



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

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of St Saviour and St Peter Eastbourne

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ST SAVIOUR'S EASTBOURNE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Revd. Fr Mark McAulay SSC, in:

- The promotion of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical;
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Being more open, converted, generous and engaged as a church;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need, or ability to pay, and;
- Providing practical support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

As many will inevitably remember, the previous year (2020) was characterised by change and uncertainty as the rules and regulations from state and Church were continually updated and altered, against the backdrop of the ongoing spread of the COVID19 virus and national lockdowns. A glimmer of hope was given at the end of 2020, when we were finally able to reopen for public worship (and in time for Christmas), but this step forward was soon marked by a step backwards as the Prime Minister announced another national “lockdown” (the third) which began on 6th January 2021. Whilst we were able to (and emphatically did) remain open for “communal worship”, this was characterised by social

distancing, the wearing of masks, a prohibition on choir and congregational singing, and the cessation of fellowship, and other social, activities. It also meant a further period where our parish hall was not being let, giving rise to obvious consequences relating to our overall revenue.

On 8th March 2021, England began a phased exit from lockdown. A four-step plan, known as the “roadmap” out of lockdown, was intended to “cautiously but irreversibly” ease lockdown restrictions. Instead of a return to the tiered system, the Government said it planned to lift restrictions in all areas at the same time. England moved through the roadmap as planned but step four (due to take place in June) was delayed by four weeks to allow more people to receive their first dose of a coronavirus vaccine. Most restrictions were lifted on 19th July, which meant that the summer period felt slightly more like “normal”, and we were able to resume some of our usual activities. However, on 10th December, face masks became compulsory again under “Plan B” and the year ended with the prospect of further restrictions being imposed, and possibly a further “lockdown”.

These were again considerable challenges, which continued to have a major impact on the momentum for growth and engagement which had built before the pandemic, and a significantly deleterious effect on our finances. It must also be noted that, for those charged with the pastoral administration of the parish, the evolving and changing nature of the detail of legal restrictions and our compliance with it was little less than exhausting. However, despite these frustrations and obstacles the Vicar, with the full agreement of the PCC and Clergy, decided that our worship and pastoral care would – as we had resolved throughout the pandemic - continue to the fullest extent possible, thus fulfilling our charitable objectives and our duty as Christians.

Full details are outlined below in the body of this Annual Report, but it must be noted that none of this would have been possible without the help and hard work of the clergy and committed volunteers – not least in the vital but mundane work of daily cleaning and sanitising of the church after all services. We deliberately continued live-streaming all daily services online, to reach those unable to leave their homes as well as those living further afield who wouldn't usually be able to worship with us.

Despite all the challenges, a spirit of prayerful optimism flourished as new faces joined our congregation and wider church family – both in person and online – and new volunteers continued to come forward to provide help and support.

The Vicar and PCC began the year with the same approach as we had taken in 2020 – i.e., despite the pandemic, insofar as it was possible, we would carry on with “business as usual” in the following broad areas of our life and mission as a parish church and as a charity:

- I. Worship
- II. Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- III. Building up the Body of Christ together
- IV. Outreach and Evangelism
- V. Contributing to, and joining in with, the life of the wider church
- VI. Provision of the church building for people to enjoy
- VII. Maintenance of the church building, ground and future projects
- VIII. Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- IX. Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

I. Worship

"I have been to one service at this church which was a few weeks ago. I will definitely be going again this coming Sunday the priest and the other members of the church are very friendly welcoming people and the service is beautiful. I have tried a few churches in Eastbourne & this is by far the best service I've been to. I highly recommend this church..." (Google Reviewer)

Offering worship to God – particularly through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - is at the heart of our life at St Saviour's - and a vital part of that worshipping life is providing both regular congregants and occasional visitors alike with the chance to participate in that worship.

Accordingly, this continued on a daily basis despite national "Lockdown 3" from 4th January 2021. Whilst Lockdown 3 did not require us as a place of worship to close to the public (although people were not allowed at first to gather for worship, and only attend for private prayer), in mid-January we were invited to close the church on a "voluntary basis" by both the County Environmental Health lead and by the church authorities but decided against it, given the strict care and precautions we were already taking and the importance of an open, worshipping church to the spiritual and mental health of our congregation and other members of the public. This was appreciated by both, and it was interesting that after a clear dip in numbers attending services, numbers began to increase and included both new faces and people from other churches which had decided to voluntarily close.

"Just to say how much many people appreciate the stand you have taken, in keeping the church open and having the services..." (via email)

As well as continuing the daily offering of the Divine Office and Mass, these services continued to be live-streamed for the benefit of those who were housebound, ill, shielding or uncomfortable with attending in person, together with a large number of people across the U.K. who had started to join us online at the beginning of the pandemic.

"I wanted to express my thanks to the Team for access to the online services, which have kept me in touch with our church at a distance..." (via email)

"I just watched Fr Thomas' presentation of the Stations of the Cross, using Walsingham images. The imagery and commentary were totally relevant and so meaningful for Good Friday. Even 300 miles away from you all, it was really very moving and thought-provoking..."(via email)

The ongoing importance and value of the live-streaming informed the Vicar's decision to maintain the online broadcasting even once the Coronavirus restrictions were lifted (and, indeed, broadcasting – which is much appreciated - continues to this day).

Although metrics for social media are notoriously difficult to quantify, nevertheless regular informal feedback confirmed that the service was used and appreciated by many.

"So many thanks go to you and colleagues at St Saviour's for making this happen..."(via email)

In 2021, our online 'reach'¹ on Facebook was maintained with almost 1,000 engagements each month, whilst the audience for our posts and videos includes people from as far afield as the US & Canada, Australia and Europe – as well as other parts of the UK besides Eastbourne. Our daily Masses were always watched live by at least some people, whilst Mass on Sundays usually had a live audience in double figures. These services also enjoyed – and continue to enjoy – substantial engagement after their broadcast, and are available online to watch at a later date as well both on Facebook and YouTube.

The restrictions from 6th January meant that the choir needed to be stood down, which was both sad and frustrating, as music is a significant component in our worship. However, we were allowed to have some limited music to begin with to accompany the Sunday Mass, and our thanks go to Paul Collins, our Director of Music, for his patience and forbearance playing hymns in full which nobody was allowed to sing, and to Charlotte Gilbert who carried the liturgy as solo cantor week after week, and who made such a significant personal contribution in Holy Week, again as a solo cantor. As time went on, and the restrictions were lessened in June 2021, we were able to have a small choir (with a maximum of six socially-distanced, masked singers) and we are grateful to the members of the choir for their keeping the faith, their good humour and their faithfulness during this difficult period.

