needs.

The Rural Dean's reports provided updates on clergy changes and pastoral reorganisation in the Deanery. He also passed on information about national and diocesan initiatives which affect parishes such as Living in Love and Faith, unconscious bias training, safeguarding and the environment.

Celia Berent, Sandra Thompson and Michael Scaife, Deanery Synod representatives.

THANKSGIVING REVIEW

Thanksgiving Sunday 2022 was observed on 27th February. As usual, prior to the day the Vicar wrote to members of the congregation thanking "everybody who is part of St Philip & St James Church and contributes to the body of Christ in this place both financially and in every other way". He outlined the projected financial situation of the parish in 2022 and asked regular givers to "prayerfully consider your level of giving". In the event 14 donors increased their giving and there were 5 new regular donors. At the end of the year there were 80 regular donors, to all of whom of course the PCC is most grateful.

Michael Scaife, Planned Giving Secretary

PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan was devised in late 2021 to encourage ideas from across the congregation on our future progress as a church. We very much want to be a listening church and we are mindful that both our new and more established members come with valuable ideas.

Many ideas require funding. This process was devised to enable careful discernment and to feed into the annual cycle of budget setting.

The Annual Cycle of the Plan

April to June - time spent considering ideas for inclusion in the Plan

Ideas submitted in writing to me by 1st July

July PCC - considered the proposals, decided those it wished to hear and offered to appoint a “buddy” to help in the preparation of the presentations

Sept PCC - heard fully informed and worked up proposals presented using Powerpoint or similar within a time slot of 8 minutes. Proposals required to be fully informed as to benefits, drawbacks, costs, references etc.. Questions asked by the PCC.

After all the presentations were heard the PCC voted on the proposals it wished to adopt. These went forwards into the discussions for budget setting for 2023.

Ideas that were adopted by the PCC in 2022 included:

Training a Curate

Becoming an Inclusive Church

Repairing and cleaning altar frontals and vestments

Baptism books

Sound system replacement

Redecorating the church interior

St Elizabeth Fund

The PCC resolved to continue this approach mindful of the need to adjust and improve as required.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Bob Tuffin

Email: jamesroberttuffin@gmail.com

FINANCIAL COMMENT & CHARITABLE DONATIONS

In 2022 we had a surplus of £12,540.53 compared to £4,725.05 in 2021. For 2020 the comparable figure was a deficit of £6,660.77.

Planned Giving was £79,547.02 and we also received £939.00 in Gift Aid envelopes. This gives a total (both subject to Gift Aid) of £80,486.02. In 2021 we received £79,502.50, compared to £71,360.50 in 2020. Apart from Regular Donations and the associated Gift Aid, the largest income category this year was General Donations. We received £7,747.57 which is well down on 2021 at £23,835.43 when there were a number of very significant one-off donations and a number of fund-raising events such as the Morality Tales series.

The funds remaining for the Spire, Organ and Redecoration Appeal at year-end were £1,343.29 (current account) and £623.19 (deposit account) The spire and organ work is now complete and the funds, being restricted, are available only for redecoration.

In 2022 we set up the St Elizabeth Fund and were able to start making donations as appropriate. By year end, we had donated £500.00 and were left with a balance of £894.50.

We made a donation of £59.36 to the Children's Society (Christingle) and via Churches Together in Alderley, we gave £314.52 to Christian Aid. We continued to make distributions through the Food Bank and year-end balance was £966.21. The Lent Appeal raised £1,569.25 and was shared between Church Action on Poverty and St Philip's Mothers' Union.

The income from the Everything Everywhere Transmitter was unchanged at £11,820.00. £7,053.73 of Endowment Income was received (compared to £6,821.37 in 2021) and is 'Unrestricted'. The main Endowment Fund was valued at £171,443.55 and the McElpatrick Fund was valued at £65,530.00 at year end. The former cannot be accessed since it arose from investments to pay the stipend before the Diocese assumed responsibility, but the latter can be spent as the PCC sees fit (but it does provide an extremely useful income).

