



Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne

St Saviour's Church, South Street, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4UT

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St Saviour's Eastbourne

Trustees Annual Report for 2022

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

“Wonderful Church. Kind, helpful staff. Lovely warm welcome! Perfect!”
– Bob Newton MBE (via ‘Google’)

- 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 (Diocesan Vision for Growth 2020-2025)
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need, or ability to pay
- Providing practical support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. We were also encouraged to specifically revisit our 2019 Mission Action Plan by the Diocese of Chichester as the Diocese prepared Deanery Mission Plans. Our Mission Action Plan is regularly reviewed, and we also regularly ensure our activities are in sympathy with the Diocesan Vision for Growth 2020-2025.

For 2022 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering a daily Mass (and other opportunities) of worship, teaching and prayer
- Considering how provision could be made to nurture the faith of our children
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish through donations of food, non-perishable goods and money to Family Support Work and Eastbourne Foodbank
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as an historic and significant venue in the centre of the town which is also used extensively as a venue for instrumental and choral recitals
- Maintaining the church hall as a venue for parish events and for use by local groups and charities (often without charge)

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Worship

We are pleased to welcome visitors from outside as well as inside the parish boundary. Mass is offered daily on every day of the year, including Bank Holidays, and the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are also

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"A haven of tranquillity."

- 'Google' reviewers

celebrated on behalf of the entire parish. As Eastbourne is a popular holiday destination some visitors seek out St Saviour's for its traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, many of whom return to us year after year. Visitors attend by personal choice and it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We contend that being open to all people, and voluntary attendance to worship

the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

Whilst, in common with other churches, attendances were deleteriously affected as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and its attendant restrictions, once these restrictions were finally relaxed with the end of "Plan B" on 25th January 2022, we were pleased to see numbers gradually increasing again as the year progressed. The average regular weekly attendance, counted during October 2022, was **176** adults and children (by way of context, an "average" Church of England parish church had a total average of **41** adults and children attending each week in 2021).

"This time of quietness feeds the soul and the mind and brings a sense of peace and calmness which we all need in our lives, along with a clarity to focus on the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us."

– a regular worshipper at weekly Exposition

It has also been a great encouragement to welcome new worshippers to St. Saviour's. At the time of writing this Report (April 2023), average attendance at the main Sunday Mass at 10.30am is **110** (by way of context, the figure in the previous paragraph reveals that an "average" Church of England parish church had a total average of 41 adults and children attending each week – **including Sundays** - in 2021).

Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and guided prayer before the noon Mass continued throughout 2022, and continues to be much appreciated. Other opportunities for worship outside of the eucharist included Taizé Evening Prayer on 6th March, musically assisted by Robert Ascott and members of the choir. We were delighted to re-introduce the healing ministries of laying on of hands and anointing from Sunday 17th July (these having been suspended because of the restrictions in place because of the pandemic). The healing ministries are part of the Mass on every 3rd Sunday and are well valued and used by the congregation, and those visiting for Mass.

Despite the end of the restrictions imposed as a consequence of the pandemic, we took the decision to continue to live-stream the vast majority of our public worship (in particular, the daily Mass and the main Sunday Mass at 10.30am). 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 UK (and, indeed, beyond) who had started to join us online at the beginning of the pandemic. We take this "online" ministry seriously and know that it is much valued and appreciated by those who engage with it. In 2022, although our online 'reach' on Facebook was reduced by 16% we still reached over 5,500 people, 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.

During 2022 we continued to celebrate midweek sung Masses for Solemnities and Major Feasts. The decision to celebrate these during the day rather than in the evening continued to be popular as they were well attended with an average of **40** 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 Ascension Day was attended by **45** people. This welcome trend has continued up until the time of writing this report.

Young Church continued to meet when circumstances, personnel, and children attending allowed. Our thanks go to Rachel Hobden, Lydia Verity and Brenda Wright for their ministry in this work with the children. Easter gardens made by the children were blessed by the Vicar on Easter Sunday. It was also very good to again have the children accompany the procession of the Blessed Sacrament and scatter rose petals on Corpus Christi Sunday.

Numbers attending on Ash Wednesday were up on the previous year by 35%, and it was good to see an average weekly attendance of 20 for Stations of the Cross, held after the noon Mass every Friday in Lent, although clearly that figure could be improved upon. Attendances throughout Holy Week were also very encouraging (and showed increases on the previous year – Palm Sunday, for example, had an increase in attendance of 43 people).

The Easter Vigil and Easter Day Masses were attended by **177** people (**138** in 2021, and by way of context, an “average” Church of England parish church had a total average of **34** adults and children attending Easter Services in 2021).