¹ The number of people who saw any content from your Page or about your Page, including posts, stories, ads, social information from people who interact with your Page and more.

Equally, our team of dedicated and faithful altar servers showed similar forbearance initially in not being able to assist at the altar at all, and latterly in assisting in compliance with the restrictions once we were able to have servers at Mass again.

Because of the restrictions on contact and the requirements of social distancing, for the first time in living memory ashes were sprinkled on the heads of the faithful and not imposed as they would normally be on Ash Wednesday. Equally, the veneration of the cross on Good Friday necessarily could not involve physical contact with the cross such as kissing or touching, and this was very difficult for many of us on this most holy of days. Our thanks go to Tony Sharley who repaired and restored the veneration cross in readiness for the liturgy of Good Friday.

Understandably, given the restrictions in place, numbers attending on Ash Wednesday were down significantly at only 35. Whilst the attendance on Palm Sunday continued in line with this trend (attended by 69 people when in 2019, pre-pandemic, there had been 138), the rest of Holy Week was not as bad as we were anticipating (interestingly, the attendances on the three days of the Triduum were virtually the same as the pre-pandemic 2019 figures). Easter Sunday was attended by 96 people (a good number in the circumstances, but understandably and significantly down on the pre-pandemic figure of 179 in 2019). Overall attendance over Easter was 149 (2019 – 231) but interestingly even this disappointing figure for St. Saviour's is still significantly more than the national pre-pandemic average attendance – as an "average" Church of England parish church has a total average of 87 adults and children attending Easter services.

The Vicar invited the Assistant Curate to preach through, and preside, at the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter in preparation and training for the time when Fr Thomas would be an incumbent in his own right. Despite the fact that the liturgies needed to be amended and truncated in order to satisfy the restrictions in place, he executed the task well, and our thanks go to Fr Richard Harper SSC for all his work with the serving team in this respect.

On the sad occasion of the death of HRH Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on 9th April 2021, we set up a memorial in church for the public to pray and to sign a book of condolence and, on the day of his funeral (17th April) the Vicar celebrated a Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul. It was a shame that an unknown individual or individuals thought it appropriate to steal the Duke's portrait from our memorial on the morning of the funeral.

After the restrictions were mostly lifted, we were able to celebrate midweek sung Masses for Solemnities and Major Feasts. Unlike the pre-pandemic practice, they were celebrated during the day rather than in the evening and this decision was obviously popular as they were well attended with an average of 30 communicants (to put this into perspective, an “average” Church of England parish church *pre-pandemic* had a total average of 49 adults and children attending every *Sunday*). For example, the sung Mass on St. George’s Day was attended by 28 people. This trend has continued up until the time of writing this report.

On August 24th we held a special service of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the people of Afghanistan, followed the withdrawal of US forces, which was attended by 25 people. On September 19th we hosted for the first time the RAFA Battle of Britain Service, attended by HM Deputy Lieutenant, Colonel Anthony Lamb MBE, DL, the Worshipful Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr Pat Rodohan, and Caroline Ansell, MP for Eastbourne. The Vicar officiated and preached, and the service was attended by 75 people.

By Advent and Christmas, we were able to resume (with few restrictions) the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols which was attended by 135 people (a refreshing increase from the 62 the previous year, but still not as many as we were used to pre-pandemic), and the usual Midnight Mass of Christmas, and Mass of Christmas morning attended by an overall total of 141 people (up on the previous year’s 94, and interestingly not too far off the *pre-pandemic* average of 188 for an “average” Church of England parish church). By 10th December, the Prime Minister had announced “Plan B”, which meant – *inter alia* – the resumption of the wearing of face coverings in church. Unfortunately, it was decided that it was not sensible to hold our usual very well attended Christmas Gala concert, as well as the use of the church by local schools for their carol services, as a matter of public safety. Given the increases in cases of the virus and the imposition of further restrictions at the beginning of 2022, these were clearly the correct decisions to take.

The average regular weekly attendance, counted during October, was 66 adults and 3 children (*pre-pandemic*, an “average” Church of England parish church had a total average of 62 adults and children attending each week). Average attendance at the main Sunday Mass at 10.30am was, understandably, lower than before at 87 (but, as pointed out above, *pre-pandemic*, an “average” Church of England parish church had a total average of 49 adults and children attending on Sundays). Young Church continued to meet when restrictions, circumstances, personnel, and children attending allow. Our thanks go to Rachel Hobden, Lydia Verity and Brenda Wright for their ministry in this work with the children.

In 2021 two children were baptised and welcomed into the church family, one of whom (Imogen) is a member of one of our younger church families.

It was with great joy that we saw one of our members, Katie Terry, confirmed by the Bishop of Chichester on 6th July.

A greater number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, reading the lessons, leading intercessions and serving at the altar. In this latter respect, our thanks go to Fr Richard Harper SSC who has done sterling work training the serving team and improving the liturgy.

18 people went on pilgrimage (including members of the Vicar's previous parish in North London), led by the Vicar & Fr Richard, to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in October. It was a real tonic to return to Our Lady's Shrine after an enforced absence due to the pandemic. As well as an opportunity for prayer, quiet reflection and spiritual refreshment, there was an opportunity for fellowship with other parishes, and meeting up with old friends. Our thanks go to Mary Delves who, after many years of organising our pilgrimage to Walsingham, handed over the baton in April and was presented with an image of Our Lady of Walsingham following our pilgrimage.

It seems appropriate at this stage to mention that, in readiness for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the plaster statue of Our Lady was extensively and sympathetically restored by the conservators at the South East Conservation Centre. This was paid for by a generous private donor, to whom we are most grateful. Our own wonderfully creative and talented Paul Fella made a new pelmet to carry the banner behind the statue, picking up on the iconography of the nave altar and, just in time for Christmas, Genevieve Gomi of Stella Maris Vestments sent the banner we had commissioned in ivory Comper Jay fabric. The ensemble is wonderful and fitting, and acts as a real focus of devotion. Paul Fella also designed, and made in his mother's memory, a new shrine to house the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham (originally given to St. Saviour's by Fr Derek Allen) in the north aisle. This shrine again picks up details in the church, most notably the niches of the saints in the sanctuary and was dedicated by the Vicar on Trinity Sunday.

