

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN MEADS

England & Wales · Charity number 1131574

Details

Other names	ST JOHN'S PCC, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-09-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: To ensure opportunities for worship are provided for all ages of the community; To maintain the fabric entrusted to the PCC; To maintain links with the wider community

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£316,999	£439,869	-	-
2023-12-31	£277,155	£266,408	-	-
2022-12-31	£227,003	£255,456	-	-
2021-12-31	£328,957	£291,597	-	-
2020-12-31	£330,504	£248,759	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Christopher Mottram		2024-05-01
CATHERINE FIONA BUTCHER		2014-01-08
Clement Anthony Jackson		2019-04-25
DAVID MICHAEL SCOTT-RALPHS		2017-04-04
Ian Douglas Pinder		2019-04-25
Ian Murray		2024-05-01
JORJ KOWSZUN		
Janet Jackson		2020-10-13
Judith Marian Stone		2019-04-25
Paul Charles Geoffrey Burley		2022-04-27
Rev Ruth Margaret Robinson		2025-11-06
Robert Scott-Biggs		2023-05-03
SARAH CATHERINE HASSELL		2016-06-01
Sally Jane Scott-Ralphs		2017-04-04
Sarah Elizabeth Peat		2024-05-01

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1131574

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter
Charity Number	1131574
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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

Our aims and purposes as a charity

St John's Purpose Statement is **Loving God, Building His Church, Serving Others.**

During 2024 we did an exercise with our congregation on our Values and we have developed our '5G' Values Statement:

- Greeting everyone with the love of our Father who longs to be reunited with us whoever we are and wherever we've been
- Gathering around the cross that shapes us into a caring, compassionate community online and in person
- Growing in our love for God through Word, prayer and openness to the work of the Holy Spirit
- Giving in response to a generous God who calls us to be channels of His blessing
- Going in the power of the Holy Spirit to be and make disciples of Jesus.

The PCC has responsibility for the financial affairs of the Church and for the repair and maintenance of the Church fabric and the Parish Hall.

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'.

For 2024 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- ◆ Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and through our online services;
- ◆ Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers;
- ◆ Making our church buildings welcoming for people to enjoy;
- ◆ Offering prayer and pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- ◆ Providing a range of outreach ministries for the community;
- ◆ Providing financial and other support to our mission partners and to others in need;

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

What we achieved in 2024

Attendance at worship

We continue to thank God for the numbers attending church on Sundays and at other midweek services and for the strong presence of the Holy Spirit in our weekly worship.

St John's weekly Sunday services are at 8am (BCP) and 10am (Contemporary Worship), with an average combined congregation of 131. These services are also live streamed and can be viewed on catch up, with c.100 weekly views both in the UK and overseas. There is holy communion given at every BCP service and twice a month at the contemporary service. We have continued to see growth in the numbers of people attending Midweek Communion at 11am on a Wednesday, also using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), with an average congregation of 41 in 2024. This midweek service has sung worship with traditional hymns. Sung Evensong takes place once a month with the participation of St John's choir. Additionally, there is online morning prayer each day from Monday to Friday and Prayer Focus once a month on Saturday mornings for breakfast and prayer focussed on church activities. The variety of services offered meets a wide range of spiritual need and tradition.

During 2024 we welcomed c.30 new regular worshippers from within the Meads parish and also further afield, but a similar number left or died. The number of people on the Electoral Roll grew from 214 to 226. There will be a full review of the Electoral Roll in 2025.

The church family welcomes all visitors both from within as well as outside the parish boundary. 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 voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities. What has been particularly encouraging has been to see the growth in diversity in our church family, with a wide range of nationalities represented - South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Ukraine, USA, France, Germany, Netherlands, Iran and more.

Liturgy remains an important part of all St John's services, while the Contemporary Worship service also allows time for silence and the prompting of the Holy Spirit. A key element of this service is sung worship ably led by church members with voice and instruments under the leadership of Clem Jackson. Our thanks go to all involved in the worship band.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

In 2024 we continued to nurture new Christians and also to enable people to go deeper in their faith. The second part of St John's Vision for Growth 2020-2025 is 'more invited into communion'. We want to build upon the foundation of welcome by encouraging a culture of invitation for everyone to experience intimacy with God through our worship and witness.

St John's Life Groups meet regularly on a weekly or fortnightly basis, usually in someone's home. These groups offer different aspects of Bible study and enable people to come together in a safe space to explore their faith. There are 10 Life Groups in existence currently with 110 members. There is an online group for those who find it difficult to travel and a WhatsApp group allowing members to share reflections on the daily Lectio 365 programme.

Over the years St John's has had a number of people going forward to do the Authorised Lay Ministry course with Chichester Diocese, to equip them to better serve the parish. In addition to a core learning programme which encourages people to explore further their faith and their gifts, there is a range of elective modules offered such as preaching, pastoral care and mission-building. The graduates of this annual programme are a blessing to St John's and to Meads parish for their commitment and service. During 2024 six people were licensed as ALMs.

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Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers (continued)

St John's is also a training parish and over recent years has supported a number of Ordinands as they go through their training for priesthood. In 2024 we were joined by Carly Taylor, who is in the final year of her training and is due to take up a curacy in mid-2025. Carly has been fully immersed in the life of St John's and it has been wonderful to see her grow in confidence in her ministry.

We are fortunate to be a church for a good number of retired clergy, who add a rich variety to biblical teaching and ministry. We give our thanks to them for their support of our Incumbent and two more were going through the Permission to Officiate process at year end.

Building our engagement with children and young people is a key element of our Vision for Growth. Alongside our contemporary service on Sundays we have a creche for babies and toddlers, Junior Church Explorers for ages 4-10 and the Lodgers for those aged 10+. It has been wonderful to see the way in which our young people have also engaged in the main service. There was great involvement by young families in Messy Church events throughout the year and also our summer programme, 'Thrilling Thursdays'. Our Children and Families Leader Kim Leach has been sharing her time between the church and St John's CofE Primary School for over six years. Due to changes at the school and some financial constraints, this agreement came to an end in 2024, although Kim continues to support assemblies on a weekly basis.

St John's continued to fund a part-time Youth Leader role in 2024 and one new development was a monthly Mentoring and Discipleship programme for our young people, helping them to explore their faith in a safe setting.

Provision of church buildings for people to enjoy

It has been encouraging to see our church buildings used for a variety of activities across the whole week, fulfilling our vision of St John's being both a place of worship and a hub for our community. There is regular weekly use of the church and Jubilee Hall for our Meads Munchkins toddler group, Movement to Music and Chair-based Exercise, Ukraine Hub, Bereavement Cafe, Cubs and Scouts, Pilates and other activities. The church and Jubilee Hall became even busier over the autumn as groups which regularly hire the Parish Hall moved across temporarily during the refurbishment of the Hall.

After 18 months of planning and fundraising, we were able to complete works to improve access at St John's. This consisted of new acoustic panelling throughout the Nave and around the worship band area, along with new automated doors for the front entrance and some of the internal doors. It has made a significant difference to everyone in terms of improved sound quality and to those with mobility issues in getting into and around the church. We are grateful to the following trusts for their support for this project: Benefact Trust, the National Lottery Awards for All scheme, Garfield Weston Foundation, Congregational & General Trust, Beatrice Laing Trust, the Rotherwick Foundation, Ian Askew Charitable Trust and the Spiller Trust.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Provision of church buildings for people to enjoy (continued)

In September 2024 we were finally able to sign a 99-year lease for St John's Parish Hall with the Meads (Eastbourne) Community Centre (MECC) charity. This was the conclusion of over 18 months of negotiations to secure the future of the Hall, which was in need of major repair work. The Hall has been little used by St John's itself for many years and the PCC came to the view that it would be better for a new body to take over the running and maintenance of the Hall, in return for a long lease at a peppercorn rent. The MECC was successful in securing a major grant from the Community Ownership Fund and refurbishment work, including the replacement of the roof, began in October. The renamed Meads Hall is due to reopen at the beginning of March 2025. We are delighted that a solution has been found that enables the local community to continue to benefit from the Hall's facilities, which will be much improved following refurbishment.

Provision of pastoral support for people living in the parish

Pastoral support is provided by a team of volunteers under clergy supervision to those in the parish who are lonely, bereaved or dealing with other difficult issues. The team offers one to one support including communion in people's homes and meets regularly to pray for those in need.

Once a month on a Tuesday afternoon, St John's Bereavement Cafe takes place, offering people who are bereaved the chance to come together in fellowship. This has been very well attended in 2024, including a steady stream of people referred from the local hospice. Alongside the cafe, the church ran three Bereavement Journey programmes in 2024, which offers a series of films and discussions over seven weeks on the subject of grief and loss. The feedback from these programmes has been consistently excellent and those attending have formed their own friendship groups which have continued to meet after the programme has finished. The Bereavement Journey uses materials provided by the charity At A Loss and this charity also has an accreditation programme for bereavement-friendly churches, which St John's has succeeded in meeting.

Providing a range of outreach ministries for the parish

In addition to the pastoral and bereavement ministry already mentioned, St John's is active as a Church Trustee for Linking Lives Eastbourne, which matches up people living on their own with volunteer befrienders. The Ukraine Hub, held in the Jubilee Hall each Tuesday, provides a welcoming space for those from Ukraine living in Eastbourne while the conflict continues. There is a range of activities and advice surgeries on offer, alongside a shared meal.

St John's continues to run Coffee Pot+, meeting each Friday. This offers a social outlet, lunch and a range of activities for people living on their own. There is regular attendance by over 40 people and it is a highly valued ministry. Coffee Pot+ relocated to the church temporarily from the Parish Hall while this has undergone renovation but will return there in March 2025.

Members of St John's congregation are active in a range of local charities including Beachy Head Chaplaincy, Eastbourne Foodbank, Matthew 25 Mission, Peru People and St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Provision of financial and other support to mission partners and others in need

St John's continues to support financially and in other ways local and overseas mission partners. These charities have the opportunity to share with the congregation about their activities and the links continue to build. A total of £13,520 (2023: £14,000) was given to 9 charities as detailed in Note 4 to the accounts. Additionally, retiring collections are taken after services for other selected causes.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £236,902 (2023: £242,864) and are detailed in the Financial Report. Restricted income of £80,097 (2023: £34,291) took total incoming resources to £316,999 (2023: £277,155).

The hire of the Parish Hall and Jubilee Hall, reduced from £22,708 in 2023 to £20,057 in 2024.