Christmas is obviously a very special time of celebration where many sections of the community come together to join in our services, particularly Nine Lessons & Carols – which was attended by **225** people (up from **135** the previous year). We were absolutely delighted to be able to hold our immensely popular Christmas Gala concert again for the first time since the pandemic struck with local choirs, soloists and the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham brass band was enjoyed by over 180 people on 20th December. Our immense thanks to our Director of Music, Paul Collins, for making this possible. The Midnight Mass of Christmas, and Mass of Christmas morning were attended by **184** people (by way of context, an “average” Church of England parish church had a total average of **65** adults and children attending Christmas Services in 2021).

On the immensely sad occasion of the death of HM The Queen on 8th September, we set up a memorial in church for the public to pray and to sign a book of condolence (which was extensively used) and, on the following day the Vicar celebrated a Requiem Mass for the eternal repose of her soul.

On 18th September we were pleased to again host the RAFA Battle of Britain Service, attended by HM Deputy Lieutenant, Brigadier Anthony Lamb MBE, DL, and Caroline Ansell, MP for Eastbourne. The Vicar officiated and The Revd. Daniel Mercer (Chaplain of Eastbourne College) preached, and the service was attended by **78** people.

A greater number of our 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 Canon Richard Harper SSC who has done sterling work training the serving team and generally improving the standard of our liturgy.

We have continued to try to improve the quality of our welcome to, and engagement with, visiting worshippers by deliberately deploying clergy at the back of church to engage with them and guide them towards refreshments and fellowship after the main Sunday Mass, which is much appreciated. This engagement also helps the clergy to be more aware of, and responsive to, the pastoral needs of our congregation and visitors. We were delighted to welcome the Revd. Canon Anthony Delves SSC, who has extensive Eastbourne connections (as an “Eastbourne boy”) into the college of clergy on 1st June. In a short time Fr Anthony has already significantly enhanced our provision of pastoral and spiritual care.

At St. Saviour’s we take seriously our duty to “*worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*” (Psalm 96:9), and our programme of restoration and renewal in this respect continued throughout 2022. In early January, Tony Sharley refurbished and polished the benediction candelabra and brass display jardinières and in March he also refurbished the St. Peter “plain” processional cross, and later refurbished the staff of the same cross in May. During Lent, Paul Fella undertook the major restoration project of repairing and refurbishing the crucifix outside St. Peter’s Chapel which, partly because it is such a focus of popular devotion, was in a sorry and parlous state. This was paid for by a generous private donor, to whom we are most grateful, and it was wonderful that Paul finished the project by Easter Sunday: the results are impressive, and a fascinating article as to how Paul went about the restoration appeared in the May edition of our parish magazine, “Logos”. The crucifix was blessed and rededicated at the conclusion of the Sung Mass for the Solemnity of St. George on 26th April.

The new 4-sided altar frontal (designed by the Vicar and commissioned by the PCC using Jane Pinching RIP’s generous bequest) arrived from Genevieve Gomi of Stella Maris Vestments and was used for the first time on Passion Sunday (as well as a new purple chasuble, lectern fall and banner for the BVM statue in the nave). It is pleasing that the fabric used in these commissions, “Jay” by Comper, is a modern pressing of a fabric in which we have always had Victorian era vestments at St. Saviour’s. Just in time for Christmas, Genevieve delivered most of the outstanding commissions, so we now have Low Mass sets and lectern falls in the 4 most used liturgical colours

in Comper "Jay", new altar linen and matching covers. We are confident that Jane would have approved, and continue to pray that she may rest in peace.

During the year, our own Krys Breeze kindly made a new reservation ciborium veil and a new monstrance veil to replace tired and worn predecessors; and we are grateful to Krys for this, and for other help with church needlework.

In May, Paul Fella repaired the damaged bowl of one of our best "big six" Pugin candlesticks, restored the ornate St. Saviour's processional cross and also restored and deep cleaned a pair of Edwardian silver candlesticks.

Profits from our Platinum Jubilee Tea in June were used to buy and engrave two commemorative brass collection plates in honour of Her Majesty's life of service, which were blessed and dedicated by the Rt. Revd. The Bishop of Lewes when he visited us on Sunday 9th October.

In July, Paul Fella extensively (and sympathetically) restored the Paschal Candlestick and another fascinating article as to how he went about the restoration appeared in the September edition of our parish magazine, "Logos". Thanks to the generosity of a donor, a large damaged (but dignified) Edwardian ciborium was restored and brought back into use in July, having been forgotten and left in the church safe for many years. In August Paul fella restored the damage on Station no.3 of our Stations of the Cross.