Our worship at the nave altar was also significantly enhanced by the donation of a new set of six candlesticks, oil-filled candles, and a matching crucifix – and we are very grateful to the donors. In April and May Tony Sharley and Paul Fella extensively renovated and restored the Pugin High Altar set of candlesticks and crucifix – this took many hours and made a huge difference. Our thanks to them for their hard work again to enhance our worship. Bespoke oil-filled candles were

commissioned for these candlesticks and we thank the donors who made this possible.

In readiness for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, John Burford, Keith Metcalfe and Paul Fella made and ornamented a monstrance throne (or “tabor”) and (in readiness for reusing the chapel from September 2021), John and Keith made a new, larger, altar top for the altar in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Also in September, Paul Fella repaired and restored the pair of angel statues in St. Peter’s Chapel. Our thanks to all of them for helping to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”.

II. Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers

The restrictions meant that for a large part of the year it was simply not possible to carry out much “in person” teaching outside of the context of the Mass. Nevertheless, much teaching was still able to continue: teaching sermons continued to be preached at every Mass, whilst on the memorials and feasts of saints, a relevant reading or extract of their writings was read out at Morning Prayer to positive feedback. Whilst people were forbidden from attending worship in person, copies of the Sunday sermon were again distributed both via the internet and by way of hard copy by post for those without access.

“Thank you for sending the sermon from last Sunday. It is great to have the opportunity to reflect on the thoughts that you express, especially as these are some of the things that I find difficult to understand. Your words are a help. My faith is fragile but your sermon helps me to lean towards more certainty. I will keep this and reflect upon it when I am troubled by circumstances in the future.”(via email)

Devotional and educational material continued to be provided via the online newsletter first introduced in July 2020. This offered reflections on the Gospel for that Sunday using material from the St. Beuno’s Jesuit Spirituality Centre – as well as a new teaching feature, ‘The Lives of the Saints’ providing information about the saints commemorated that week along with appropriate prayers. This was initially using material from the Church Union, shifting to another in-house production once it was discontinued. These ‘lives’ were also posted on the noticeboard each week. Both the Vicar and the Assistant Curate’s contributions to the parish magazine, *Logos*, were also of a didactic nature and the magazine also ran a series of very informative articles on the topic of prayer (“How I Pray”).

Although the Lent course was completely curtailed after the second session in the previous year (when the very first “lockdown” occurred), in 2021 we were pleased to

be able to offer the Diocesan Lent Course (*Cracked Wide Open*) to our members remotely via Zoom and 'phoning in, which was appreciated by those who participated. All on the Electoral Roll (and those attending church on the Sundays prior to Ash Wednesday) were provided with a Lent pack by post, comprising of a pastoral letter and a *Walk with Me* daily prayer booklet for every day in Lent. Additionally, a Holy Week devotional booklet was emailed to all members, and posted out to those without access to the internet; this was very well received.

We were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Chichester, the Rt. Revd. Dr. Martin Warner SSC, and host the Archdeaconry of Hastings Confirmation Mass, at which one of our congregation Katie Terry (having been prepared by the Vicar) was confirmed and admitted to Holy Communion. We celebrated with Katie on the following Sunday with drinks and a cake in her honour after Mass. In August, the Assistant Curate baptised the baby daughter of the *maitre d'hotel* of a local restaurant, and in November the Vicar baptised another baby daughter of new members of the congregation. On that occasion – given restrictions had been lifted - we were overjoyed to see the church full (with 181 present) and were able to enjoy pre-pandemic worship again.

By the time Advent came, restrictions had been lifted, so we were able to meet in person for our very apposite Advent course, "Light in the Darkness", which was based around the very relevant pandemic concepts of "distance, safe, trust and normal". Devotional daily Advent *Walk with Me* booklets were again made available.

III. Building up the Body of Christ together

As well as worshipping together, we try to be deliberate in our attempts to build up relationships and social cohesion amongst our members, our visitors and all those who wish to join us. Inevitably, restrictions meant that for a large part of the year we were not able to do as much as we would normally (including, painfully, not being able to meet after the Sunday Mass for refreshments and fellowship).

Once restrictions were lessened, we were delighted to resume meeting after Mass, and our thanks go to Gill Goff and her team who provide us – and, more importantly, those visiting us - with that important ministry.

After the lifting of most of the restrictions in July 2021 we were also able to undertake some social and fundraising events detailed below. There was also a spirit of healthy rivalry engendered amongst many members of the congregation, and fun enjoyed, by a much-contested Sunflower Competition over the summer.

We also build relationships and cohesion as a church family by supporting each other in times of difficulty and in celebrating happy occasions together. We gave thanks for the lives of Fr Nick MacNeill (who had been an immensely popular, and much loved, associate priest at St. Saviour's) in January (as a mark of their love, the congregation were immensely generous in donating to a collection in his memory); Sylvia Dwyer (a much-loved member of the congregation) and Michael Gaze (another member of the congregation and a well-known Eastbourne character) in April; Richard Elliott (a long-standing member of the congregation and Eucharistic Minister visiting Eastbourne DGH) in June, and; David Burston (another long-standing member of the congregation), Dr Tony Thorp, and Isabel Baker (with long-standing St. Saviour's connections, and the sister of Mary Delves) in November. We were also made aware in February of the death of The Revd. Deacon Beryl Rundle, who had been Parish Deacon at St. Saviour's from 1992-1998. May they all rest in peace.

Although Barbara Drew had died the previous year, restrictions meant that we were only able to hold her Memorial Service and bury her ashes in the Memorial Garden on 1st June, and it was good to have Bishop Nicholas Reade (with whom Barbara had long-standing connections) with us for that. On 20th November we also hosted the wonderful musical Memorial Service for the late Robert Munns, organist and teacher (and erstwhile tutor of our own Director of Music, Paul Collins). 150 people attended, and we hosted the reception afterwards in our Hall.