The main expenditure items were the Church Access Project and legal fees for the Parish Hall and the redesignation of the Endowment Funds. Parish Share, wages and church and parish hall running costs.

Overall there was a deficit of £120,464 (2023: surplus £19,786). The surplus in 2023 was due to the donations and grants received for the Access Project.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £81,444 (2023: £78,792) paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs and church insurance incurred by the diocese. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a sum for diocesan training and other support costs. Currently, St John's is meeting 100% of the costs allocated to it.

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

During 2024, the church upgraded the accoustics and access into and within the church. Other minor repair works were also carried out and the church underwent a Quinquennial Inspection with a new Inspecting Architect, Cerowski Architects, which has highlighted work that will be required over the next 5-year period.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to three months' unrestricted expenditure against unforeseen situations.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed to pay day to day bills.

Endowment Funds

St John's has for many years maintained three Endowment Funds established following previous bequests. During the year an application was made to the Charity Commission to convert these into Restricted Investment Funds, so as to allow some use of the capital as well as the income if required. There are no immediate plans to expend the capital but the funds have now been renamed in these accounts.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

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

Charity Number	1131574		
Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter	(Chairman)	
Readers	Mr Jorj Kowsun Mrs Sarah Hassell Mrs Catherine Butcher		
Wardens	Mr David Scott-Ralphs	Appointed	01 May 2024
	Mr Tony Motram	Appointed	01 May 2024
	Mr R Hassell	Resigned	01 May 2024
	Mrs M Gibson	Resigned	01 May 2024
Deanery Synod:	Mr David Scott-Ralphs	(Vice Chairman)	
	Mrs Sally Scott-Ralphs		
	Mrs Catherine Butcher		
	Ms Gilli Howarth	Resigned	27 November 2024
Elected Members	Mr Paul Burley Dr John Caroe Mr Derek Glover Mrs Eunice Glover Mrs Sarah Hammond		
	Mr Clem Jackson	Resigned	24 June 2024
	Mrs Janet Jackson		
	Mr Ian Murray	Appointed	01 May 2024
	Mrs Sarah Peat	Appointed	01 May 2024
	Mr Ian Pinder	(Treasurer)	
	Mrs Julia Pinder	(Secretary)	
	Mr Robert Scott-Biggs		
	Mrs Judith Stone		

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to 15 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.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

A sub-committee of the PCC is the **Standing Committee**, which is required by law. This committee has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to direction given by the full PCC.

The Standing Committee also undertakes the function of a Finance Committee by monitoring the Church's finances and proposing actions to be taken to preserve the funds.

Various ministry teams exist, comprising members of the PCC and others, to further the work of the Church and report their efforts and proposals to the PCC where decisions are taken. We are grateful to all who volunteer their time to these ministries and to the small staff team.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Giles Carpenter, PCC Chairman.

Date:

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Accepted Accountancy Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided for in Section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nathan Coker FCCA

Dated:

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted Investments £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>						
Donations and Legacies		183,463	77,630	-	261,093	217,690
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		3,871	-	-	3,871	7,254
Other trading activities		30,307	240	-	30,547	31,165
Investment income		4,058	1,914	-	5,972	4,870
Other incoming resources		15,203	313	-	15,516	16,176
Total incoming resources	2	236,902	80,097	-	316,999	277,155
Resources Expended						
Church activities	3	235,323	150,585	-	385,908	231,452
Cost of generating voluntary income		49	-	-	49	-
Other trading activities		40,453	-	-	40,453	33,156
Governance costs	3	13,459	-	-	13,459	1,800
Total Resources expended		289,284	150,585	-	439,869	266,408
Net incoming resources before transfers		(52,382)	(70,488)	-	(122,870)	10,747
Gross transfers between funds		(41,378)	41,378	-	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		(93,760)	(29,110)	-	(122,870)	10,747
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets		-	-	2,406	2,406	9,039
Net Movement in Funds		(93,760)	(29,110)	2,406	(120,464)	19,786
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		149,915	39,293	105,108	294,316	274,530
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		56,155	10,183	107,514	173,852	294,316

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of this account

A detailed breakdown of the comparative figures per Fund is shown on page AP1

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	3,406		3,633	
Restricted investments		107,514		105,108	
		<u>110,920</u>		<u>108,741</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	7	17,349		20,349	
Short term deposits		21,399		57,558	
Cash at bank and in hand		42,815		135,758	
		<u>81,563</u>		<u>213,665</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(18,631)</u>		<u>(28,090)</u>	
Net current assets		<u>62,932</u>		<u>185,575</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>173,852</u></u>		<u><u>294,316</u></u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds	9	56,155		149,915	
Restricted funds	9	10,183		39,293	
Restricted Investment funds	9	107,514		105,108	
		<u>173,852</u>		<u>294,316</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 25 February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:-

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Giles Carpenter

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

The charity was established under the Parochial Church Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 1131574).

1.1 Accounting convention

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

To ensure that the accounts show a true and fair view, the trustees have not complied fully with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 as these refer specifically to the previous 2005 SORP and have not been updated to reflect the changes in legislation to the FRS102 SORP.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the PCC have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the PCC continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 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 Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest;

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.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Funds accounting (continued)

Restricted investments Previously endowment funds, following agreement from the Charity Commission, these investments have been redesignated as restricted investments and total funds can only be used on the specific object they were given.

1.4 Incoming resources

All income and endowments, which are accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is received.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the events have occurred. Fees received in advance of the event are recognised as deferred income until the event occurs. The statutory proportion of fees held as agent for and due to the Diocese of Chichester, are not recognised as income and are included in creditors until paid.

Other trading activities

Where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services, income is recognised either when received or in the case of concerts, for the year it occurs irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Investment income

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

Other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Grants

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

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

This includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements. Individual items that cost less than £1,000 are written off in expenditure when incurred.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	-	25% straight line basis
Fixtures & fittings	-	20% reducing balance basis

The gains and losses arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Investments

Investments are stated at mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are recognised as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 31 December 2024 the Trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates arising that require disclosure.

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2 Incoming resources

	Year to 31 December 2024			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	73,346		-	73,346
Tax recoverable	33,151	6,250	-	39,401
Other	70,950	1,030	-	71,980
Cash collections at services	6,016		-	6,016
Donations, appeals, etc	-	70,350	-	70,350
Legacies	-	-	-	-
	<u>183,463</u>	<u>77,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>261,093</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	2,200	-	-	2,200
Grants	-	-	-	-
Fees	1,047	-	-	1,047
Children's activities	624	-	-	624
	<u>3,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,871</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	20,057	240	-	20,297
Coffeepot+	6,969	-	-	6,969
Fund raising events	3,281	-	-	3,281
	<u>30,307</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,547</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	4,058	1,914	-	5,972
	<u>4,058</u>	<u>1,914</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,972</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	15,203	313	-	15,516
	<u>15,203</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,516</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u><u>236,902</u></u>	<u><u>80,097</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>316,999</u></u>

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2 Incoming resources (continued)

	Year to 31 December 2023			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	86,904	330	-	87,234
Tax recoverable	29,545	2,150	-	31,695
Other	56,233	34	-	56,267
Cash collections at services	3,887		-	3,887
Donations, appeals, etc	8,745	27,810	-	36,555
Legacies	2,052	-	-	2,052
	<u>187,366</u>	<u>30,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,690</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	1,500	-	-	1,500
Grants	-	2,808	-	2,808
Fees	2,294	-	-	2,294
Children's activities	652	-	-	652
	<u>4,446</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,254</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	22,708	-	-	22,708
Coffeepot+	6,275	-	-	6,275
Fund raising events	2,182	-	-	2,182
	<u>31,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,165</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	3,711	1,159	-	4,870
	<u>3,711</u>	<u>1,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,870</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	16,176	-	-	16,176
	<u>16,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,176</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>242,864</u>	<u>34,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>277,155</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Total resources expended

Year to 31 December 2024				
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	3,000	-	-	3,000
Relief and development agencies	2,000	-	-	2,000
Home missions	8,000	520	-	8,520
	Note 4	520	-	13,520
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	81,444	-	-	81,444
Housing expenses	4,178	-	-	4,178
Clergy expenses	1,346	-	-	1,346
Church running expenses	20,451	-	-	20,451
Church maintenance	11,104	-	-	11,104
Upkeep of services	6,401	401	-	6,802
Upkeep of church garden	2,660	1,234	-	3,894
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	2,612	-	-	2,612
Mission outreach and training	268	-	-	268
Salaries	75,444	-	-	75,444
Children's & Youth activities	2,950	-	-	2,950
Training courses	2,110	-	-	2,110
Printing, office supplies and telephone	5,922	-	-	5,922
Other administration costs	4,643	50	-	4,693
Major works	780	147,317	-	148,097
Ukraine Hub	-	1,063	-	1,063
Church tower costs	10	-	-	10
Total charitable activities	235,323	150,585	-	385,908
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	49	-	-	49
	49	-	-	49
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	34,651	-	-	34,651
Coffeepot+	4,843	-	-	4,843
Cost of events	959	-	-	959
	40,453	-	-	40,453
Governance costs				
Legal & Professional fees	11,679	-	-	11,679
Independent Examination fee	1,780	-	-	1,780
	13,459	-	-	13,459
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	289,284	150,585	-	439,869

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3 Total resources expended

Year to 31 December 2023				
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	1,703	697	-	2,400
Relief and development agencies	3,000	-	-	3,000
<u>Home missions</u>	8,600	-	-	8,600
Note 4	13,303	697	-	14,000
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	78,792	-	-	78,792
Housing expenses	6,022	-	-	6,022
Clergy expenses	1,352	-	-	1,352
Church running expenses	20,457	-	-	20,457
Church maintenance	6,469	-	-	6,469
Upkeep of services	4,717	904	-	5,621
Upkeep of church garden	1,004	1,145	-	2,149
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	2,180	-	-	2,180
Mission outreach and training	467	382	-	849
Salaries	67,720	-	-	67,720
Children's & Youth activities	1,723	-	-	1,723
Training courses	3,234	-	-	3,234
Printing, office supplies and telephone	5,471	-	-	5,471
Other administration costs	3,453	-	-	3,453
Major works	1,802	-	-	1,802
Ukraine Hub	-	158	-	158
St Michael & All Angels Support	9,213	787	-	10,000
Total charitable activities	227,379	4,073	-	231,452
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	27,236	-	-	27,236
Coffeepot+	4,408	-	-	4,408
Cost of events	1,512	-	-	1,512
	33,156	-	-	33,156
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,800	-	-	1,800
	1,800	-	-	1,800
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	262,335	4,073	-	266,408