We also hold two accounts with Church Board of Finance Deposit Fund. The balances at the end of 2022 were £43,540.35 and £35,174.56.

Ian Standen, Treasurer

**The Church of St Philip and St James,
Alderley Edge
Examined
End of Year Financial Statements**

Year ending 31st December 2021

**Approved by the PCC and
Presented to
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
on 10th April 2022**

• Introduction

This report has been spot checked by the External Examiner, agreed by the PCC and presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 10th April 2022.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	50,568.79	0.00	0.00	50,568.79	136,457.01
Activities for generating funds	5,108.09	0.00	0.00	5,108.09	17,381.26
Investment income	1,782.31	0.00	0.00	1,782.31	6,933.28
Incoming resources from charitable activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	866.09
Other incoming resources	435.00	0.00	0.00	435.00	3,906.97
Letter Box Income	3,339.85	0.00	0.00	3,339.85	15,833.35
Total income	61,234.04	0.00	0.00	61,234.04	181,377.96
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds	50.40	0.00	0.00	50.40	302.40
Costs of generating voluntary income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,822.26
Other Resources Used	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ministry Costs	24,681.57	0.00	0.00	24,681.57	98,816.37
Donations/Subscriptions payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,262.00
Buildings	6,553.48	0.00	0.00	6,553.48	27,647.84
Services/Grounds	1,137.90	0.00	0.00	1,137.90	3,441.90
Support Costs	1,569.88	0.00	0.00	1,569.88	16,351.05
Church Rooms	1,035.08	0.00	0.00	1,035.08	4,182.55
Administration	268.83	0.00	0.00	268.83	700.66
Letter Box Expenditure	2,742.19	0.00	0.00	2,742.19	18,125.88
Total expenditure	38,039.33	0.00	0.00	38,039.33	176,652.91
Gains / losses on investment assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	23,194.71	0.00	0.00	23,194.71	4,725.05
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,145.71
Gross transfers between funds - out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(15,145.71)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net movement in funds	23,194.71	0.00	0.00	23,194.71	4,725.05
Total funds brought forward	118,678.10	2,127.62	6,975.00	127,780.72	123,055.67
Total funds carried forward	141,872.81	2,127.62	6,975.00	150,975.43	127,780.72
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	41,934.89	0.00	0.00	41,934.89	18,740.18
Designated					
CBF General Reserve	34,717.93	0.00	0.00	34,717.93	34,717.93
CBF Reserve Fund	42,975.12	0.00	0.00	42,975.12	42,975.12
Choir Fund	644.45	0.00	0.00	644.45	644.45

General Designated	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Special Projects	£21,600.42	£0.00	£0.00	£21,600.42	(£3,204.58)
Spire, Organ & Interior Appeal	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,589.00
Restricted					
CBF General Reserve	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
CBF Reserve Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Friends of St Philips Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Memorial Fund	£0.00	£109.26	£0.00	£109.26	£109.26
Provision of flowers	£0.00	£2.05	£0.00	£2.05	£115.00
Restd to major/quinquennial wk	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,292.27
Special Projects	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Spire, Organ & Interior Appeal	£0.00	£2,016.31	£0.00	£2,016.31	£6,475.52
Endowment					
Endowment fund	£0.00	£0.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00