As well as continuing to regularly celebrate the significant birthdays of our members with cake and wine after Mass on Sunday, in March we celebrated together with Beverley & Simon Thorp as they celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary. The Vicar celebrated with Liz & Martin Tardif on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with Holy Communion at home. On 15th August (the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady), we said *au revoir* to Fr Thomas and Will at a very enjoyable garden party held on the Vicarage lawn during which we were entertained by the wonderful Jazz sounds of *Con Brio* (a local group). As well as honouring Our Lady and saying "goodbye" to our Assistant Curate, this was also very much a celebration of being able to do something nice and normal again after months and months of restrictions. On 5th September we were delighted to celebrate 50 years of marriage of Sue & Keith Metcalfe, and it was wonderful to witness them renew their vows during the Sunday Mass.

On November 4th we again enjoyed lunch cooked and served by our Serving Team in aid of a project to re-silver one of our incense boats. We thank them, and Keith Metcalfe, for organising it.

On our Feast of Title, the Solemnity of Christ the King (Sunday 21st November) we presented Mary Delves with a Tissot watch, a bouquet, a promise of lunch, and a vote of thanks to thank her for her sterling work over 35 years as the Treasurer of St. Saviour's.

The weekly online newsletter, which aimed to keep the wider family of St Saviour's (who are online) connected and updated with what is happening, continued up until Fr Thomas left in August. It included the devotional material mentioned above in II, as well as a short update on the week, details of upcoming services and events, and our parish prayer list. It grew out of the regular pastoral letter and emails that were sent out during the first months of the pandemic and lockdown in 2020.

IV. Outreach and Evangelism

One of the most difficult aspects of the various restrictions was that we were unable to engage in our three outreach ministries: ChatStop (a monthly breakfast club/coffee morning for those who would benefit from companionship and conversation), Lunch for One (a monthly lunch club primarily for those who live alone but open to all), and the Wellbeing Café (a weekly café for those with mental health challenges) – all of which are greatly valued by those who use them, and the local community. So we were delighted to be able to resume these three ministries in August 2021 and, in the case of the Wellbeing Café were pleased to undergo some training provided by another local charity and service provider, Eastbourne Samaritans.

"I'm happy to come and meet new people"(a ChatStop guest)
"I'm made to feel welcome and it's good food!"(a ChatStop guest)

Before the pandemic ChatStop was essentially run on the model of being a "coffee morning" but since re-opening, this has been developed into additionally offering breakfast. The hours of opening have been extended (now 9am-12.30pm), as has the menu, and the average number of guests served is 45.

"Lunch for one is like a restaurant"(a Lunch for One guest)
"I like being served"(another Lunch for One guest)

Lunch for One runs between 12noon and 2.30pm every third Saturday of the month and, since re-opening, the average number of guests attending is 55. A choice of meat or vegetarian meals are served together with a pudding, cup of tea and a slice of cake or biscuits (all of which, for logistical reasons, are pre-ordered, although "walk in" guests are always accommodated, rather than turned away).

A very enjoyable Christmas Lunch for One, held on 11th December, concluded the year.

These are significant areas of outreach and service which are much valued by those who use them in the local community. Our thanks to Yvonne & Bill Dyer and all the other volunteers and supporters who make them possible.

“Thank you for providing this safe space for us” (a Wellbeing Café guest)

The Wellbeing Café has between 5 and 20 guests every week plus 4-8 volunteers (including 3 clergy). The people attending have varied needs and some want to talk about ongoing problems (e.g. health or housing issues) but the conversations vary from politics and current affairs to cooking, films and music, TV programmes, shopping and of course the weather! A lot of the guests are single and lonely and just want the company of other people for a couple of hours. There are more men than women but no-one is violent or aggressive so people do not feel threatened or uncomfortable; there is always a lot of laughter. There is a wide selection of food and games available, as well as jigsaws, magazines, colouring books, puzzles and other reading material. Regular attendees greatly value what is on offer, and the conducive and safe environment in which this weekly support structure takes place.

A highlight was the Christmas afternoon tea (and bingo) which was well attended and the guests were well fed with sandwiches, scones and an assortment of cakes plus a Christmas cake to take home and a chocolate selection box.

Again, this is a significant area of outreach, particularly to some of the most vulnerable members of the community and our thanks go particularly to Jane Ferguson and the other volunteers who enable it to happen on a weekly basis, and to the Vicar and associate clergy who support it.

Last – but by no means least - as noted below (at IX), the Reach Out team (including volunteers from the congregation and wider town and community), under the supervision and guidance of Ruth Figgess, engaged in a number of different projects, including significant support of the Matthew 25 Homeless Mission. Our thanks to Ruth and the volunteers for undertaking this work on our behalf.

During Lent there was a specific project to knit Easter chicks for distribution. In the event, 256 such chicks were knitted by members of St. Saviour’s congregation, which were distributed between the Matthew 25 Homeless Mission, the DEEP dementia project, Sussex Women’s Refuges and St. Elizabeth’s Church children’s group.

On July 31st we held our first “Flower Show with a difference” (or Alternative Flower Festival). The difference was that the flowers could not be natural, but needed to be made of wood, paper, material (fabric), wool, recycled material, paint, or cooked. There was also a prize for the “best dressed vegetable” (which again was not a natural vegetable). Not only was this fun and interesting to see the ingenuity of those who competed, it involved many outside the congregation (including local businesses).

On October 9th it was great to be able to hold an Autumn “Mini Fair” which got people together and raised – somewhat surprisingly - £740. Our thanks to all who were involved.

We were delighted to be able to share our Poppy Display of 3068 knitted poppies (over double the previous year’s amount of 1327) for Remembrance Sunday. Again a significant number of people came to see the display, and to remember and pray for those who died, many of them after having seen a report on the display shared on our Facebook page.

“My daughter just loves all these Christmas trees!”(a visitor)

In the week of December 4th we held our first Christmas Tree Festival which again had a theme of creativity. We enjoyed a wide range of displays from wooden trees, to those created of wire, and this event involved a significant amount of outreach to local businesses (who participated) and was visited and enjoyed by a large number of local people. We hope to repeat it again, for a longer period, in 2022.

In terms of more direct evangelism, as noted at II above, sermons were posted online and emailed out to the entire congregation. Over Lent and Holy Week, a bespoke booklet of devotional material was produced and distributed online and in print to all on our electoral roll and wider networks. We decided to restart the production of our monthly parish magazine, *Logos*, under the creative production and editorship of Paul Fella – and it was very good to see wider contributions (including *The Art of St. Saviour’s* by Aslan, Margaret Baron’s various travelogues, and Robert Milnes’ regular music column).