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4 Missionary and charitable giving

	Year to 31 December 2024			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted Investments	Total
	£	£	£	£
Overseas				
Revive	1,000	-	-	1,000
CMCT	2,000	-	-	2,000
Release International	1,000	-	-	1,000
Peru People	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	2,000	-	-	2,000
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	2,000	-	-	2,000
Matthew 25	1,000	-	-	1,000
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,000	-	-	1,000
Diocesan Missionary Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
Parish Hardship Fund	-	520	-	520
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,520</u>
Total Giving	<u>13,000</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,520</u>

	Year to 31 December 2023			
Overseas				
CMS	-	600	-	600
Revive	503	97	-	600
Tearfund	1,200	-	-	1,200
CMCT	1,200	-	-	1,200
Release International	1,200	-	-	1,200
Peru People	600	-	-	600
	<u>4,703</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,400</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	2,500	-	-	2,500
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,000	-	-	1,000
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,500	-	-	1,500
Matthew 25	1,500	-	-	1,500
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,500	-	-	1,500
Sanctuary	600	-	-	600
Parish Hardship Fund	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,600</u>
Total Giving	<u>13,303</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,000</u>

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5 Staff costs

Unrestricted Fund	Wages & salaries	Social security costs	Pension contributions	Total 2024	Total 2023
Administration	31,274	2,663	1,420	35,357	36,064
Family, Children and Youth Workers	36,543	2,476	1,828	40,847	32,942
Maintenance of Church & Parish Hall	11,901	19	331	12,251	13,546
	<u>79,718</u>	<u>5,158</u>	<u>3,579</u>	<u>88,455</u>	<u>82,552</u>

An employers allowance of £4,899 was deducted from payments to HMRC.

During the year the PCC employed an average of 7 people in the following posts: Church and Parish Hall administrators; a Children and Families worker, Youth workers, a cleaner and a caretaker.

There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Furniture	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 01 January 2024	1,850	8,739	10,589
Additions	1,000	-	1,000
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,850</u>	<u>8,739</u>	<u>11,589</u>
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2024	1,436	5,520	6,956
Charge for the year	582	645	1,227
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,018</u>	<u>6,165</u>	<u>8,183</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u><u>832</u></u>	<u><u>2,574</u></u>	<u><u>3,406</u></u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>414</u>	<u>3,219</u>	<u>3,633</u>

Investments

	Endowment Fund	
	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	105,108	96,069
Gains/(losses) in year	2,406	9,039
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>107,514</u>	<u>105,108</u>

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7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	7,399	8,371
Prepayments	1,613	2,109
Other debtors	8,337	9,869
	<u>17,349</u>	<u>20,349</u>

8 Creditors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	8,773	20,557
Other taxation and social security	2,923	1,398
Creditors for goods and services	6,935	6,135
	<u>18,631</u>	<u>28,090</u>

9 Movement in funds

	Movement in Funds				
	Balance at 01 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Garden Maintenance	66,934	1,532	-	-	68,466
Duplex Bequest	34,127	781	-	-	34,908
Flower Fund	4,047	93	-	-	4,140
Total Restricted Investments	<u>105,108</u>	<u>2,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,514</u>
Garden Fund	-	1,858	(1,234)	-	624
Charities Fund	26	-	-	-	26
Children & Young People	-	1,000	(35)	-	965
Church Access Project	29,364	76,630	(147,333)	41,339	-
Flower - Floral Decoration	168	194	(401)	39	-
St John's School Governors	244	-	-	-	244
Parish Hardship Fund	5,767	240	(520)	-	5,487
Displaced People	741	-	-	-	741
Ukraine Families	332	155	-	-	487
Ukraine Hub	2,651	20	(1,062)	-	1,609
Partnership Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>39,293</u>	<u>80,097</u>	<u>(150,585)</u>	<u>41,378</u>	<u>10,183</u>
General Fund	(25,250)	216,357	(249,095)	(28,926)	(86,914)
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Bereavement Journey	-	199	(118)	-	81
Parish Hall Fund	(11,524)	20,115	(38,861)	30,270	-
Parish Hall Maintenance	1,383	-	-	(1,383)	-
Reserve Fund	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Organ Fund	11,204	-	(1,200)	-	10,004
Tower & Festival Project	-	231.00	(10)	-	221
Legacy Reserve	134,102	-	-	(41,339)	92,763
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>149,915</u>	<u>236,902</u>	<u>(289,284)</u>	<u>(41,378)</u>	<u>56,155</u>
Total Funds	<u>294,316</u>	<u>319,405</u>	<u>(439,869)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,852</u>

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted Investments £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	3,406	-	-	3,406
Investment fixed assets	-	-	107,514	107,514
Current assets (excl bank)	17,349	-	-	17,349
Cash at bank and on deposit	54,031	10,183	-	64,214
Current liabilities	(18,631)	-	-	(18,631)
	<u>56,155</u>	<u>10,183</u>	<u>107,514</u>	<u>173,852</u>

Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted Investments £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	3,633	-	-	3,633
Investment fixed assets	-	-	105,108	105,108
Current assets (excl bank)	18,925	-	-	18,925
Cash at bank and on deposit	149,313	44,003	-	193,316
Current liabilities	(21,956)	(4,710)	-	(26,666)
	<u>149,915</u>	<u>39,293</u>	<u>105,108</u>	<u>294,316</u>

11 Statement of Funds

Restricted investments

The capital and income is required to be spent on specific objectives.

The Garden Maintenance Fund is a restricted investment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (2,961 shares), which requires income to be spent on maintenance of the church garden.

The Duplex Bequest is a restricted investment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (1,509.70 shares), which requires income to be given to charitable causes.

The Flower Fund is a restricted investment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (179 shares), which requires income to be spent on floral decoration of the church.

The CBF Investment Fund shares were valued at £23.1227 per share at 31 December 2024 (2023: £22.6053 per share).

Restricted Funds

These are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales

The Garden Fund which holds income for the upkeep of the church garden.

The Flower Fund which holds income to provide for the floral decoration of the church.

The Charities Fund which holds income from the Duplex Bequest pending payment to charities.

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11 Statement of Funds (continued)

Restricted Funds (continued)

The Church Access Project Fund is the money raised through donations and grants to finance the building work to improve access in the church.

St John School Governor's Fund which holds monies allocated by the PCC to meet costs incurred by governors in carrying out their roles.

The Parish Hardship Fund which holds income to provide financial support to individuals or families within the Parish.

The Legacy Repairs Fund which holds legacy income for the repair of the church and connected property.

The Displaced People Fund which holds income to provide financial support to families living in Eastbourne who have been displaced from their homes by war or other life threatening circumstances.

The Ukraine Families Fund holds monies for use in supporting Ukrainian families living in Eastbourne.

The Ukraine Hub is grant money received to support the Hub in its activities with Ukraine families.

Unrestricted Funds

These are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

The PCC has designated certain funds for administrative purposes and to set aside monies for future anticipated expenditure. The designated funds comprise:-

Parish Hall Fund to provide for the running costs and upkeep of the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Maintenance Fund to provide for maintaining the fabric of the Parish Hall.

Reserve Fund to provide funds as a contingency and for the further development of the church.

Organ Fund to provide future repairs to the organ.

Repair Fund to provide for repairs and decoration of the church and replacement of equipment.

Bereavement Journey to reinvest in the Bereavement Journey.

Tower & Festival Project to provide funds to support the running of the Tower Project.

Legacy Reserve to ring fence any funds received from legacies to be allocated to specific projects.

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12 Payments to PCC Members

Other payments were made to PCC members in reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC:

- Clergy support (Incumbent): Council Tax: £3,405 (2023: £3,828), Environmental charges: £551 (2023: £608), Travel, hospitality, telephone, stationery, accommodation: £1,568 (2023: £1,586)

- No members received reimbursement for travel, stationery, postage, hospitality and accommodation totalling £Nil (2023: £Nil)

13 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with any other related parties other than those already disclosed. (2023: None)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted Investments £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>					
Donations and Legacies		187,366	30,324	-	217,690
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		4,446	2,808	-	7,254
Other trading activities		31,165	-	-	31,165
Investment income		3,711	1,159	-	4,870
Other incoming resources		16,176	-	-	16,176
Total incoming resources	2	<u>242,864</u>	<u>34,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>277,155</u>
Resources Expended					
Church activities	3	227,379	4,073	-	231,452
Cost of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		33,156	-	-	33,156
Governance costs	3	1,800	-	-	1,800
Total Resources expended		<u>262,335</u>	<u>4,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,408</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		(19,471)	30,218	-	10,747
Gross transfers between funds		(683)	683	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		<u>(20,154)</u>	<u>30,901</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,747</u>
Gains on investment assets		-	-	9,039	9,039
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(20,154)</u>	<u>30,901</u>	<u>9,039</u>	<u>19,786</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>170,069</u>	<u>8,392</u>	<u>96,069</u>	<u>274,530</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>149,915</u></u>	<u><u>39,293</u></u>	<u><u>105,108</u></u>	<u><u>294,316</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1131574

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
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**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Giles Carpenter, 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.
- ◆ Knowing Jesus better and making Him better known.
- ◆ Providing practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the oldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- ◆ Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

The PCC has responsibility for the financial affairs of the Church and for the repair and maintenance of the Church fabric and the Parish Hall.

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'.

For 2023 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- ◆ Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and through our online services;
- ◆ Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers;
- ◆ Making our church buildings welcoming for people to enjoy;
- ◆ Offering prayer and pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- ◆ Providing a range of outreach ministries for the community;
- ◆ Providing financial and other support to our mission partners and to others in need;

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What we achieved in 2023

Attendance at worship

We continue to thank God for the numbers attending church on Sundays and at other midweek services and for the strong presence of the Holy Spirit in our weekly worship.

St John's weekly Sunday services are at 8am (BCP) and 10am (Contemporary Worship), with an average combined congregation of 125. These services are also live streamed and can be viewed on catch up, with c.100 weekly views both in the UK and overseas. There is holy communion given at every BCP service and twice a month at the contemporary service. We have continued to see growth in the numbers of people attending Midweek Communion at 11am on a Wednesday, also using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), with an average congregation of 35. This midweek service has sung worship with traditional hymns. Sung Evensong takes place once a month with the participation of St John's choir. Additionally, there is online morning prayer each day from Monday to Friday and Prayer Focus once a month on Saturday mornings for breakfast and prayer focussed on church activities. The variety of services offered meets a wide range of spiritual need and tradition.