During most of November we honoured our war dead through our Festival of Remembrance which included again large carpets of many hundreds of hand-knitted poppies in the porch, baptistery and under the pulpit – our thanks to those who knitted the poppies and to Yvonne Dyer for organising it. As 2022 marked 40 years' since the conclusion of the Falklands' War, Paul Fella created a poignant display in the north aisle which was much appreciated.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

"I have attended a number of churches over the years but have learned so much in such a short time at St. Saviour's" – a newer member of the congregation

Since becoming parish priest Fr Mark has put a deliberate emphasis on teaching and catechesis, which is both noted and appreciated. A short teaching homily is preached at every daily Mass (sadly, an unusual practice these days in most churches), short explanations of the Sunday

readings are provided in the Sunday service booklet, and daily teaching and devotional materials have been introduced for the use of the congregation in Advent and Lent. Our attractive, and high quality, parish magazine ("Logos") also has regular teaching articles in it. As well as the Vicar's monthly theological reflection, throughout 2022 via the "Art of St. Saviour's" column, readers have been educated about the meaning behind the many mosaics in the church (including Dorcas, St. Andrew, St. Augustine preaching, King (St.) Oswald, King Solomon's Temple, and then pieces on the Sanctuary Banners, the stained glass of the Synoptic evangelists, concluding the year with the Beatitudes mosaics surrounding the High Altar. These articles have been highly regarded, as have been the more secular offerings from our great friend and leading figure on the Eastbourne classical music scene, Robert Milnes, on Gloriana, Pianos, Religious Music in Opera, Music for The Queen, and an extensive series on 'Sullivan and/or Gilbert'. Our sincere thanks to all our contributors and particularly to Paul Fella for his hard work in editing and producing the magazine.

During Lent there was a full programme of events, including weekly Stations of the Cross, a Lent Course, and charity Lent lunches (on 10th March and 7th April). The *Comfort Ye My People* Diocesan Lent course – based on reflection upon works of art and sculpture - was very well received. *Walk with Me* Lent prayer booklets were made available, as was a pamphlet explaining the significance of Holy Week and the times of the services.

"The love and support from the congregation, the clergy and the servers... and the blessed presence of the Bishop made it an unforgettable day..." – Sarah, baptised and confirmed in 2022

It was with great joy that we saw one of our adult members, Sarah, baptised and confirmed by the Bishop of Lewes on 9th October when he visited St.

Saviour's.

Thirty people went on pilgrimage, led by the Vicar & Canon Richard Harper SSC (one of our associate clergy), to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 3rd – 7th October. As well as an opportunity for prayer, quiet reflection and spiritual refreshment, there was an opportunity for fellowship with other parishes (as we were joined by parishioners from St. Andrew's, Christ Church, St. Mary's Old Town and some of the Vicar's old parishioners from North London).

Throughout Advent, we successfully undertook the *Travelling Light* Advent course, which originated in the Diocese of Sheffield and was well attended. *Walk with Me* Advent prayer booklets were also made available.

Building up the Body of Christ together

As well as worshipping together, we have been deliberate in our attempts to build up relationships and social cohesion amongst our members, our visitors and all those who wish to join us: particularly as we emerged from the restrictions imposed because of the pandemic. In addition to our weekly time of fellowship together after Mass (our thanks go to Gill Goff and her team who provide us – and, more importantly, those visiting us - with that important ministry), we were pleased to offer an extensive programme of social activities again (some of which are outlined below).

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 Pat James in February, Joan Sandys in March, Victor Chandler in June, George (Alan) Langridge in August, Richard Pitwell in November (our “brass man” – i.e. the man who kindly cleaned our small brass) and Janet Reeve in December. May they all rest in peace. We were all very saddened to receive the news that Fr Paul Christian SSC, a well-loved and respected member of our college of associate clergy at St. Saviour’s, had died peacefully at St. Wilfrid’s hospice on 29th September. Fr. Paul was known for his friendliness, his gentle manner and his pastoral warmth. May he too rest in peace.

We continued our tradition of regularly celebrating the significant birthdays of our members with cake and wine after Mass on Sunday (including Sue Metcalfe’s 70th birthday, and the 80th birthday of Fred Reeve). On Sunday 13th February we celebrated together with Pam & Tony Sharley as they celebrated their 60th (Diamond) Wedding Anniversary, and on Sunday 2nd October we celebrated David Horne’s 20 year’s membership of St. Saviour’s Choir. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate with Ashleigh Bremer and Aaron Weston in August as they “tied the knot” here – our first wedding for some years – and we wish them all blessings for their future together.

A real highlight of our year was seeing Mary Delves invested into the Order of St. Richard by the Lord Bishop of Chichester at a special Mass here at St. Saviour’s on 28th June. The Order of St. Richard is an annual award for lay people which recognises and celebrates exceptional contributions to the parish, its congregations and local community, and the Diocese. This was to recognise that Mary had devoted most of her life to St. Saviour’s in many capacities, notably that of Treasurer for 35 years. We were delighted that her dedication was formally acknowledged and that she was honoured with this award.