The significance of our online presence has been demonstrated throughout the pandemic period. We have a significant *Facebook* and *YouTube* presence (this has increased the number of visitors to the church many of whom join in our worship, but also enabled those near and far who are unable to physically attend a church to worship and be taught). We continue to improve our website and now have included links to *The List* (list.co.uk - a national events listing site) *Visit Eastbourne*,

Trip Advisor and *Google Business* to promote the church, our outreach, and the events we hold.

V. Contributing to, and joining in with, the life of the wider church

Throughout 2021, despite the restrictions under which we operated, St. Saviour's and our clergy, continued to support the life and work of the wider church.

A major way that we achieved this was in the ongoing training of our Assistant Curate. Perhaps we should not have been as successful in this as we were as, on 30th May, it was announced that Fr Thomas was being seconded (a year early, as his curacy at St. Saviour's was to finish in the summer of 2022), to the parish of Christ Church St. Leonards. *"You have done a great job on nurturing a gifted priest for the future ministry of the Church,"* the Bishop of Chichester said. Accordingly (as noted at III above) Fr Thomas left us on 15th August, and many of us attended his Licensing at Christ Church on 14th September. We enjoyed having him with us, and wish him well in his future ministry.

The Vicar, as a Patronage Trustee, was extensively involved in the recruitment process and appointment of an incumbent for the vacancy at our neighbouring parish of All Saints'. In June he attended the Guild of All Souls' *Living with Dementia* conference.

As noted seriatim above, on 9th July, we hosted the Archdeaconry of Hastings Confirmation Mass at which the Bishop of Chichester presided.

St. Saviour's hosted the Chapter Mass for the brethren of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC) – a fraternal society of priests with a common rule of life, of which the Vicar and some of our associate priests are brothers – on 14th September.

The Vicar continued in his role as a Bishop's Surrogate (a legal role which involves advising clergy and marriage candidates on marriage legislation and the issuing of Bishop's Common Licences for marriages) and undertook further training on 13th September.

On various occasions throughout 2021, St. Saviour's clergy have been deployed to assist and cover in other churches in the absence of their priests (either because of holiday or vacancy) and we have been delighted to be able to assist in this way.

One of our associate clergy, Canon Richard Harper SSC, assists the national work of the Catholic Societies of the Church of England by acting as Chair of the Trustees of the Anglo-Catholic Ordination Candidates' Fund, and he also lectures in spirituality at the University of Bournemouth.

VI. Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

“Wonderful Church. Kind, helpful staff. Lovely warm welcome! Perfect!”
(Google Reviewer)

“People there are so helpful and amazing” (another Google Reviewer)

The fact that, outside of restrictions, the church is open every day from 8.30am to 5pm to the public is much valued, and the church is visited extensively by people from all around the world, many who value the peacefulness and the opportunity to pray and/or light a candle. It is important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community: this is partly why we declined to close voluntarily, and kept the church as open as possible (see *l supra*).

“This place is breathtaking!” (a visitor)

Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find the church open but also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within; and comment on the appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building.

The building is large and has a very lively acoustic which means that it is very popular as a concert venue for local choirs, choral societies and orchestras, many of which raise funds for local charities. During 2021 we were delighted to resume our usual series of free lunchtime recitals, the previous series in 2020 having been suspended after only one concert as a consequence of “lockdown”. On May 17th the talented bass-baritone Lawrence Gillians started the season, with 120 “socially-distanced” visitors attending. Both the church and the local community should be grateful to Paul Collins, our Director of Music, for putting together this popular concert series.

On 11th September we joined in the “Ride & Stride” event organised by Sussex Historic Churches Trust where participants are sponsored to walk, cycle or ride to as many participating churches in and around Eastbourne as possible in one day. Our volunteers welcomed the ride and striders, stamped their sponsor forms and offered refreshments. We were very grateful to Canon Richard Harper SSC who walked on our behalf and raised a total of £401, which was shared between the church and the SHCT.

Before the pandemic, the church hall was very popular with local organisations, community groups and individuals and is fully accessible. As already noted, it is

used extensively for activities which benefit the community including Eastbourne Foodbank and on 6th May as a Polling Station. Inevitably, the restrictions meant a significant decline in the community (and indeed church) use of the hall but – at the time of writing this Annual Report - we are beginning to see this reverse.

VII. Maintenance of the church building, ground, and future projects

St. Saviour's church is a significant Grade II* listed building which requires a huge amount of ongoing daily maintenance. It is officially designated as a Church of England "Major Parish Church" (Major Parish Churches represent some of the most special, significant and well-loved places of worship in England, and are designated as such for a number of reasons including having *"a role or roles beyond those of a typical parish church, and make a considerable civic, cultural and economic contribution to their communities"*).

In ordinary times, our church is kept clean and tidy by a dedicated team of volunteers led by Pam & Tony Sharley who spend a significant amount of time each week caring for the interior of the building. They are complemented by a team who work outside in the gardens and car park under the stewardship of Mike Brennan. We are most grateful to all those who give up their time to keep St Saviour's inside and out in such good condition. These volunteers have been boosted for much of the year by those who have come in daily, after each service, to sanitise and clean the building in order to keep everyone safe and provide reassurance to worshippers and visitors. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to keep our beautiful building open for all.

There were a number of specific projects, and works undertaken over 2021: In mid February there was extensive tree work carried out in South Street car park to pollard the large poplar and reduce the crown of the holm oak. In March, Clarke Roofing dealt with water ingress above the servers' vestry caused by debris in the gully; also in March, Walco Electrical replaced three light bulbs in the nave and discussed a new lighting system to replace the existing 'bin' light fittings, installing a temporary sample "Crook crown" in September. In May Ashdown Heating carried out a major service and repairs to the three gas boilers and one of the engineers very kindly assisted in encouraging the two gulls that had flown into the church looking for a nesting site two days before, to walk out again. Also in May, Keith Metcalfe fixed a baton under the heating grille near the altar steps as it had become a trip hazard.

In July a large working party of volunteers put in a significant amount of work and effort to return the church to 'normal' following the lifting of restrictions, replacing all books, leaflets, kneelers etc. and returning the choir stalls to their original position. And in September the Blessed Sacrament chapel was once again able to be used for the week-day Masses.

Thanks to the skill and generosity of some of our members, we were again able to save some not insignificant maintenance costs through the hard work of John Burford, Richard Crook, Bill Dyer, Paul Fella, Keith Metcalfe, and Tony Sharley. Our grateful thanks go to them.