Balance sheet

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets						
Investments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00
Cash at bank and in hand	£18,740.18	£99,937.92	£2,782.62	£0.00	£121,460.72	£116,080.67
	£18,740.18	£99,937.92	£2,782.62	£6,975.00	£128,435.72	£123,055.67
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	£0.00	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00
Net current assets less current liabilities	£18,740.18	£99,937.92	£2,127.62	£6,975.00	£127,780.72	£123,055.67
Total assets less current liabilities	£18,740.18	£99,937.92	£2,127.62	£6,975.00	£127,780.72	£123,055.67
Total net assets less liabilities	£18,740.18	£99,937.92	£2,127.62	£6,975.00	£127,780.72	£123,055.67
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	£18,740.18	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£18,740.18	£31,440.78
Designated						
Spire, Organ & Interior Appeal	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,589.00
Choir Fund	£0.00	£644.45	£0.00	£0.00	£644.45	£688.05
General Designated	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
CBF Reserve Fund	£0.00	£42,975.12	£0.00	£0.00	£42,975.12	£42,885.79
CBF General Reserve	£0.00	£34,717.93	£0.00	£0.00	£34,717.93	£34,689.58
Special Projects	£0.00	£21,600.42	£0.00	£0.00	£21,600.42	(£3,204.58)
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Spire, Organ & Interior Appeal	£0.00	£0.00	£2,016.31	£0.00	£2,016.31	£6,475.52
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Restd to major/quinquennial wk	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,292.27
CBF Reserve Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Friends of St Philips Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
CBF General Reserve	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Memorial Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£109.26	£0.00	£109.26	£109.26
Special Projects	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Endowment						
Endowment fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00
Funds of the church	£18,740.18	£99,937.92	£2,127.62	£6,975.00	£127,780.72	£123,055.67

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Current Account -	£18,770.18	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00	£19,425.18	£24,200.63
Reserve Current Account -	(£30.00)	£22,244.87	£111.31	£0.00	£22,326.18	£4,956.17
CBF Reserve -	(£24.23)	£42,999.35	£0.00	£0.00	£42,975.12	£42,952.75
CBF General -	£24.23	£34,693.70	£0.00	£0.00	£34,717.93	£34,699.87
Barclays Current - Appeal -	£622.96	£0.00	£770.33	£0.00	£1,393.29	£8,648.29
Barclays Deposit - Appeal -	(£622.96)	£0.00	£1,245.98	£0.00	£623.02	£622.96
Totals	£18,740.18	£99,937.92	£2,782.62	£0.00	£121,460.72	£116,080.67
Current assets - Investments						
Endowment -	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00
Totals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00	£6,975.00
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	£0.00	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00
Totals	£0.00	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00	£655.00	£0.00
Grand total	£18,740.18	£99,937.92	£2,127.62	£6,975.00	£127,780.72	£123,055.67

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Appeal - Spire, Organ & Inter						
Designated	£1,589.00	£0.00	£0.00	(£1,589.00)	£0.00	£0.00
Restricted	£6,475.52	£50.06	£0.00	(£4,509.27)	£0.00	£2,016.31
Sub-total for Appeal	£8,064.52	£50.06	£0.00	(£6,098.27)	£0.00	£2,016.31
Choir - Choir Fund						
Designated	£688.05	£35.00	£78.60	£0.00	£0.00	£644.45
Sub-total for Choir	£688.05	£35.00	£78.60	£0.00	£0.00	£644.45
GenDes - General Designated						
Designated	£0.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	(£4,000.00)	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-total for GenDes	£0.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	(£4,000.00)	£0.00	£0.00
Flower - Provision of flowers						
Restricted	£115.00	£0.00	£112.95	£0.00	£0.00	£2.05
Sub-total for Flower	£115.00	£0.00	£112.95	£0.00	£0.00	£2.05
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	£31,440.78	£164,752.47	£176,461.36	(£991.71)	£0.00	£18,740.18
Sub-total for General	£31,440.78	£164,752.47	£176,461.36	(£991.71)	£0.00	£18,740.18
Quinquen - Restd to major/quinq						
Restricted	£1,292.27	£0.00	£0.00	(£1,292.27)	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-total for Quinquen	£1,292.27	£0.00	£0.00	(£1,292.27)	£0.00	£0.00
Endow - Endowment fund						
Endowment	£6,975.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,975.00
Sub-total for Endow	£6,975.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,975.00
Reserve - CBF Reserve Fund						
Designated	£42,885.79	£22.37	£0.00	£66.96	£0.00	£42,975.12
Restricted	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-total for Reserve	£42,885.79	£22.37	£0.00	£66.96	£0.00	£42,975.12
Friends - Friends of St Philip						
Restricted	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-total for Friends	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Genresv - CBF General Reserve						
Designated	£34,689.58	£18.06	£0.00	£10.29	£0.00	£34,717.93
Restricted	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-total for Genresv	£34,689.58	£18.06	£0.00	£10.29	£0.00	£34,717.93
Memorl - Memorial Fund						