Evangelism and outreach

We have three primary 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.

ChatStop was originally run on the model of being a “coffee morning” but since re-opening after the pandemic 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 55. A highlight of the year for guests was the Christmas Breakfast on 17th December.

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). These are significant areas of outreach and service which are much valued by those who use them in the local community. A highlight of the year for guests was the Christmas Lunch on 10th December. Our thanks to Yvonne and Bill Dyer and all the other volunteers and supporters who make them possible.

A surprise inspection on 9th July from an inspector from Eastbourne Food Safety and Hygiene resulted in a 5 star food hygiene rating – our congratulations go to Yvonne and Bill for maintaining this standard on our behalf.

The weekly *Wellbeing Café* (the first of its kind in a church in Eastbourne) has between 10 and 35 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,

*“It’s great to see clergy who ‘walk the walk’ as well as ‘talk the talk’”
– a Wellbeing Café visitor from overseas*

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.

We are pleased to continue to be supported by a financial grant from East Sussex County Council for the café, and are grateful to Jane Ferguson and the other volunteers (including clergy) for keeping this valuable resource operating for the benefit of vulnerable members of the community.

On 30th July 30 we held the St. Saviour's "Bake Off with a Difference" competition which included entries from Mencap, the Step-by-Step Nursery and Ivy Dementia Care, as well as members of the congregation.

On 3rd November we again enjoyed a fund-raising lunch cooked and served by our Serving Team. We thank them, and Keith Metcalfe, for organising it.

On our Feast of Title, the Solemnity of Christ the King (Sunday 20th November) we enjoyed an "in house" Patronal Festival Lunch and our thanks go to Yvonne and Bill Dyer and those who helped them.

On the evening of 1st December we opened the church for members of the community who were visiting the "Little Chelsea Little Christmas" event and provided welcome, warmth, and hot refreshments - all of which were much appreciated by the 62 visitors who came through the doors.

During most of Advent we again held our Christmas Tree Festival. 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 and charities (who participated) and was visited and enjoyed by a large number of local people.

There were also a number of other social events held throughout the year including a Burns Night Supper, an Anzac Day "Smoko", a St George's Day Tea Party, the Assumption-tide Vicarage Garden Party (with the very popular local Jazz band, and friends of St. Saviour's, *Con Brio*) and Christmas Dinner. Although a modest charge is made to attend these events to cover costs and to raise funds for the upkeep of the church, members of the congregation are encouraged to bring friends and family. They are fun events, open to members of the community and are a useful means of outreach, fellowship and networking for the people attending each event. In addition, a spirit of healthy competition was engendered by the sunflower growing competition in Lent, and a chocolate hamper raffle was held at Easter.

Following the relaxation of pandemic restrictions, we were delighted to resume our parish "days out": in 2022, to Ashburnham Place (our first day out since the pandemic), and the "Sistine Chapel" (Goring, not Rome!). Our thanks go to Sue & Keith Metcalfe for organising these pleasurable activities which are also an opportunity for people to get to know each other better.

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 and the many events we hold. We also have a significant *Facebook* presence with some posts being viewed by over 1,000 people. We know, from comments received, that this has increased the number of visitors to the church many of whom join in our worship.

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

Throughout 2022 this church, and our clergy, continued to support the life and work of the wider church and community.

Fr Mark continued to act as a Bishop's Surrogate for Common Licences and remained on the list as a Liturgical Chaplain to the Bishop of Chichester, which involves the planning and advance rehearsal of episcopal liturgies in the local parishes (such as Confirmation and Ordination).

We 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 most of our associate priests are brothers – on Holy Cross Day (14th September).

We hosted the Archdeacon's Visitation and Admission of Churchwardens for the Hastings Archdeaconry on 14th June.

On 27th July the local Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary met at St. Saviour's for Mass, celebrated by the Vicar and served by members of our own serving team.

In August Fr Mark was appointed Honorary Chaplain (“Padre”) of the local Royal Air Force Association Branch.

During the latter stages of his illness and following the sad death of Fr Paul Christian SSC, St. Saviour’s clergy were deployed in helping out Christ Church, Seaside, in interregnum. Following the departure of Fr David King SSC to another parish, St. Saviour’s clergy were additionally deployed in providing cover for St. Andrew’s, Seaside in the interregnum (including the provision of a Sung Patronal Mass on their Feast of Title in November). Fr Mark has also been actively involved in support of the Churchwardens in both parishes and in helping the hierarchy to shape a new strategic “Apostolic Partnership” between the three churches.