In relation to future projects, the PCC (Parochial Church Council) approved the commissioning of a new multi-use altar frontal in Comper Jay fabric, with matching vestments, and also new altar linen in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at a cost of £6,480 (using funding from the immensely generous legacy of the late Jane Pinching which was left for the benefit of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel).

In 2021 the PCC also began to look at feasibility of "glassing in" the Blessed Sacrament Chapel again using funds from the Pinching legacy, and our Quinquennial Architect was formally instructed to draw up plans for this in June. As detailed immediately above, the PCC also further considered the possibility of replacing the lighting in the nave of the church with more sympathetic light fittings, to be funded by the generous legacy of the late Barbara Drew.

Towards the end of the year the attention of the PCC further turned to the feasibility of extending the (now closed) Memorial Garden in some way.

Throughout 2021 we have continued to review the recommendations of the last Quinquennial Survey of the fabric, and have carried out such works as have been possible, and planned how the other works may be viable.

VIII.Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

"Thank you so much for all you and the team are doing. It is wonderful..."
(via email)

Members of the congregation, and indeed anybody seeking help, are regularly supported by the clergy and many of our lay people. This help can be simply a listening ear, or by praying, or of a more practical nature such as visiting, buying shopping, collecting prescriptions, or offering a lift in a car. The Vicar supports

various callers, some of whom are regulars, who knock at the door of the Vicarage. During 2021, hospital visits and home communions were undertaken by the Vicar and the Assistant Curate, some of the associate clergy and Sue Black.

'Many thanks - I'm sure I am not alone in appreciating these regular check-ups'(via email)

The regular, and much appreciated, clergy 'phone calls to the entire electoral roll established in the first lockdown became a regularised ministry, 'Keeping in Touch', and was staffed by volunteers from the congregation: our thanks go to Elaine Savins for her work in co-ordinating this. Once the church was allowed to re-open, this was targeted specifically at those who remained at home and isolating, and complemented by the pastoral letters and emails that are detailed above.

Pastoral support is also given by the clergy through funeral and bereavement ministry. The clergy officiated at a number of funerals both at St Saviour's and elsewhere, whilst also providing follow-up bereavement ministry. Both funeral services and Requiem Masses were offered over the year members of the congregation (detailed at III above) and for those living in or near the parish.

IX.Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

Despite the many restrictions in place this year, we continued to provide tangible support to those in need. We have a formal partnership with the Eastbourne Foodbank, meaning that as well as being a collection point for donations (which is well supported by members of the congregation and others), we host the Foodbank every Friday in the hall (free of charge) – and indeed were one of the few points to stay open over the lockdowns in Eastbourne (and the only central location in Eastbourne).

"Went here to learn about the Foodbank. Wonderful work for those in difficult circumstances..."(Google Reviewer)

For most of the year we had a donation point for Surviving the Streets, which collects and distributes bedding and warm clothes for rough sleepers: this was extremely well supported and comes on top of our existing collections for the Hygiene Bank and Family Support Work. This latter group are a major partner for St Saviour's, and we were delighted with the level of response to the appeal for Easter eggs, the November appeal for groceries for families in need, and our Christmas

appeal on their behalf for toys and gifts for families otherwise unable to provide them to their children.

The Reach Out team made up over 700 “snack packs” for clients of the Matthew 25 Homeless Mission, and financial support was also provided via donations through the year, the proceeds from the Harvest fruit and vegetable auction (together with a significant amount of non-perishable food donated at Harvest), and the proceeds from a table-top sale. The Reach Out team also made up a significant amount of “refugee packs” for local asylum seekers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW - FORMING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The Finance Committee met remotely for most of the year to comply with COVID requirements to monitor and manage the Church's finances and report to, and advise, the PCC.

2. The Finance Committee comprises the Chairman (Mrs Beverley Thorp), the Treasurer (Miss Mary Delves), the Vicar (Fr Mark McAulay), the Curate (Fr Thomas Crowley to the 15th August) and the Churchwardens (Mr Keith Metcalfe and Mrs Pauline Fella).

3. We started the year with Unrestricted Funds of £27,606 and closed the year with Unrestricted Funds increased to £40,491 at 31st December 2021. Restricted funds managed by the Finance Committee increased from £109,729 to close the year at £152,347 as a result of donations and appeals.

Income

4. The annual accounts show total general Unrestricted receipts of £85,030. Planned Giving increased to £40,655 and income tax recoverable from Gift Aid reduced to £6,508. However, we saw an increase in sundry donations to £35,302.

5. Income from Church hall lettings reduced significantly to £2,000 as we were unable to take bookings for most of the year. Fees from Funerals and Baptisms were also reduced to £2,195 compared with £3,165 in 2020. Thanks are due to Mr Steve Gilbert who managed to achieve increased income from car parking with income of £17,722, up from £14,413 in 2020, which was especially pleasing during lockdown when other avenues of income had been restricted.

6. The Gift Day on 28th November (Christ the King) was not as well supported this year, achieving just £3,255 compared with £5,636 raised in 2020, although most of the donations made were gift aided which was a further benefit.

7. The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an excellent and simple tax-efficient scheme which is of great benefit to St Saviour's. During 2021 31 donors had donated £27,663.30, including gift aid.

Expenses

8. The annual accounts show total Unrestricted expenditure of £72,145 (reduced from £107,776 in 2020). As ever, the dominant cost is that of our Parish Ministry

Costs (PMC) which had reduced to £30,564 compared to £40,752 in 2020. This unusual situation reflects the decision taken by the Finance Committee in May 2020 to reduce our parish share contribution by 50% as a result of the significant fall in income experienced by St Saviour's following the closure of the Hall and other fund-raising events. The Diocese originally had an expectation that parishes will be paying 100% of their PMC by 2020, but this will be reviewed once the financial impact of the Pandemic is understood.

9. Other clergy costs in 2021 totalled £6,555 compared with £8,796 the previous year.

10. The annual accounts show Church Hall running costs at £600 compared to £2,910 in 2020. Church running expenses increased to £30,407, up from £23,770 and there was a significant decrease in Church maintenance expenses to £9,120 compared with £32,964 last year.