During 2023 we welcomed c.40 new regular worshippers from within the Meads parish and also further afield. While we were also saddened to lose some of our longstanding church members who went to be with the Father, the overall numbers of people involved in church activity has grown. At the time of writing we have 214 people on the Electoral Roll.

The church family welcomes all visitors both from within as well as outside the parish boundary. 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 voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities. What has been particularly encouraging has been to see the growth in diversity in our church family, with a wide range of nationalities represented - South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Ukraine, USA, France, Germany, Netherlands, Iran and more.

Liturgy remains an important part of all St John's services, while the Contemporary Worship service also allows time for silence and the prompting of the Holy Spirit. A key element of this service is sung worship ably led by church members with voice and instruments under the leadership of Clem Jackson. Our thanks go to all involved in the worship band.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

In 2023 we continued to nurture new Christians and also to enable people to go deeper in their faith. The second part of St John's Vision for Growth is 'more invited into communion'. We want to build upon the foundation of welcome by encouraging a culture of invitation for everyone to experience intimacy with God through our worship and witness.

We ran two Alpha courses during the year aimed at those wanting to explore christianity for the first time, as well as those already attending church but in need of a 'spiritual refresh'. There were also other opportunities for members of our church family to go deeper with a Lent course and through Life Groups, which meet regularly on a weekly or fortnightly basis, usually in someone's home. These groups offer different aspects of Bible study and enable people to come together in a safe space to explore their faith. One new development in 2023 was the establishment of a group on WhatsApp to share reflections on the daily Lectio 365 programme. This group is particularly helpful for people who find it difficult to attend groups in person.

St John's has a steady stream of people going forward to do the Authorised Lay Ministry course with Chichester Diocese, to equip them to better serve the parish. In addition to a core learning programme which encourages people to explore further their faith and their gifts, there is a range of elective modules offered such as preaching, pastoral care and mission-building. The graduates of this annual programme are a blessing to St John's and to Meads parish for their commitment and service.

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Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers (continued)

St John's is also a training parish and over recent years has supported a number of Ordinands as they go through their training for priesthood. We were delighted to witness the ordination of Elly McKay-Smith in 2023 and Elly has now gone to a neighbouring parish in East Sussex for her curacy.

We are fortunate to be a church for a good number of retired clergy, who add a rich variety to biblical teaching and ministry. Sadly, some went to be with the Father in 2023 and the early part of 2024. We will miss the committed service and spiritual wisdom of Revd Brian Richards, Revd Vic Lawrence and most recently Revd Peter Pickett, who all gave so much to St John's. We also mourn the passing of Revd Alyson Lamb, the previous Incumbent at St John's.

Building our engagement with children and young people is a key element of our Vision for Growth. Alongside our contemporary service on Sundays we have a creche for babies and toddlers, Junior Church Explorers for ages 4-10 and the Lodgers for those aged 10+. It has been wonderful to see the way in which our young people have also engaged in the main service. There was great involvement by young families in Messy Church at both Easter and Christmas and also our summer programme, 'Thrilling Thursdays'. We continue to share a Children and Families Worker, Kim Leach, with St John's CofE Primary School. We are hugely grateful to Kim for the energy and imagination which she brings to her role and for the way she is making Jesus known to our children.

St John's made the commitment in 2023 to fund a Youth Leader for one year initially and we were delighted that church members Ben West and James Aldred have taken on a shared role to support our young people in the development of their faith. Funding permitting, we hope very much to build on this initial commitment and to see more young people coming to faith at St John's.

Provision of church buildings for people to enjoy

It has been encouraging to see our church buildings used for a variety of activities across the whole week, fulfilling our vision of St John's being both a place of worship and a hub for our community. There is regular weekly use of the church and Jubilee Hall for our Meads Munchkins toddler group, Movement to Music and Chair-based Exercise, Ukraine Hub, Bereavement Cafe, Cubs and Scouts, Pilates and other activities.

We received Diocesan approval during the year to improve the accessibility of our church buildings, through automating entrance and internal doors and also fitting acoustic panelling in the Nave. After a tender process we identified a preferred contractor to do these works and then undertook a fundraising campaign. We had good success in this from both our church family and from grant-making trusts and have now scheduled the work to be done in the spring of 2024. At the time of writing, we wish to extend our grateful thanks to the following trusts for their support: Benefact Trust, the National Lottery Awards for All scheme, Garfield Weston Foundation, Congregational & General Trust, Beatrice Laing Trust, the Rotherwick Foundation, Ian Askew Charitable Trust and the Spiller Trust, as well as to more than 40 households in our congregation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Provision of church buildings for people to enjoy (continued)

In November 2022 we held a public meeting with the local community about the future of St John's Parish Hall, which is in Meads Village, about 400 metres away from the main church. Over the years church usage of the Hall has diminished, while St John's has continued to administer wider community activity as well as being responsible for the building. The Hall, which is around 100 years old, requires substantial funds to be spent on it to bring it up to standard. We have therefore been working with the local community association during 2023 to find a means to transfer the maintenance and running of the Hall to the community on a long lease. These negotiations continue but it is hoped that an agreement can be concluded in the spring of 2024, with Charity Commission and Diocesan approval.

Provision of pastoral support for people living in the parish

Pastoral support is now coordinated by Sally Scott-Ralphs following the retirement in 2023 of Revd Jill Preece. Sally heads up a team which offers one to one support to those in the parish who are lonely, bereaved or dealing with other difficult issues, with oversight from the Vicar, Revd Giles Carpenter and a retired clergy member, Revd George Fisher. The team also visits former members of the congregation living in care homes to offer communion and companionship.

Another example of pastoral support is the Bereavement Cafe which meets monthly on a Tuesday afternoon, offering people who are bereaved the chance to come together in fellowship. This has been very well attended in 2023. Alongside the cafe, the church ran three Bereavement Journey programmes in 2023, which offers a series of films and discussions over seven weeks on the subject of grief and loss. The feedback from these programmes was excellent and we will look to repeat them in 2024.

Providing a range of outreach ministries for the parish

In addition to the pastoral and bereavement ministry already mentioned, St John's is active as a Church Trustee for Linking Lives Eastbourne, which matches up people living on their own with volunteer befrienders. The Ukraine Hub, held in the Jubilee Hall each Tuesday, provides a welcoming space for those from Ukraine living in Eastbourne while the conflict continues. There is a range of activities and advice surgeries on offer, alongside a meal.

St John's continues to run Coffee Pot+, meeting each Friday in the Parish Hall. This offers a social outlet, lunch and a range of activities for people living on their own. There is regular attendance by over 40 people and it is a highly valued ministry.

Members of St John's congregation are active in a range of local charities including Beachy Head Chaplaincy, Foodbank, Matthew 25, Peru People, St Wilfrid's Hospice and Safe Families.

Provision of financial and other support to mission partners and others in need

St John's continues to support financially and in other ways local and overseas mission partners. These charities have the opportunity to share with the congregation about their activities and the links continue to build. A total of £14,000 (2022: £16,694) was given to 12 charities as detailed in Note 4 to the accounts. Additionally, retiring collections are taken after services for other selected causes.

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Provision of financial and other support to mission partners and others in need (continued)

In 2020 St John's developed an Apostolic Partnership with another Eastbourne Church, St Michael and All Angels, which saw around a dozen adults and young people move across to St Michael's. After an interregnum during which St John's Vicar, Revd Giles Carpenter, was Interim Priest in Charge, Revd Ben Sleep, who was completing his curacy at St John's, became the Incumbent at St Michael's. In the past three years great progress has been made there, with the congregation more than doubling, many of them young families. We were delighted to make a financial contribution to St Michael's in 2023 to bless the conclusion of this formal partnership as they continue to forge ahead in their own right.

The parish magazine is published twice a year and is distributed free of charge to all households in the parish. This helps to maintain links between St John's and our local community.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £242,864 (2022: £222,490) and are detailed in the Financial Report. Restricted income of £34,291 took total incoming resources to £277,155 (2022: £227,003).

The church was fortunate to receive legacies during the year totalling £2,052 (2022: £4,606). These have been placed in separate designated and restricted funds.

The hire of the Parish Hall was back to pre-covid levels, with income increasing from £13,086 in 2022 to £22,708 in 2023.

The main expenditure items were the Parish Share, wages and church and parish hall running costs.

Overall there was a surplus of £19,786 (2022: deficit £41,271). The surplus was due to the donations and grants received for the Access Project.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £78,792 (2022: £76,968) paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs and church insurance incurred by the diocese. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a sum for diocesan training and other support costs. Currently, St John's is meeting 100% of the costs allocated to it.

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

During 2023, no major repairs were undertaken. We received approval from the Diocesan Faculty for work to improve access in the church, which will be undertaken in 2024.

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Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to three months' unrestricted expenditure against unforeseen situations.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed to pay day to day bills.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

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

Charity Number	1131574		
Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter		(Chairman)
Assistant Priest	The Revd Jill Preece	Retired	23 April 2023
Readers	Mr Jorj Kowsun Mrs Sarah Hassell Mrs Catherine Butcher		
Wardens	Mr Ray Hassell Mrs Maggie Gibson	Appointed	03 May 2023
Deanery Synod:	Mr David Scott-Ralphs Mrs Sally Scott-Ralphs Mrs Catherine Butcher Ms Gilli Howarth Miss Diana Guthrie		(Vice Chairman)
		Resigned	03 May 2023
Elected Members	Mr Paul Burley Dr John Caroe Mr Derek Glover Mrs Eunice Glover Mrs Sarah Hammond Mr Clem Jackson Mrs Janet Jackson Mr Matt Kuchta Ms Myrtle Martin Mr Ian Pinder Mrs Julia Pinder Mr Robert Scott-Biggs Mrs Judith Stone	Resigned Resigned Appointed	03 May 2023 03 May 2023 (Treasurer) (Secretary) 03 May 2023

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to 15 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.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

A sub-committee of the PCC is the **Standing Committee**, which is required by law. This committee has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to direction given by the full PCC.

The Standing Committee also undertakes the function of a Finance Committee by monitoring the Church's finances and proposing actions to be taken to preserve the funds.