On 22nd October we were delighted to attend the Institution & Induction of our erstwhile Assistant Curate, Fr Thomas Crowley SSC, as Rector of Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

On 3rd December we were privileged to host the Order of St. John (Sussex) Carol Service at St. Saviour’s in the presence of H.M. Lords Lieutenant of East and West Sussex, the High Sheriff of East Sussex, and numerous other distinguished guests. It was excellent that the collection taken at the service was enough to pay for a life-changing eye operation at the Jerusalem Hospital. We very much hope that our connection with the Order will continue into 2023 and beyond.

On 10th December we were pleased to host the Mayor’s “Inspiring Angels” Charity Carol Service, which was a joint venture between a number of churches across Eastbourne, co-ordinated by the Revd. Danny Pegg (Associate Vicar for Mission and Discipleship in the parishes of Willingdon and Hampden Park). The 120 people attending (mostly non-churchgoers) very much enjoyed this service, and so the message of the joy of Christmas was proclaimed far and wide.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

The fact that 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 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. Following suspension due to the pandemic, we were pleased that our “Open Church” volunteers were again able to operate on some weekdays to welcome our visitors, guide them around the church and answer any questions. This too is greatly appreciated by locals and visitors alike and the many entries in the Visitors’ Book testify to this. 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.

*“Beautiful church and lovely acoustics”
– a ‘Google’ Reviewer*

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 2022 we put on our usual series of free lunchtime recitals (beginning with noted pianist Simon Ballard on 2nd May) each of which attracted up to 70 visitors. Both the church and the local community should be grateful to Paul Collins, our Director of Music, for continuing to put together this popular concert series.

The Sunday *Chamber Concerts* series (which we were able to ‘rehome’ and support from 2018 after the sudden closure of the Underground Theatre) continued throughout 2022, each attracting an audience of up to 70 or 80 people, some of whom have become regular visitors to church services.

We were pleased to welcome the return of the *Renaissance Singers* for their Epiphany Meditation Concert in January, Lent Meditation in March, and Advent Meditation in November – these significantly high quality choral concerts are well-supported, and we cherish the link between the church and the *Renaissance Singers*.

In March we hosted local choral group *Noteworthy Voices* as they performed the Howells’ Requiem.

Throughout 2022 we continued to support the charitable work of *Concentus* (one of Eastbourne’s largest amateur choirs) primarily by providing free rehearsal time in both the church and the church hall, on-going annual storage for their staging, and in hosting their two major concerts (“*Concentus sings.*”) – the summer concert was particularly poignant as, due to the pandemic, it was their first public concert in two and a half years.

In April we had a visit from the Guild of Clerical Ringers who came to ring our full peal of bells as part of their post-pandemic UK tour.

In July we hosted the Mayfield Singers who came and sang the Duruflé Requiem at a Solemn Requiem Mass for the late Edward Pinkney RIP, celebrated by the Rt. Revd. Nicholas Reade.

In September we hosted members of The Society for the Arts and Crafts Movement (Surrey) who had come to see the church building. Our PCC Member and Trustee of the Eastbourne Society, Richard Crook FRSA, gave them a talk and a tour of our wonderful church.

The church is always popular as a venue with local schools (particularly Eastbourne College and Bede's) and we hosted the Bede's Preparatory School Christmas Carol Concerts on 16th December.

The church hall is popular with local organisations, charity and community groups and individuals and is fully accessible. As already noted, it is used extensively for activities which benefit the community which included, in 2022, Eastbourne Foodbank, the Say Aphasia Charity, and acting as a polling station and as a venue for local councillors' surgery. We have also provided space in our car park for charitable causes, such as for those attending the Civic Platinum Jubilee Service at Eastbourne Town Hall.

Maintenance of the church building, grounds 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"*).

Our church is kept clean and tidy by a dedicated team of volunteers 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.

"Stunning church with amazing mosaics"

"I loved the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement in this amazing church"
(comments from the Visitors' Book)

We are most grateful to all those who give up their time to keep St Saviour's inside and out in such good condition. As well continuing this ever-ongoing general maintenance, and

cleaning, of the church, hall and the gardening of the grounds – the following specific items were carried out.

The lighting over the choir stalls and in the Baptistry was improved by the addition of further LED lighting in November 2021

To improve visibility in "working areas", the lighting in the very dark "smoke room" off the choir vestry was significantly improved in February and new chandeliers were fitted in the sacristy and servers' vestry in April which has made these areas safer for users.

In June Ashdown Heating renewed both of our boilers and made the Blessed Sacrament Chapel able to be independently heated – which has already made a difference, but will make more of a difference when the major project to "glass in" the Chapel is completed.

In August Messrs. Paynes (Builders) undertook remedial work to the brickwork surrounding the gate of the Holy House in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel which was causing the gate itself to drop, causing difficulties with it being closed and locked.