11. There were no trading costs as the church shop was closed for the year due to the Covid restrictions.

Thank You

12. The Finance Committee wishes to record grateful thanks to all those members of the congregation who give regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme, Planned Giving (white pledge envelopes) and Gift Aid schemes (yellow envelopes) and to those people who have made generous ad-hoc donations through the year. This sustained and regular giving is not only greatly appreciated but is also a great encouragement and huge help in budgeting.

13. Whilst St Saviour's has not been able to arrange as many concerts, social and fund-raising events as we have in previous years due to the restrictions placed on the Church and congregation by the COVID pandemic with a consequent reduction in income, the Finance Committee is most appreciative of all those people who have supported St Saviour's financially through ad hoc donations during the year.

14. The Finance Committee wishes to record special thanks to our Treasurer Miss Mary Delves for so ably keeping the books and paying the bills and to Mrs Rosemarie Emery (and to Mrs Pauline Fella and Mrs Margaret Baron) for their essential work in counting, recording and banking the various monies each week upon which these Annual Accounts are based. Thanks also to Mrs Krys Breeze for all her work in recording and managing gift aid donations and with Mrs Pauline Fella for submitting our claim to HMRC.

Future Outlook

15. Although St Saviour's financial position appears healthier at the end of 2021 this is misleading. Firstly, like many parishes St Saviour's has faced a sharp drop in our income (with greatly reduced income from hall lettings, fundraising activities, concerts etc) and this has been masked by the decision by the Finance Committee to reduce our parish share by £2547 per month since May 2020. Once the Government's COVID restrictions are lifted we should be able to increase our income, but there will also be an expectation from the Diocese that our PMC contribution will resume at its agreed level. Secondly, St Saviour's has benefited from two generous bequests during 2020, but the majority of these funds are restricted in use and can only be used in expenditure related to the chapel. Finally, the Church is still facing expenditure to meet the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection report. So it is clear that 2022 will continue to present challenges to St Saviour's financial viability.

Reserves Policy

16. It is the PCC's policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding property) which equates to approximately 3 months- worth of unrestricted payments against unforeseen situations.

It is PCC policy to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England deposit fund.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £ | TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | | | |
| <i>Voluntary income</i> | 2a | 61,524 | 58,733 | 0 | 120,257 | 155,772 |
| <i>Activities for generating funds</i> | 2b | 18,645 | | 0 | 18,645 | 15,585 |
| <i>Income from investments</i> | 2c | 9 | | 0 | 9 | 43 |
| <i>Church activities</i> | 2d | 4,852 | 2,591 | 0 | 7,443 | 7,912 |
| <i>Other incoming resources</i> | 2e | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 9,157 |
| Total incoming resources | | 85,030 | 61,324 | 0 | 146,354 | 188,469 |
| Resources expended | | | | | | |
| <i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i> | 3a | 129 | | 0 | 129 | 0 |
| <i>Fund-raising trading costs</i> | 3b | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 188 |
| <i>Church activities</i> | 3c | 71,716 | 18,706 | 0 | 90,422 | 111,549 |
| <i>Governance Costs</i> | 3d | 300 | | 0 | 300 | 300 |
| Total resources expended | | 72,145 | 18,706 | 0 | 90,851 | 112,037 |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers | | 12,885 | 42,618 | 0 | 55,503 | 76,432 |
| <i>Gross transfers between funds</i> | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 12,885 | 42,618 | 0 | 55,503 | 76,432 |
| <i>Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets</i> | 6a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets</i> | 6b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net movement in funds | | 12,885 | 42,618 | 0 | 55,503 | 76,432 |
| Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021 | | 27,606 | 109,729 | 0 | 137,335 | 60,903 |
| Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2021 | | 40,491 | 152,347 | 0 | 192,838 | 137,335 |

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

| Notes | | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 6a | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | 6b | 0 | 0 |
| Total fixed assets | | 0 | 0 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 6,500 | 8,205 |
| Short term deposits | | 5,764 | 5,764 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 185,686 | 128,778 |
| | | <u>197,950</u> | <u>142,747</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 9 | 5,112 | 5,412 |
| Net current assets | | 192,838 | 137,335 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after one year | 9 | | |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 192,838 | 137,335 |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| NET ASSETS | | 192,838 | 137,335 |
| Endowment funds | 10 | | |
| Funds | 7 | | |
| Restricted funds | 10 | | |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| | | 152,347 | 109,729 |
| Unrestricted funds | 10 | 40,491 | 27,606 |
| | | <u>192,838</u> | <u>137,335</u> |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on April 2022 and signed on its behalf

Fr. Mark McAulay (Chairman)

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and under current Church Accounting Regulations in accordance with applicable accounting current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102), as amended in 2016.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 Incoming resources

| | | TOTAL FUNDS 2021 | | | | TOTAL FUNDS 2020 |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | £ | £ |
| | | £ | £ | £ | | £ |
| a | <i>Voluntary income</i> | | | | | |
| | Planned giving | 40,655 | | | 40,655 | 39,996 |
| | Collections at all services | 3,810 | | | 3,810 | 2,463 |
| | Gift days | 3,255 | | | 3,255 | 5,636 |
| | Sundry donations and appeals | 7,296 | 28,006 | | 35,302 | 24,178 |
| | Income tax recoverable | 6,508 | | | 6,508 | 7,299 |
| | Legacies | | 30,727 | | 30,727 | 76,200 |
| | Grant | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| | | 61,524 | 58,733 | | 120,257 | 155,772 |
| b | <i>Activities for generating funds</i> | | | | | |
| | Fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events | 923 | | | 923 | 1,172 |
| | Car Parking Fees | 17,722 | | | 17,722 | 14,413 |
| | | 18,645 | 0 | | 18,645 | 15,585 |
| c | <i>Investment income</i> | | | | | |
| | Dividends and interest | 9 | | | 9 | 43 |
| | | 9 | 0 | | 9 | 43 |
| d | <i>Income from Church Activities</i> | | | | | |
| | Church hall lettings etc | 2,000 | | | 2,000 | 4,518 |
| | Church Lettings | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| | Church Outings etc | 0 | 2,591 | | 2,591 | 0 |
| | Fees from weddings etc | 2,195 | | | 2,195 | 3,165 |
| | Parish magazine | 657 | | | 657 | 229 |
| | | 4,852 | 2,591 | | 7,443 | 7,912 |
| e | <i>Other incoming resources</i> | | | | | |
| | Insurance claims | | | | 0 | 9,157 |
| | | | | | 0 | 9,157 |
| Total incoming resources | | 85,030 | 61,324 | 0 | 146,354 | 188,469 |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)