Various ministry teams exist, comprising members of the PCC and others, to further the work of the Church and report their efforts and proposals to the PCC where decisions are taken. We are grateful to all who volunteer their time to these ministries and to the small staff team.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Giles Carpenter, PCC Chairman.

Date:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Accepted Accountancy Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 26.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided for in Section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nathan Coker
Chartered Accountant
Dated:

Price & Company
30-32 Gildredge Road
Eastbourne
BN21 4SH

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes					
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>						
Donations and Legacies		187,366	30,324	-	217,690	181,190
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		4,446	2,808	-	7,254	8,291
Other trading activities		31,165	-	-	31,165	16,773
Investment income		3,711	1,159	-	4,870	4,056
Other incoming resources		16,176	-	-	16,176	16,693
Total incoming resources	2	242,864	34,291	-	277,155	227,003
Resources Expended						
Church activities	3	227,379	4,073	-	231,452	231,941
Cost of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-	88
Other trading activities		33,156	-	-	33,156	21,747
Governance costs	3	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,680
Total Resources expended		262,335	4,073	-	266,408	255,456
Net incoming resources before transfers		(19,471)	30,218	-	10,747	(28,453)
Gross transfers between funds		(683)	683	-	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		(20,154)	30,901	-	10,747	(28,453)
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets		-	-	9,039	9,039	(12,818)
Net Movement in Funds		(20,154)	30,901	9,039	19,786	(41,271)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		170,069	8,392	96,069	274,530	315,801
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		149,915	39,293	105,108	294,316	274,530

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of this account

A detailed breakdown of the comparative figures per Fund is shown on page AP1

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	3,633		4,849	
Endowment Assets		105,108		96,069	
		<u>108,741</u>		<u>100,918</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	7	20,349		25,714	
Short term deposits		57,558		54,856	
Cash at bank and in hand		135,758		110,705	
		<u>213,665</u>		<u>191,275</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(28,090)</u>		<u>(17,663)</u>	
Net current assets		<u>185,575</u>		<u>173,612</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>294,316</u></u>		<u><u>274,530</u></u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds	9	149,915		170,069	
Restricted funds	9	39,293		8,392	
Endowment funds	9	105,108		96,069	
		<u>294,316</u>		<u>274,530</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 15 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:-

.....
Giles Carpenter

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

The charity was established under the Parochial Church Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 1131574).

1.1 Accounting convention

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

To ensure that the accounts show a true and fair view, the trustees have not complied fully with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 as these refer specifically to the previous 2005 SORP and have not been updated to reflect the changes in legislation to the FRS102 SORP.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the PCC have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the PCC continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 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 Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest;

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Funds accounting (continued)

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.

1.4 Incoming resources

All income and endowments, which are accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is received.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the events have occurred. Fees received in advance of the event are recognised as deferred income until the event occurs. The statutory proportion of fees held as agent for and due to the Diocese of Chichester, are not recognised as income and are included in creditors until paid.

Other trading activities

Where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services, income is recognised either when received or in the case of concerts, for the year it occurs irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Investment income

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

Other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Grants

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

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

This includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements. Individual items that cost less than £1,000 are written off in expenditure when incurred.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	-	25% straight line basis
Fixtures & fittings	-	20% reducing balance basis

The gains and losses arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Investments

Investments are stated at mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are recognised as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 31 December 2022 the Trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates arising that require disclosure.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Incoming resources

	Year to 31 December 2023			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	86,904	330	-	87,234
Tax recoverable	29,545	2,150	-	31,695
Other	56,233	34	-	56,267
Cash collections at services	3,887		-	3,887
Donations, appeals, etc	8,745	27,810	-	36,555
Legacies	2,052	-	-	2,052
	<u>187,366</u>	<u>30,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,690</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	1,500	-	-	1,500
Grants	-	2,808	-	2,808
Fees	2,294	-	-	2,294
Children's activities	652	-	-	652
	<u>4,446</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,254</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	22,708	-	-	22,708
Coffeepot+	6,275	-	-	6,275
Fund raising events	2,182	-	-	2,182
	<u>31,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,165</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	3,711	1,159	-	4,870
	<u>3,711</u>	<u>1,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,870</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	16,176	-	-	16,176
	<u>16,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,176</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>242,864</u>	<u>34,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>277,155</u>

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2 Incoming resources (continued)

	Year to 31 December 2022			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	97,551	360	-	97,911
Tax recoverable	29,683	-	-	29,683
Other	33,327	38	-	33,365
Cash collections at services	3,149		-	3,149
Donations, appeals, etc	12,476		-	12,476
Legacies	3,379	1,227	-	4,606
	<u>179,565</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,190</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	1,147	15	-	1,162
Grants	3,963	1,011	-	4,974
Fees	2,155	-	-	2,155
Clubs	-	-	-	-
	<u>7,265</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,291</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	12,700	386	-	13,086
Coffeepot+	3,672	-	-	3,672
Fund raising events	15	-	-	15
	<u>16,387</u>	<u>386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,773</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	2,580	1,476	-	4,056
	<u>2,580</u>	<u>1,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,056</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	16,693	-	-	16,693
	<u>16,693</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,693</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>222,490</u>	<u>4,513</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,003</u>

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3 Total resources expended

Year to 31 December 2023				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	1,703	697	-	2,400
Relief and development agencies	3,000	-	-	3,000
Home missions	8,600	-	-	8,600
Note 4	13,303	697	-	14,000
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	78,792	-	-	78,792
Housing expenses	6,022	-	-	6,022
Clergy expenses	1,352	-	-	1,352
Church running expenses	20,457	-	-	20,457
Church maintenance	6,469	-	-	6,469
Upkeep of services	4,717	904	-	5,621
Upkeep of church garden	1,004	1,145	-	2,149
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	2,180	-	-	2,180
Mission outreach and training	467	382	-	849
Salaries	67,720	-	-	67,720
Children's & Youth activities	1,723	-	-	1,723
Training courses	3,234	-	-	3,234
Printing, office supplies and telephone	5,471	-	-	5,471
Other administration costs	3,453	-	-	3,453
Major works	1,802	-	-	1,802
Ukraine Hub	-	158	-	158
St Michael & All Angels Support	9,213	787	-	10,000
Total charitable activities	227,379	4,073	-	231,452
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	27,236	-	-	27,236
Coffeepot+	4,408	-	-	4,408
Cost of events	1,512	-	-	1,512
	33,156	-	-	33,156
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,800	-	-	1,800
	1,800	-	-	1,800
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	262,335	4,073	-	266,408

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Total resources expended

Year to 31 December 2022				
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	3,600	-	-	3,600
Relief and development agencies	2,400	-	-	2,400
<u>Home missions</u>	8,000	2,694	-	10,694
Note 4	<u>14,000</u>	<u>2,694</u>	-	<u>16,694</u>
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	76,968	-	-	76,968
Housing expenses	5,936	-	-	5,936
Clergy expenses	525	-	-	525
Church running expenses	22,384	-	-	22,384
Church maintenance	2,535	-	-	2,535
Upkeep of services	4,954	8	-	4,962
Upkeep of church garden	1,403	2,129	-	3,532
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	2,358	-	-	2,358
Mission outreach and training	357	-	-	357
Salaries	67,785	-	-	67,785
Children's & Youth activities	1,551	19	-	1,570
Printing, office supplies and telephone	5,205	-	-	5,205
Other administration costs	3,878	8	-	3,886
New and replacement, furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-
Major works	3,947	11,512	-	15,459
St Michael & All Angels Support	-	1,785	-	1,785
Total charitable activities	<u>213,786</u>	<u>18,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,941</u>
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	88	-	-	88
	<u>88</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	17,571	-	-	17,571
Coffeepot+	1,821	-	-	1,821
Cost of events	544	1,811	-	2,355
	<u>19,936</u>	<u>1,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,747</u>
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,680	-	-	1,680
	<u>1,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,680</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>235,490</u>	<u>19,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,456</u>

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4 Missionary and charitable giving

	Year to 31 December 2023			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Overseas				
CMS	-	600	-	600
Revive	503	97	-	600
Tearfund	1,200	-	-	1,200
CMCT	1,200	-	-	1,200
Release International	1,200	-	-	1,200
Peru People	600	-	-	600
	<u>4,703</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,400</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	2,500	-	-	2,500
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,000	-	-	1,000
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,500	-	-	1,500
Matthew 25	1,500	-	-	1,500
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,500	-	-	1,500
Sanctuary	600	-	-	600
Parish Hardship Fund	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,600</u>
Total Giving	<u>13,303</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,000</u>

	Year to 31 December 2022			
Overseas				
CMS	1,200	-	-	1,200
Revive	1,200	-	-	1,200
Tearfund	1,200	-	-	1,200
CMCT	1,200	-	-	1,200
Release International	1,200	-	-	1,200
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	2,000	-	-	2,000
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,500	-	-	1,500
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,500	-	-	1,500
Matthew 25	1,500	-	-	1,500
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,500	-	-	1,500
Parish Hardship Fund	-	2,694	-	2,694
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,694</u>
Total Giving	<u>14,000</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,694</u>

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5 Staff costs

Unrestricted Fund	Wages & salaries	Social security costs	Pension contributions	Total 2023	Total 2022
Administration	32,236	2,476	1,352	36,064	33,895
Family, Children and Youth Workers	29,085	2,402	1,455	32,942	30,427
Maintenance of Church & Parish Hall	12,564	387	595	13,546	12,708
	<u>73,885</u>	<u>5,265</u>	<u>3,402</u>	<u>82,552</u>	<u>77,030</u>

An employers allowance of £4,839 was deducted from payments to HMRC.

During the year the PCC employed an average of 7 people in the following posts: Church and Parish Hall administrators; a Children and Families worker, Youth workers, a cleaner and a caretaker.