In November and December our outdated internal CCTV system was surveyed and replaced with new cameras giving us full colour, infra-red night vision and remote access.

On 24th February members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee on the Care of Churches visited with a view to giving us informal advice on two major fabric projects: the replacement of the light fittings in the nave of the church, and; the "glassing in" of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This visit went well and the DAC were in broad general agreement with what, and how, we wanted to achieve by these projects and gave us some advice. Taking this advice into account, plans were fully completed and were pleased to be able to apply for Faculty permission in December 2022, with the hope that we can complete both these projects by the end of 2023.

Our thanks must be noted to Richard Crook FRSA (one of our PCC members who is also a Quinquennial Architect and a specialist in Victorian and Church architecture) for all his hard work on this in guiding us. We also remember with gratitude the generosity of the late Jane Pinching and the late Barbara Drew whose financial legacies have enabled us to bring these projects to fruition for the benefit of our congregation, our visitors, and indeed future generations of both.

In 2022 the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC began to actively consider the pressing pastoral issue of our closed Memorial Garden and what future provision we might make for the burial of ashes of departed members of the congregation and

those living within the parish boundaries. We had informal site visits with Richard Crook, our own architect and members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee on the Care of Churches at their visit mentioned above.

Throughout 2022 we have continued to review the recommendations of the Quinquennial Survey of the fabric, and have carried out such works as have been possible, and planned how the other works may be viable. We have also explored improving, and are examining the viability of replacing the existing lighting in the nave; our thanks to Richard Crook for his help and advice in respect of this.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

*“...Most of all I would like to thank you for helping me get through this year. Talking with you and knowing that you (and the other clergy, and the church) were praying for me have helped me get through all my treatments... this has also played a large part in my recovery journey...”
– a person supported through cancer diagnosis and treatment*

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 buying shopping, collecting prescriptions, or offering a lift in a car.

A lot of the clergy support given is often on an individual and long-term basis (such as the example of the person directly supported by the Vicar whose comment appears at the beginning of this section of this Report), and by its confidential nature it obviously “goes unseen” but is, nevertheless, both important and valued by those supported. This support is also given to members of the public who may not be members of the congregation as such; the important factor for us is trying to respond to need when it is encountered. The Vicar also supports various callers, some of whom are regulars, who knock at the door of the Vicarage. During 2022, hospital visits and home communions were undertaken by the Vicar, some of the associate clergy and Sue Black. Now that the restrictions imposed as a consequence of the pandemic have been removed, we plan to establish a pastoral visiting team in the near future.

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 and for those living in or near the parish.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

We continue to 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). The Eastbourne Foodbank is currently the busiest Foodbank in the UK, and our satellite of it (being in the centre of town) is in a key location and extensively used by a large number of the local community (on 11th June our satellite was the subject of a television report on “Sky News”). We also offer support to the Sussex Family Support Work charity throughout the year both through the collection of Christmas toys and presents and Easter eggs for families in need, but also through providing a venue for FSW meetings free of charge in our Hall. At Harvest our members donated gifts of non-perishable food, toiletries and other essential items to the Matthew 25 Homeless Mission. The profit from the harvest lunch and money raised by raffling off the perishable harvest gifts was donated to Family Support Work.

*“Extremely helpful and non-judgemental when visiting for using the community food bank”
– a ‘Google’ Reviewer*

Other charitable giving and support

Two Lent lunches were held and the money raised went to the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team and the Matthew 25 Project. The church family has also supported The Children’s Society, The Additional Curates Society, the Mission for Seafarers and Let the Children Live.

In July, we were immensely proud that one of our younger members, Athena Sadafi, raised £400 from the congregation and others by growing her hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust Cancer Charity who make wigs for children with cancer.

On 3rd September we were delighted to partner with the Eastbourne Rotary Club’s “Homes for the Homeless” project in hosting a concert in our church by the world-renowned Treorchy Choir which was both much appreciated by the large audience attending, but also raised £3540 for the project.

On the 10th September two members of the congregation joined Fr Richard Harper, one of the associate priests in a sponsored walk visiting churches in Eastbourne as part of the Ride & Stride event to raise money for the Sussex Historic Churches Trust. Between them they raised £382.

On 5th December we hosted the Eastbourne Masonic Charity Carol Service.