Restricted		£109.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£109.26
Sub-total for Memorial		£109.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£109.26
Projects - Special Projects							
Designated		(£3,204.58)	£12,500.00	£0.00	£12,305.00	£0.00	£21,600.42
Restricted		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-total for Projects		(£3,204.58)	£12,500.00	£0.00	£12,305.00	£0.00	£21,600.42
Grand total		£123,055.67	£181,377.96	£176,652.91	£0.00	£0.00	£127,780.72

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

1101 - Legacies	£0.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
1102 - Planned Giving	£75,486.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£77,986.00	£70,849.00
1103 - Tax Refunds Plnd Gvg	£23,097.82	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£23,097.82	£20,584.39
1104 - Church Collections	£4,013.11	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,013.11	£2,498.06
1105 - Gift Aid Envelopes	£1,516.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,516.50	£511.50
1108 - Fees to PCC	£3,701.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,701.00	£868.00
1109 - Other Donations	£11,335.43	£12,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£23,835.43	£24,088.20
1620 - Tuesday Tots Income	£607.15	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£607.15	£178.50
1630 - Film Club Income	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00	£0.00
1800 - Spire, Organ & Interior Appeal	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£9,957.00
Total	£119,907.01	£16,500.00	£50.00	£0.00	£136,457.01	£129,534.65

Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds

1201 - Mobile Phone Transmitter	£11,820.06	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£11,820.06	£12,327.98
1401 - Church Rooms	£1,599.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,599.00	£330.00
1403 - Activities/Merchandise	£3,962.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,962.20	£910.00
Total	£17,381.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,381.26	£13,567.98

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

1501 - Endowment Income	£6,821.37	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,821.37	£6,587.23
1502 - CBF Deposit Interest	£0.00	£40.43	£0.00	£0.00	£40.43	£328.34
1503 - Other Interest	£71.42	£0.00	£0.06	£0.00	£71.48	£69.96
Total	£6,892.79	£40.43	£0.06	£0.00	£6,933.28	£6,985.53

Incoming resources from charitable activities

1720 - Pandemic Shopping Income	£866.09	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£866.09	£13,796.52
Total	£866.09	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£866.09	£13,796.52

Other incoming resources

1601 - VAT Refunds/LPOW Scheme	£1,832.97	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,832.97	£7,430.90
1602 - Insurance Claim	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1603 - Grants	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£8,182.00
1610 - Singing Together Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£383.95
1723 - Repayment of Tax	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1724 - Choir Fundraising	£0.00	£35.00	£0.00	£0.00	£35.00	£70.00
1726 - Domestic fees	£1,039.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,039.00	£325.00
1801 - Tax Refund on Spire Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Total	£3,871.97	£35.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,906.97	£16,391.85
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Letter Box Income

1717 - Letter-Box Income	£8,689.35	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£8,689.35	£7,803.26
1725 - Assigned Fees	£4,069.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,069.00	£2,162.00
1732 - Organist	£1,275.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,275.00	£1,135.00
1734 - Verger	£1,800.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,800.00	£375.00
1750 - Sequestration Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£15,833.35	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,833.35	£11,475.26
INCOME TOTAL	£164,752.47	£16,575.43	£50.06	£0.00	£181,377.96	£191,751.79

EXPENDITURE

Costs of generating funds

2735 - Cover for Clergy	£302.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£302.40	£252.30
2800 - Spire, Organ&Interior Appeal Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£302.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£302.40	£252.30

Costs of generating funds - Costs of generating voluntary income

2630 - Film Club Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Costs of generating funds - Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs

2620 - Tuesday Tots Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Charitable activities

2720 - Pandemic Shopping Expenditure	£5,822.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,822.26	£8,840.35
Total	£5,822.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,822.26	£8,840.35

Other Resources Used

2802 - Newsletter/Bookstall	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£19.68
Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£19.68