There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Furniture £	Total £
Cost			
At 01 January 2023	1,850	8,739	10,589
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,850</u>	<u>8,739</u>	<u>10,589</u>
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2023	949	4,791	5,740
Charge for the year	487	729	1,216
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,436</u>	<u>5,520</u>	<u>6,956</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>414</u>	<u>3,219</u>	<u>3,633</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>901</u>	<u>3,948</u>	<u>4,849</u>

Investments

	Endowment Fund	
	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2023	96,069	108,887
Gains/(losses) in year	9,039	(12,818)
Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>105,108</u>	<u>96,069</u>

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7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	8,371	18,000
Prepayments	2,109	1,950
Other debtors	9,869	5,764
	<u>20,349</u>	<u>25,714</u>

8 Creditors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	20,557	7,792
Creditors for goods and services	7,533	9,871
	<u>28,090</u>	<u>17,663</u>

9 Movement in funds

	Movement in Funds				
	Balance at 01 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Garden Maintenance	61,178	5,756	-	-	66,934
Duplex Bequest	31,192	2,935	-	-	34,127
Flower Fund	3,699	348	-	-	4,047
Total Endowment Funds	<u>96,069</u>	<u>9,039</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,108</u>
Garden Fund	-	462	(1,145)	683	-
Charities Fund	26	697	(697)	-	26
Church Access Project	-	29,364	-	-	29,364
Flower - Floral Decoration	1,072	-	(904)	-	168
St John's School Governors	244	-	-	-	244
Parish Hardship Fund	5,760	7	-	-	5,767
Displaced People	628	495	(382)	-	741
Ukraine Families	332	-	-	-	332
Ukraine Hub	-	2,809	(158)	-	2,651
Partnership Fund	330	457	(787)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>8,392</u>	<u>34,291</u>	<u>(4,073)</u>	<u>683</u>	<u>39,293</u>
General Fund	(7,482)	209,342	(226,427)	(683)	(25,250)
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Parish Hall Fund	(9,486)	27,720	(29,758)	-	(11,524)
Parish Hall Maintenance	7,532	-	(6,149)	-	1,383
Reserve Fund	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Organ Fund	7,454	3,750	-	-	11,204
Repair Fund	1	-	(1)	-	-
Legacy Reserve	132,050	2,052	-	-	134,102
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>170,069</u>	<u>242,864</u>	<u>(262,335)</u>	<u>(683)</u>	<u>149,915</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>274,530</u></u>	<u><u>286,194</u></u>	<u><u>(266,408)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>294,316</u></u>

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	3,633	-	-	3,633
Investment fixed assets	-	-	105,108	105,108
Current assets (excl bank)	18,925	-	-	18,925
Cash at bank and on deposit	149,313	44,003	-	193,316
Current liabilities	(21,956)	(4,710)	-	(26,666)
	<u>149,915</u>	<u>39,293</u>	<u>105,108</u>	<u>294,316</u>

Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	4,849	-	-	4,849
Investment fixed assets	-	-	96,069	96,069
Current assets (excl bank)	25,714	-	-	25,714
Cash at bank and on deposit	151,146	14,415	-	165,561
Current liabilities	(11,640)	(6,023)	-	(17,663)
	<u>170,069</u>	<u>8,392</u>	<u>96,069</u>	<u>274,530</u>

11 Statement of Funds

Endowment Funds

These are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives.

The Garden Maintenance Fund is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (2,961 shares), which requires income to be spent on maintenance of the church garden.

The Duplex Bequest is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (1,509.70 shares), which requires income to be given to charitable causes.

The Flower Fund is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (179 shares), which requires income to be spent on floral decoration of the church.

The CBF Investment Fund shares were valued at £22.6053 per share at 31 December 2023 (2022: £20.6614 per share).

Restricted Funds

These are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales

The Garden Fund which holds income for the upkeep of the church garden.

The Flower Fund which holds income to provide for the floral decoration of the church.

The Charities Fund which holds income from the Duplex Bequest pending payment to charities.

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11 Statement of Funds (continued)

Restricted Funds (continued)

The Church Access Project Fund is the money raised through donations and grants to finance the building work to improve access in the church.

St John School Governor's Fund which holds monies allocated by the PCC to meet costs incurred by governors in carrying out their roles.

The Parish Hardship Fund which holds income to provide financial support to individuals or families within the Parish.

The Legacy Repairs Fund which holds legacy income for the repair of the church and connected property.

The Displaced People Fund which holds income to provide financial support to families living in Eastbourne who have been displaced from their homes by war or other life threatening circumstances.

The Ukraine Families Fund holds monies for use in supporting Ukrainian families living in Eastbourne.

The Ukraine Hub is grant money received to support the Hub in its activities with Ukraine families.

Unrestricted Funds

These are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

The PCC has designated certain funds for administrative purposes and to set aside monies for future anticipated expenditure. The designated funds comprise:-

Parish Hall Fund to provide for the running costs and upkeep of the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Maintenance Fund to provide for maintaining the fabric of the Parish Hall.

Reserve Fund to provide funds as a contingency and for the further development of the church.

Organ Fund to provide future repairs to the organ.

Repair Fund to provide for repairs and decoration of the church and replacement of equipment.

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12 Payments to PCC Members

Other payments were made to PCC members in reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC:

- Clergy support (Incumbent): Council Tax: £3,828 (2022: £4,159), Environmental charges: £608 (2022: £548), Travel, hospitality, telephone, stationery, accommodation: £1,586 (2022: £1,064)

- No members received reimbursement for travel, stationery, postage, hospitality and accommodation totalling £Nil (2022: £Nil)

13 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with any other related parties other than those already disclosed. (2022: None)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>					
Donations and Legacies		179,565	1,625	-	181,190
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		7,265	1,026	-	8,291
Other trading activities		16,387	386	-	16,773
Investment income		2,580	1,476	-	4,056
Other incoming resources		16,693	-	-	16,693
Total incoming resources	2	<u>222,490</u>	<u>4,513</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,003</u>
Resources Expended					
Church activities	3	213,786	18,155	-	231,941
Cost of generating voluntary income		88	-	-	88
Other trading activities		19,936	1,811	-	21,747
Governance costs	3	1,680	-	-	1,680
Total Resources expended		<u>235,490</u>	<u>19,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,456</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		(13,000)	(15,453)	0	(28,453)
Gross transfers between funds		(862)	862	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		<u>(13,862)</u>	<u>(14,591)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,453)</u>
Gains on investment assets		-	-	(12,818)	(12,818)
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(13,862)</u>	<u>(14,591)</u>	<u>(12,818)</u>	<u>(41,271)</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		183,931	22,983	108,887	315,801
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		<u>170,069</u>	<u>8,392</u>	<u>96,069</u>	<u>274,530</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1131574

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter
Charity Number	1131574
Principal Address	St John the Evangelist Church St Johns Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN20 7ND
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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Giles Carpenter, 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.
- ◆ Knowing Jesus better and making Him better known.
- ◆ Providing 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 financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

The PCC has responsibility for the financial affairs of the Church and for the repair and maintenance of the Church fabric and the Parish Hall.

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'.

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 and through our online services;
- ◆ Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers;
- ◆ Making our church buildings welcoming for people to enjoy;
- ◆ Offering prayer and pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- ◆ Providing financial and other support to our mission partners and to others in need;

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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What we achieved in 2022

Attendance at worship

Worship at St John's in 2022 has been blessed by growth in numbers attending and by the strong and consistent presence of the Holy Spirit.

St John's meets to worship on Sundays, at 8am (BCP) and 10am (Contemporary Worship) and across the week. We have continued to meet online for prayer on a daily basis Monday to Friday, which has been a wonderful time of fellowship to start the day. We have continued to see growing numbers of people attending Midweek Communion on a Wednesday, which now has sung worship each week - this has been welcomed by members of our church family who prefer traditional hymns. Sung Evensong also takes place once a month. We relaunched Prayer Plus as Prayer Focus, meeting once a month on Saturday mornings for breakfast and prayer focussed on church activities. The variety of services offered meets a wide range of spiritual need.

At the time of writing there are 213 people on the church electoral roll, a reduction on last year, although we would expect this to rise again as new members of the congregation commit to St John's. Average weekly attendances gradually increased during 2022, with over 40 new people joining the congregation over the course of the year. We were sad to lose some of our church family who died during the year and we mourn their loss but give thanks that they are now with the Father.

The church family welcomes all visitors both from within as well as outside the parish boundary. 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 voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

Throughout the year we had a strong sermon and teaching series, including on the topics of Gifts, Acts of Generosity and the seven letters to the churches in Revelation. We were also able to welcome a couple of external speakers - Nadim Ednan-Laperouse, who spoke strongly and movingly about his coming to faith following the death of his daughter Natasha and about his campaign to establish Natasha's Law, and Revd Jonathan Aitken, who spoke about his fall and redemption and subsequent work as a Prison Chaplain.

Our worship band has continued to be ably led by Clem Jackson and Malcolm Preece and we were delighted to welcome new members of the band bringing additional vocal and musical talent. Their contribution has been truly spirit-led and we are grateful to everyone involved.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

There was a strong programme of activity in 2022 to nurture new Christians and also to enable people to go deeper in their faith. The second part of our Vision for Growth is 'more invited into communion'. We want to build upon the foundation of welcome by encouraging a culture of invitation for everyone to experience intimacy with God through our worship and witness.

We ran three Alpha courses during the year aimed at those wanting to explore christianity for the first time, as well as those already attending church but in need of a 'spiritual refresh'. These were very impactful and in August we held a sea baptism for around a dozen new Christians from St John's and our partner church St Michael and All Angels. We also hosted a confirmation service led by the Bishop of Lewes and involving people from several Eastbourne churches.

A key element in the area of nurturing faith and discipleship is Life Groups, which meet regularly on a weekly or fortnightly basis. We now have 10 active Life Groups with over 100 members, which meet both in person and online. These groups offer different aspects of Bible study and enable people to come together in a safe space to explore their faith.

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Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers (continued)

Building our engagement with children and young people is a key element of our Vision for Growth. Alongside our contemporary service on Sundays we have a creche for babies and toddlers, Junior Church Explorers for ages 4-10 and the Lodgers for those aged 10+. It has been wonderful to see the way in which our young people have also engaged in the main service. At Easter we held an art exhibition on the theme of Resurrection, with artworks created by children from three local primary schools including St John's Primary.

Other activities worthy of note are Prayer Ministry training for church members and the exploration of vocational training by several people.

Provision of church buildings for people to enjoy

In the past year we celebrated 1 wedding and were able to support 16 funeral services, most being services for members of our church family.

A highlight of the year was the celebration in the church grounds of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This well-attended event was opened to the whole community and organised in conjunction with the Meads Community Association (MCA). Our thanks go to all the volunteers who made this such a happy and memorable occasion. Only a few months later we had cause to mourn the death of our gracious Queen Elizabeth II, a beacon for the whole nation of dignity and integrity, testimony to her deep Christian faith.