1. The Finance Committee

- A) The Finance Committee comprises of the Chairman (Mrs Beverley Thorp) who is also the Treasurer, the Vicar (Fr Mark McAulay), the Churchwardens (Mrs Pauline Fella and Mr Keith Metcalfe) and the Gift Aid Manager (Mrs Krys Breeze).
- B) The Finance Committee meets four times during the year and the meetings are held prior to The Parochial Church Council (PCC) so that up-to-date finance reports can be provided to the PCC.
- C) We started 2022 with Unrestricted Funds (general funds used by the PCC for ordinary purposes) of £40,491.00 and closed the year with Unrestricted Funds of £65,271.00 an increase of £24,780.00. This increase was mainly due to a reduction in expenditure in 2022 as we started to resume activities after COVID.
- D) We started 2022 with Restricted Funds (income from trusts, endowments, bequests or donations received which can only be expended on a specific object) of £152,347.00 and closed the year with Restricted Funds of £123,832.00 a reduction of £28,515.00. This reduction in income was due to the installation of the new boiler which cost £24,460.21.

2. INCOME

- E) The annual accounts show total Unrestricted receipts of £74,933.00. Planned Giving reduced to £37,117.00 but collections at services increased to £5,102.00 and income tax recoverable from Gift Aid increased to £8,512.00.
- F) Income from the Church Hall lettings increased significantly to £9,673.00 compared to £2,000.00 in 2021. Thanks are due to Mr Steve Gilbert who manages the car parking and as a result income increased to £19,528.00 compared with £17,722.00 in 2021.
- G) The Annual Gift Day on 20th November (The Solemnity of Christ the King) raised £3,707.00 a slight increase compared with £3,255.00 in 2021. However, it should be noted that £20,555.00 was raised in sundry donations and appeals throughout the year.
- H) The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) started the year with 30 members and closed with 29 members. Donations received during the year were £23,745.61 with Gift Aid of £5,765.38 making a total of £29,510.99.

3. EXPENSES

- I) The annual accounts show total Unrestricted expenditure of £81,320.00 (increased from £72,145.00 in 2021). This increase was due to our Parish Ministry Costs (PMC) which increased to £44,900.00 compared with £30,564.00 in 2021. At the start of the financial year our PMC contribution was only 50% of what the Diocese had set for 2022 but this was reviewed by the PCC in November, and they decided to give a one-off additional payment of £10,000.00.
- J) Other clergy costs totalled £4,115.00 compared with £6,555.00 the previous year.

- K) Church running expenses reduced slightly to £22,621.00 compared with £23,434.00 in 2021. Upkeep of the churchyard reduced to £2,402.00 compared with £3,426.00 in 2021. Church Hall running costs increased to £3,383.00 compared to £600.00 in 2021. This increase was due to the increase in utilities in line with the increase in hall bookings.
- L) Trading costs remained at zero the same as 2021 as Open Church remains closed.

4. THANK YOU

- M) The PCC wishes to record their sincere thanks for the continued generous donations received via the Parish Giving Scheme, Planned Giving (white pledge envelopes), Gift Aid donations (yellow envelopes) and to all those people who make generous weekly and ad-hoc donations throughout the year. We are very honoured that you bless us with your continued generosity and support, and this is particularly remarkable in the face of the financial challenges many people are facing. We do not underestimate the difference your donation makes to St Saviour's and in the work our church is doing for the local community.

Mrs Beverley Thorp
Treasurer

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 2022 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. The Parish was last fully audited for safeguarding ("SQP") by the Diocese on 16th October 2019 and was found to be "fully compliant".

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

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Fr Mark McAulay	<i>Chairman</i>
Churchwardens:	Mrs Pauline Fella	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
	Mr Keith Metcalfe	

Elected Members

Elected Members

Dr Simon Thorp	<i>PCC Secretary</i>
Mrs Judy Grundy	
Mr Richard Crook	
Mr Roger Emery	
Mr Neil Clarke	<i>(Until 23/2/22)</i>
Mrs Rosemarie Emery	
Mrs Yvonne Dyer	
Mrs Krystyne Breeze	
Mrs Beverley Thorp	<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>
Mrs Brenda Wright	
Mr Noel Thompson	

Deanery Synod

Miss Mary Delves	<i>(Until 13/7/22)</i>
Mr Tony Sharley	<i>(Until 16/11/22)</i>
Mrs Isobel Nugent	
Mr John Vernon	

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, PCC Chairman

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Date: 3rd May 2023

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne

St Saviour's Church, South Street, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4UT

Registered Charity no. 1131420

For the year ended 31st December 2022

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
Incoming resources						
<i>Voluntary income</i>	2a	75,700	9,556	0	85,256	120,257
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2b	19,528		0	19,528	18,645
<i>Income from investments</i>	2c	87		0	87	9
<i>Church activities</i>	2d	10,785	10,430	0	21,215	7,443
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2e	0		0	0	0
Total incoming resources		106,100	19,986	0	126,086	146,354
Resources expended						
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>	3a	64		0	64	129
<i>Fund-raising trading costs</i>	3b	0		0	0	0
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	80,956	48,501	0	129,457	90,422
<i>Governance Costs</i>	3d	300		0	300	300
Total resources expended		81,320	48,501	0	129,821	90,851
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		24,780	(28,515)	0	(3,735)	55,503
<i>Gross transfers between funds</i>	5	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		24,780	(28,515)	0	(3,735)	55,503
<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		24,780	(28,515)	0	(3,735)	55,503
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		40,491	152,347	0	192,838	137,335
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		65,271	123,832	0	189,103	192,838