| Resources expended | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | TOTAL FUNDS | TOTAL FUNDS |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3 | Funds | Funds | Funds | 2021 | 2020 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i> | | | | | |
| a Special appeal | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| costs Stewardship costs | 129 | 0 | | 129 | 0 |
| | 129 | 0 | | 129 | 0 |
| <i>Fund-raising trading costs</i> | | | | | |
| b Trading costs | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 188 |
| Hire costs | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 188 |
| <i>Church Activities</i> | | | | | |
| c Missionary and charitable giving: | | | | | |
| Direct as a tithe | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Collections and other giving | 0 | 275 | | 275 | 386 |
| | 0 | 275 | | 275 | 386 |
| Outings & Events | | 2,338 | | 2,338 | 0 |
| Ministry costs: | | | | | |
| Diocesan parish contribution paid | 30,564 | | | 30,564 | 40,752 |
| Other clergy costs | 6,555 | | | 6,555 | 8,796 |
| Church running expenses | 23,434 | 6,973 | | 30,407 | 23,770 |
| Church maintenance | 0 | 9,120 | | 9,120 | 32,964 |
| Upkeep of services | 3,433 | | | 3,433 | 1,771 |
| Upkeep of churchyard | 3,426 | | | 3,426 | 200 |
| Parish magazine | 600 | | | 600 | 0 |
| Church hall running costs | 600 | | | 600 | 2,910 |
| Prior year diocesan fees | 3,104 | | | 3,104 | 0 |
| | 71,716 | 18,706 | | 90,422 | 111,549 |
| <i>Governance costs</i> | | | | | |
| d Independent examination fee | 300 | | | 300 | 300 |
| Cost of annual accounts | | | | | |
| | 300 | 0 | | 300 | 300 |
| Total resources expended | 72,145 | 18,706 | 0 | 90,851 | 112,037 |

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4 Staff costs

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| | £ | £ |
| a Wages and salaries | 1,360 | 1,020 |

During the year the PCC employed an organist, but no payment was large enough to attract social security costs.

b Payments to PCC members

There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, nor persons closely connected to them, nor other related parties.

5 Analysis of transfers between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2021 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Vicarage Dilapidations | 0 | 0 | 0 |

6 Fixed Assets

a Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold land and buildings | Church equipment | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Cost or valuation | | | |
| At 1 January 2021 | 0 | 7,224 | 7,224 |
| Additions | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disposals | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revaluation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| At 31 December 2021 | <u>0</u> | <u>7,224</u> | <u>7,224</u> |
| Depreciation | | | |
| At 1 January 2021 | | 7,224 | 7,224 |
| Provided in the year | | 0 | 0 |
| Disposals | | 0 | 0 |
| At 31 December 2021 | <u>0</u> | <u>7,224</u> | <u>7,224</u> |
| Net book amounts | | | |
| At 31 December 2021 | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | 0 |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | 0 |

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total Funds 2021 £ |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fixed assets for church use | 0 | | | 0 |
| Current assets | 45,603 | 152,347 | | 197,950 |
| Current liabilities | (5,112) | | | (5,112) |
| | 40,491 | 152,347 | 0 | 192,838 |

8 Debtors

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income tax recoverable | 6,500 | 8,205 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | - | - |
| Other debtors | - | - |
| | 6,500 | 8,205 |

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other creditors | 5,112 | 5,412 |
| Archdeacon's Loan | - | 0 |
| | 5,112 | 5,412 |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)

10 Statement of funds

| | Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2021 | Income | Expenditure | Transfers, other gains and losses | Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2021 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted Fund | | | | | |
| General fund | 24,606 | 85,030 | (72,145) | | 37,491 |
| Designated repair fund | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Contingency fund | 3,000 | | | | 3,000 |
| | <u>27,606</u> | <u>85,030</u> | <u>(72,145)</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>40,491</u> |
| Restricted Fund | | | | | |
| Finance Committee | 109,729 | 61,324 | (18,706) | | 152,347 |
| | <u>109,729</u> | <u>61,324</u> | <u>(18,706)</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>152,347</u> |
| Total funds | <u>137,335</u> | <u>146,354</u> | <u>(90,851)</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>192,838</u> |

**Independent examiner's report
to the PCC of St. Saviour & St. Peter, Eastbourne**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on the foregoing pages, 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 accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144 of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. 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 accounts 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 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 section 130 of the act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed B R ETHERIDGE

Date 4 April 2022

Brian R Etheridge
Retired Chartered Accountant
3 Mountney Road
Eastbourne BN21 1RJ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, so that they can vote for candidates for the PCC and the Deanery Synod, at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Communicant members who are 16 or over, and whose names are on the Roll, are entitled to stand for election to the PCC. This PCC does not have any sub-committees, but it does have a standing committee of four members: the Vicar, the two Churchwardens and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Throughout 2021 the PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2017, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding arrangements are clearly stated on the front page of the parish website: www.stsaviourseastbourne.org.uk.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

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| Incumbent: | The Revd Mark McAulay | <i>Chairman</i> |
| Assistant Curate: | The Revd Thomas Crowley | <i>Until 15.08.21</i> |
| Churchwardens: | Mrs Pauline Fella | <i>Vice Chairman</i> |
| | Mr Keith Metcalfe | |

Elected Members

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mrs Judy Grundy | <i>PCC Secretary until 16.05.21</i> |
| Mr Carl Hodgkinson | <i>Until 16.05.21</i> |
| Mr Richard Crook | |
| Mrs Sylvia Dwyer | <i>Until 05.03.21</i> |
| Mr Roger Emery | |
| Mrs Rosemarie Emery | <i>Deputy Churchwarden</i> |
| Mrs Yvonne Dyer | |
| Mrs Krystyne Breeze | |
| Mrs Beverley Thorp | |
| Dr Simon Thorp | <i>PCC Secretary from 16.05.21</i> |
| Mrs Brenda Wright | |

Deanery Synod

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| Miss Mary Delves | <i>Hon. Treasurer</i> |
| Mrs Isobel Nugent | |
| Mr Tony Sharley | <i>Deputy Churchwarden</i> |

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd. Fr Mark McAulay SSC, PCC Chairman

M. J. S. McAULAY

April 2022