We made plans during the year to improve the main church building in terms of accessibility and the acoustics, as well as effect repairs to the Cloister. An application was made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for these works and we are awaiting confirmation to proceed, along with quotes for the work, with the cost expected to call on a significant proportion of reserves.

The Parish Hall usage continued to grow and recover from the hiatus caused by Covid. Coffee Pot+ continued to run on a weekly basis on Fridays, with typically 40+ people attending for companionship, support and a meal together. Meads Lunch Club also continued to run once a month on a Monday and is another joint initiative between the church and the MCA.

The Parish Hall has not had any significant repair work done for a number of years and the PCC commissioned a survey of the Hall in order to identify what was required. The estimated cost of structural and other repairs was put at £140,000. Given that the Hall is now largely used for local community and recreational activity rather than church-related activity, and given also the impending cost of repairs to the main church, we held a meeting with the local community in October 2022 to explore if there is a community solution to running and maintaining the Parish Hall, rather than this continuing to fall to St John's. The MCA has expressed interest in exploring this, given the general prevailing wish to see the Hall continue to be available for community use. This will therefore be explored fully during 2023.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Provision of church buildings for people to enjoy (continued)

The main church buildings now lend themselves to a variety of uses since the re-ordering that took place in 2018. Other examples of their versatility were the setting up of a pop-up Post Office for several months over the spring and summer, following the closure of the main post office in Meads (now re-opened). We also set up a Ukrainian Hub which meets each Tuesday and offers the opportunity for the growing number of people coming to Eastbourne from Ukraine to meet and get support. Church members have themselves hosted Ukrainian families and it has been wonderful to welcome them into our church community.

Provision of pastoral support for people living in the parish

Pastoral care has been headed by Revd Jill Preece for many years. This is an area which has continued to develop strongly in St John's, with a well established pastoral care team on hand to pray alongside people on a Sunday and at midweek services, as well as a group of 'Prayer Warriors' who meet fortnightly to pray for those in need. The clergy team has continued to visit and support those in the parish who are living on their own or who are sick.

Another example of pastoral support is the establishment of a Bereavement Cafe meeting once a month on a Tuesday afternoon, offering people who are bereaved the chance to come together in fellowship. We have also run a Bereavement Journey programme as well as a Retiring Well programme. There are also monthly Fellowship Lunches that give another opportunity for our church family to come together and to make new friends.

Jill Preece will be retiring from her non-stipendiary Assistant Minister role at Easter 2023. The PCC and everyone at St John's would like to place on record our grateful thanks for her service, her compassion and her wisdom and to wish her and her husband Malcolm well in their retirement.

Provision of financial and other support to mission partners and others in need

St John's continues to support financially and in other ways 10 local and overseas mission partners. These charities have the opportunity to share with the congregation about their activities and the links continue to build. Details of the mission partners are given in the financial section. Additionally, retiring collections are taken after services for other selected causes.

Last year we highlighted the Apostolic Partnership we had created with St Michael and All Angels, with St John's former Curate, Revd Ben Sleep, becoming the incumbent there. Around a dozen adults and young people moved across to St Michael's as a result. The congregation at St Michael's has continued to grow steadily following this new beginning. Whilst St John's made a financial underwriting commitment to support this partnership, it has not been called on in 2022. We celebrate what has been achieved at St Michael's in a short space of time and pray for its continued prosperity and that more people from its local community come to know Jesus.

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Other charitable giving

A total of £14,000 (2021: £14,200) was given to 10 local and overseas charities as detailed in note 4 to the accounts.

The parish magazine is published twice each year and is distributed free to all households in the parish. This helps to maintain links between the church family and those who have not yet come to see St John's as their spiritual home.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £222,490 (2021: £325,894) and are detailed in the Financial Report. Restricted income of £4,513 took total incoming resources to £227,003 (2021: £328,957). Planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders decreased by 4%.

The church was fortunate to receive legacies during the year totalling £4,606 (2021: £111,217). These have been placed in separate designated and restricted funds.

The hire of the Parish Hall was back to pre-covid levels, with income increasing from £9,389 in 2021 to £16,758 in 2022.

The main expenditure items were the Parish Share, wages and church and parish hall running costs. As highlighted below the church incurred professional fees during the submission of the the DAC application

Overall there was a deficit of £41,271 (2021: surplus £50,987). The deficit was mainly due to professional fees relating to the DAC Application and the loss on investments.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £76,968 (2021: £74,304) paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs and church insurance incurred by the diocese. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds.

Currently, the church is meeting 100% of the costs allocated to this church. It is important to note that approximately 80% of the total paid relates directly to the clergy costs of this parish, the remainder being the shared costs of the Christian family throughout the whole Church of England, including assistance towards the upkeep of churches less able to manage than ourselves.

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

During 2022, no major repairs were undertaken.

The application for the replacement of the Cloister windows, improvement of the acoustics and installation of automatic doors was completed during the year. This incurred Architect's fees totalling £15,459. Approval from the Diocesan Faculty has not yet been granted.

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Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to three month's unrestricted expenditure against unforeseen situations.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed to pay day to day bills.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

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

Charity Number	1131574	
Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter	(Chairman)
Assistant Priest	The Revd Jill Preece	
Readers	Mr Jorj Kowsun Mrs Sarah Hassell Mrs Catherine Butcher	
Wardens	Dr John Caroe Mrs Maggie Gibson	
Deanery Synod:	Mr David Scott-Ralphs Miss Sally Scott-Ralphs Mrs Catherine Butcher Miss Diana Guthrie	(Vice Chairman)
Elected Members	Paul Burley Mrs Debbie Canning Mr Martyn Delamere Mr Derek Glover Mrs Eunice Glover Mrs Sarah Hammond Ms Gilli Howarth Mr Clem Jackson Mrs Janet Jackson Mr Matt Kuchta Ms Myrtle Martin Mr Ian Pinder Mrs Julia Pinder Mrs Judith Stone	Appointed 27 April 2022 Resigned 27 April 2022 Resigned 23 August 2022 Appointed 27 April 2022 Appointed 27 April 2022 Appointed 27 April 2022 (Treasurer) (Secretary)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to 15 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.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

The PCC operates through two committees to oversee various aspects of the Church's corporate life, which are:-

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact any business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the full PCC.

The Standing Committee also undertakes the function of a Finance Committee by monitoring the Church's finances and proposing actions to be taken to preserve the funds.

Parish Hall Committee

The committee has responsibility for hiring out the Parish Hall and maintaining the property.

Various teams exist, comprising members of the PCC and others, to further the work of the Church and report their efforts and proposals to the PCC where decisions are taken.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Giles Carpenter, PCC Chairman.

Date:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Accepted Accountancy Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 11 to 26.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided for in Section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael Neilan
Chartered Accountant
Dated:

Price & Company
30-32 Gildredge Road
Eastbourne
BN21 4SH

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes					
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>						
Donations and Legacies		179,565	1,625	-	181,190	293,839
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		7,265	1,026	-	8,291	9,998
Other trading activities		16,387	386	-	16,773	9,409
Investment income		2,580	1,476	-	4,056	2,684
Other incoming resources		16,693	-	-	16,693	13,027
Total incoming resources	2	222,490	4,513	-	227,003	328,957
Resources Expended						
Church activities	3	213,786	18,155	-	231,941	271,940
Cost of generating voluntary income		88	-	-	88	120
Other trading activities		19,936	1,811	-	21,747	17,837
Governance costs	3	1,680	-	-	1,680	1,700
Total Resources expended		235,490	19,966	-	255,456	291,597
Net incoming resources before transfers		(13,000)	(15,453)	-	(28,453)	37,360
Gross transfers between funds		(862)	862	-	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		(13,862)	(14,591)	-	(28,453)	37,360
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets		-	-	(12,818)	(12,818)	13,627
Net Movement in Funds		(13,862)	(14,591)	(12,818)	(41,271)	50,987
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		183,931	22,983	108,887	315,801	264,814
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		170,069	8,392	96,069	274,530	315,801

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of this account

A detailed breakdown of the comparative figures per Fund is shown on page AP1

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	4,849		1,387	
Endowment Assets		96,069		108,887	
		<u>100,918</u>		<u>110,274</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	7	25,714		23,206	
Short term deposits		54,856		53,221	
Cash at bank and in hand		110,705		142,958	
		<u>191,275</u>		<u>219,385</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(17,663)</u>		<u>(13,858)</u>	
Net current assets		<u>173,612</u>		<u>205,527</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>274,530</u></u>		<u><u>315,801</u></u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds	9	170,069		183,931	
Restricted funds	9	8,392		22,983	
Endowment funds	9	96,069		108,887	
		<u>274,530</u>		<u>315,801</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 17 April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:-

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Giles Carpenter

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

The charity was established under the Parochial Church Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 1131574).

1.1 Accounting convention

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

To ensure that the accounts show a true and fair view, the trustees have not complied fully with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 as these refer specifically to the previous 2005 SORP and have not been updated to reflect the changes in legislation to the FRS102 SORP.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the PCC have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the PCC continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 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 Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest;

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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Funds accounting (continued)

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.

1.4 Incoming resources

All income and endowments, which are accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is received.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the events have occurred. Fees received in advance of the event are recognised as deferred income until the event occurs. The statutory proportion of fees held as agent for and due to the Diocese of Chichester, are not recognised as income and are included in creditors until paid.