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6a	0	0
Investments	6b	0	0
Total fixed assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	6,802	6,500
Short term deposits		5,764	5,764
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>181,649</u>	<u>185,686</u>
		194,215	197,950
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>5,112</u>	<u>5,112</u>
Net current assets		189,103	192,838
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>189,103</u>	<u>192,838</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9	0	0
NET ASSETS		<u>189,103</u>	<u>192,838</u>
Funds	7		
Endowment funds	10	0	0
Restricted funds	10	123,832	152,347
Unrestricted funds	10	65,271	40,491
		<u>189,103</u>	<u>192,838</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on April 2023 and signed on its behalf

Chairman Fr. Mark McAulay

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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 standards and the current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2005.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
a Voluntary income					
Planned giving	37,117			37,117	40,655
Collections at all services	5,102			5,102	3,810
Gift days	3,707			3,707	3,255
Sundry donations and appeals	20,555	9,556		30,111	35,302
Income tax recoverable	8,512			8,512	6,508
Legacies		0		0	30,727
	74,993	9,556		84,549	120,257
b Activities for generating funds					
Fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events	707			707	923
Car Parking Fees	19,528			19,528	17,722
	20,235	0		20,235	18,645
c Investment income					
Dividends and interest	87			87	9
	87	0		87	9
d Income from Church Activities					
Church hall lettings etc	9,673			9,673	2,000
Church Outings etc	0	10,430		10,430	2,591
Fees from weddings etc	559			559	2,195
Parish magazine	553			553	657
	10,785	10,430		21,215	7,443
e Other other incoming resources					
Insurance claims				0	0
				0	0
Total incoming resources	106,100	19,986	0	126,086	146,354

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

			TOTAL	TOTAL
Resources expended			FUNDS	FUNDS
3	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>				
a				
Special appeal costs	0	0	0	0
Stewardship costs	64	0	64	129
	64	0	64	129
<i>Fund-raising trading costs</i>				
b				
Trading costs	0	264	264	0
Hire costs	0		0	0
	0	264	264	0
<i>Church Activities</i>				
c				
Missionary and charitable giving:				
Direct as a tithe	0		0	0
Collections and other giving	0	1,250	1,250	275
	0	1,250	1,250	275
Outings & Events		9,767	9,767	2,338
Ministry costs:				
diocesan parish contribution paid	44,900		44,900	30,564
other clergy costs	4,115		4,115	6,555
Church running expenses	22,621	3,663	26,284	30,407
Church maintenance	0	2,028	2,028	9,120
Upkeep of services	3,135		3,135	3,433
Upkeep of churchyard	2,402		2,402	3,426
Parish magazine	400		400	600
Church hall running costs	3,383		3,383	600
Prior year diocesan fees	0		0	3,104
Vicarage dilapidations		301	301	0
Legacy Fund Payments		31,228	31,228	0
	80,956	48,237	129,193	90,422
<i>Governance costs</i>				
d				
Independent examination fee	300		300	300
Cost of annual accounts				
	300	0	300	300
Total resources expended	81,320	48,501	0	129,821
				90,851

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
a Wages and salaries	4,080	1,360

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 2022
	£	£	£
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 2022	0	7,224	7,224
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0
At 31 December 2022	0	7,224	7,224
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022		7,224	7,224
Provided in the year		0	0
Disposals		0	0
At 31 December 2022	0	7,224	7,224
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2022	0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	0	0	0

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fixed assets for church use	0			0
Current assets	70,383	123,832		194,215
Current liabilities	(5,112)			(5,112)
	<u>65,271</u>	<u>123,832</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>189,103</u>

8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Income tax recoverable	6,802	6,500
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>6,802</u>	<u>6,500</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	5,112	5,112
Archdeacon's Loan	-	0
	<u>5,112</u>	<u>5,112</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
General fund	37,491	106,100	-81,320		62,271
Designated repair fund	0		0		0
Contingency fund	3,000				3,000
	40,491	106,100	-81,320	0	65,271
Restricted Fund					
Finance Committee	152,347	19,986	-48,501		123,832
	152,347	19,986	-48,501	0	123,832
Total funds	192,838	126,086	-129,821	0	189,103

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 2022 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.....

Date 20 March 2023

Brian R Etheridge
Retired Chartered Accountant
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