Ministry Costs

2101 - Parish Share	£94,086.42	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£94,086.42	£93,386.04
2102 - Clergy wrkg Expenses	£660.68	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£660.68	£258.17
2103 - Vicarage Rates/water	£3,769.27	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,769.27	£3,707.45
2104 - Vicarage Repairs/maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2105 - Other clergy expense	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	£39.00
Total	£98,816.37	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£98,816.37	£97,390.66

Donations/Subscriptions payable

2201 - External Donations	£1,262.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,262.00	£710.00
Total	£1,262.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,262.00	£710.00

Buildings

2401 - Utilities/Gas Srvce.	£12,707.17	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£12,707.17	£7,509.56
2402 - Insurance, Church & Parish Rooms	£7,188.07	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,188.07	£7,427.70
2403 - Maintenance/repairs	£440.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£440.40	£1,501.61
2404 - Major repairs	£7,312.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,312.20	£700.00
2803 - Spire Repairs and New Facilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£45,742.12
Total	£27,647.84	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£27,647.84	£62,880.99

Services/Grounds

2301 - Altar requisites	£299.02	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£299.02	£248.90
2302 - Service sheets/music	£1,862.28	£78.60	£0.00	£0.00	£1,940.88	£740.87
2303 - Wages and Honoraria	£1,202.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,202.00	£753.00
2304 - Churchyard	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,168.00
Total	£3,363.30	£78.60	£0.00	£0.00	£3,441.90	£3,910.77

Support Costs

2501 - Ordry PCC Expense	£15,834.15	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,834.15	£5,926.65
2502 - Flowers	£0.00	£0.00	£112.95	£0.00	£112.95	£0.00
2505 - Working with Young People	£253.95	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£253.95	£599.13
2610 - Singing Together Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£188.51
2724 - Choir Expenses	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00	£120.00
Total	£16,238.10	£0.00	£112.95	£0.00	£16,351.05	£6,834.29

Church Rooms

2602 - Church Rooms Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2603 - Church Rooms Cleaning	£3,462.51	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,462.51	£3,246.77
2604 - Church Rooms Utilities	£720.04	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£720.04	£677.11
Total	£4,182.55	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,182.55	£3,923.88

Administration

2701 - Ordry office expense	£700.66	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£700.66	£1,205.72
2702 - Office Telephone	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	(£37.15)
2703 - Office Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2704 - Admin Honoraria	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£700.66	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£700.66	£1,168.57

Letter Box Expenditure

2725 - Assigned fees	£3,647.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,647.00	£2,162.00
2732 - Organist	£3,728.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,728.00	£2,712.00
2734 - Verger	£1,155.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,155.00	£300.00
2750 - Sequestration Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2929 - Letter-Box Expenditure	£9,595.88	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£9,595.88	£7,307.07
Total	£18,125.88	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£18,125.88	£12,481.07
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	£176,461.36	£78.60	£112.95	£0.00	£176,652.91	£198,412.56

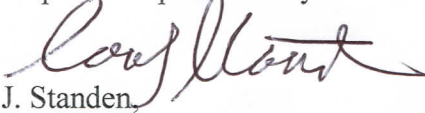
GRAND TOTAL	(£11,708.89)	£16,496.83	(£62.89)	£0.00	£4,725.05	(£6,660.77)
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- **Conclusion**

The External Examiner has spot checked the above along with the supporting documents and has agreed the content of this report.

This report was originally dated: 31st January 2022

This report was produced by: -


Ian J. Standen,

Signed on 10/3/22

and was approved by: -



William Andresen, B. Sc. (Hons.), F. C. C. A.

Signed on 08-03-2022

This report was approved at the meeting of the Parochial Church Council of the Church of St Philip and St James, Alderley Edge on 14th March 2022

Signed *Robin Pye*

Reverend Robin Pye

(Chair of the PCC)

Date *16th March 2022*

ST- PHILIP & ST. JAMES, ALDERLEY EDGE
(THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALDERLEY EDGE)
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER 2021

Independent Examiner's Report

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s. 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements- You consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act: -
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- 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. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 s.130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 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.



William Andresen, FCCA, 24, Gladstone Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 1NS

Dated 08-03-2022