Other trading activities

Where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services, income is recognised either when received or in the case of concerts, for the year it occurs irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Investment income

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

Other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Grants

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

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

This includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements. Individual items that cost less than £1,000 are written off in expenditure when incurred.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	-	25% straight line basis
Fixtures & fittings	-	20% reducing balance basis

The gains and losses arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Investments

Investments are stated at mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are recognised as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 31 December 2022 the Trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates arising that require disclosure.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Incoming resources

	Year to 31 December 2022			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	97,551	360	-	97,911
Tax recoverable	29,683	-	-	29,683
Other	33,327	38	-	33,365
Cash collections at services	3,149		-	3,149
Donations, appeals, etc	12,476		-	12,476
Legacies	3,379	1,227	-	4,606
	<u>179,565</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,190</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	1,147	15	-	1,162
Grants	3,963	1,011	-	4,974
Fees	2,155	-	-	2,155
Clubs	-	-	-	-
	<u>7,265</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,291</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	16,372	386	-	16,758
Fund raising events	15	-	-	15
	<u>16,387</u>	<u>386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,773</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	2,580	1,476	-	4,056
	<u>2,580</u>	<u>1,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,056</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	16,693	-	-	16,693
	<u>16,693</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,693</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>222,490</u>	<u>4,513</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,003</u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Incoming resources (continued)

	Year to 31 December 2021			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	109,548	30	-	109,578
Tax recoverable	29,411	-	-	29,411
Other	28,523	120	-	28,643
Cash collections at services	2,868	-	-	2,868
Donations, appeals, etc	10,097	2,025	-	12,122
Legacies	111,217	-	-	111,217
	<u>291,664</u>	<u>2,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,839</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	1,250	-	-	1,250
Grants	5,645	-	-	5,645
Fees	2,932	-	-	2,932
Clubs	171	-	-	171
	<u>9,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,998</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	9,389	-	-	9,389
Fund raising events	20	-	-	20
	<u>9,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,409</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	1,796	888	-	2,684
	<u>1,796</u>	<u>888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,684</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	13,027	-	-	13,027
	<u>13,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,027</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>325,894</u>	<u>3,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>328,957</u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
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3 Total resources expended

Year to 31 December 2022				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	3,600	-	-	3,600
Relief and development agencies	2,400	-	-	2,400
<u>Home missions</u>	8,000	2,694	-	10,694
Note 4	<u>14,000</u>	<u>2,694</u>	-	<u>16,694</u>
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	76,968	-	-	76,968
Housing expenses	5,936	-	-	5,936
Clergy expenses	525	-	-	525
Church running expenses	22,384	-	-	22,384
Church maintenance	2,535	-	-	2,535
Upkeep of services	4,954	8	-	4,962
Upkeep of church garden	1,403	2,129	-	3,532
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	2,358	-	-	2,358
Mission outreach and training	357	-	-	357
Salaries	67,785	-	-	67,785
Children's & Youth activities	1,551	19	-	1,570
Printing, office supplies and telephone	5,205	-	-	5,205
Other administration costs	3,878	8	-	3,886
New and replacement, furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-
Major works	3,947	11,512	-	15,459
Tower and festival project	-	-	-	-
St Michael & All Angels Support	-	1,785	-	1,785
Total charitable activities	<u><u>213,786</u></u>	<u><u>18,155</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>231,941</u></u>
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	88	-	-	88
	<u>88</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	19,392	-	-	19,392
Cost of events	544	1,811	-	2,355
	<u>19,936</u>	<u>1,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,747</u>
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,680	-	-	1,680
	<u>1,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,680</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u><u>235,490</u></u>	<u><u>19,966</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>255,456</u></u>

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3 Total resources expended

	Year to 31 December 2021			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
Church overseas				
Missionary societies	3,600	-	-	3,600
Relief and development agencies	2,400	-	-	2,400
Home mission	8,000	200	-	8,200
Note 4	14,000	200	-	14,200
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	74,304	-	-	74,304
Housing expenses	8,212	-	-	8,212
Clergy expenses	587	-	-	587
Church running expenses	22,371	-	-	22,371
Church maintenance	4,864	-	-	4,864
Upkeep of services	7,457	-	-	7,457
Upkeep of church garden	-	2,764	-	2,764
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	1,795	-	-	1,795
Mission outreach and training	-	-	-	-
Salaries	57,487	-	-	57,487
Children's activities	523	-	-	523
Printing, office supplies and telephone	4,655	-	-	4,655
Other administration costs	5,254	16	-	5,270
New and replacement, furniture and equipment	462	-	-	462
Major works	56,405	10,507	-	66,912
Tower and festival project	77	-	-	77
Total charitable activities	<u>258,453</u>	<u>13,487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>271,940</u>
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	120	-	-	120
Cost of applying for grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	17,837	-	-	17,837
Cost of events	-	-	-	-
	<u>17,837</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,837</u>
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,700	-	-	1,700
	<u>1,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,700</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>278,110</u>	<u>13,487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>291,597</u>

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4 Missionary and charitable giving

Year to 31 December 2022				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Overseas				
CMS	1,200	-	-	1,200
Revive	1,200	-	-	1,200
Tearfund	1,200	-	-	1,200
CMCT	1,200	-	-	1,200
Release International	1,200	-	-	1,200
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	2,000	-	-	2,000
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,500	-	-	1,500
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,500	-	-	1,500
Matthew 25	1,500	-	-	1,500
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,500	-	-	1,500
Parish Hardship Fund	-	2,694	-	2,694
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,694</u>
Total Giving	<u>14,000</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,694</u>

Year to 31 December 2021				
Overseas				
CMS	1,200	-	-	1,200
Revive	1,200	-	-	1,200
Tearfund	1,200	-	-	1,200
CMCT	1,200	-	-	1,200
Release International	1,200	-	-	1,200
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	2,000	-	-	2,000
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,500	-	-	1,500
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,500	-	-	1,500
Matthew 25	1,500	-	-	1,500
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,500	-	-	1,500
Parish Hardship Fund	-	200	-	200
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,200</u>
Total Giving	<u>14,000</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,200</u>

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5 Staff costs

Unrestricted Fund	Wages & salaries	Social security costs	Pension contributions	Total 2022	Total 2021
Administration	29,730	2,679	1,486	33,895	37,257
Family & Children Worker	26,666	2,428	1,333	30,427	28,694
Maintenance of Church & Parish Hall	11,730	391	587	12,708	12,927
	<u>68,126</u>	<u>5,498</u>	<u>3,406</u>	<u>77,030</u>	<u>78,878</u>

An employers allowance of £4,117 was deducted from payments to HMRC.

During the year the PCC employed an average of 4 people in the following posts: Church and Parish Hall administrators; a Children and Families Worker and a cleaner.

There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Furniture £	Total £
Cost			
At 01 January 2022	1,850	4,791	6,641
Additions	-	3,948	3,948
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	1,850	8,739	10,589
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2022	463	4,791	5,254
Charge for the year	486	-	486
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	949	4,791	5,740
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	901	3,948	4,849
At 31 December 2021	1,387	-	1,387

Investments

	Endowment Fund	
	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2022	108,887	95,260
Gains/(losses) in year	(12,818)	13,627
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>96,069</u>	<u>108,887</u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
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7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	18,000	6,000
Prepayments	1,950	1,141
Other debtors	5,764	16,065
	<u>25,714</u>	<u>23,206</u>

8 Creditors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	7,792	1,850
Creditors for goods and services	9,871	12,008
	<u>17,663</u>	<u>13,858</u>

9 Movement in funds

	Movement in Funds				
	Balance at 01 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Garden Maintenance	69,341	-	(8,163)	-	61,178
Duplex Bequest	35,354	-	(4,162)	-	31,192
Flower Fund	4,192	-	(493)	-	3,699
Total Endowment Funds	<u>108,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,818)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,069</u>
Garden Fund	75	1,728	(2,137)	334	-
Charities Fund	25	1	-	-	26
Flower - Floral Decoration	963	109	-	-	1,072
St John's School Governors	244	-	-	-	244
Parish Hardship Fund	8,379	31	(2,650)	-	5,760
Legacy Repairs	11,512	-	(11,512)	-	-
Jubilee Party	-	1,310	(1,838)	528	-
Displaced People	-	628	-	-	628
Ukraine Families	-	376	(44)	-	332
Partnership Fund	1,785	330	(1,785)	-	330
Total Restricted Funds	<u>22,983</u>	<u>4,513</u>	<u>(19,966)</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>8,392</u>
General Fund	3,464	200,031	(213,056)	2,079	(7,482)
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Parish Hall Fund	(7,319)	17,525	(19,692)	-	(9,486)
Parish Hall Maintenance	9,961	-	(2,429)	-	7,532
Reserve Fund	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Organ Fund	5,899	1,555	-	-	7,454
Repair Fund	(607)	-	(313)	921.00	1
Tower & Festival Project	(85)	-	-	85	-
Legacy Reserve	132,618	3,379	-	(3,947)	132,050
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>183,931</u>	<u>222,490</u>	<u>(235,490)</u>	<u>(862)</u>	<u>170,069</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>315,801</u></u>	<u><u>227,003</u></u>	<u><u>(268,274)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>274,530</u></u>

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	4,849	-	-	4,849
Investment fixed assets	-	-	96,069	96,069
Current assets (excl bank)	25,714	-	-	25,714
Cash at bank and on deposit	151,146	14,415	-	165,561
Current liabilities	(11,640)	(6,023)	-	(17,663)
	<u>170,069</u>	<u>8,392</u>	<u>96,069</u>	<u>274,530</u>

Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	1,387	-	-	1,387
Investment fixed assets	-	-	108,887	108,887
Current assets (excl bank)	23,206	-	-	23,206
Cash at bank and on deposit	167,689	28,490	-	196,179
Current liabilities	(8,351)	(5,507)	-	(13,858)
	<u>183,931</u>	<u>22,983</u>	<u>108,887</u>	<u>315,801</u>

11 Statement of Funds

Endowment Funds

These are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives.

The Garden Maintenance Fund is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (2,961 shares), which requires income to be spent on maintenance of the church garden.

The Duplex Bequest is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (1,509.70 shares), which requires income to be given to charitable causes.

The Flower Fund is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (179 shares), which requires income to be spent on floral decoration of the church.

The CBF Investment Fund shares were valued at £20.6614 per share at 31 December 2022 (2021: £23.4181 per share).

Restricted Funds

These are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales

The Garden Fund which holds income for the upkeep of the church garden.

The Flower Fund which holds income to provide for the floral decoration of the church.

The Charities Fund which holds income from the Duplex Bequest pending payment to charities.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
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11 Statement of Funds (continued)

Restricted Funds (continued)

St John School Governor's Fund which holds monies allocated by the PCC to meet costs incurred by governors in carrying out their roles.

The Parish Hardship Fund which holds income to provide financial support to individuals or families within the Parish.

The Legacy Repairs Fund which holds legacy income for the repair of the church and connected property.

The Displaced People Fund which holds income to provide financial support to families living in Eastbourne who have been displaced from their homes by war or other life threatening circumstances.

The Ukraine Families Fund holds monies for use in supporting Ukranan families living in Eastbourne.

The Jubilee Party Fund was created to administer the income and costs for the Jubilee Party.

Unrestricted Funds

These are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

The PCC has designated certain funds for administrative purposes and to set aside monies for future anticipated expenditure. The designated funds comprise:-

Parish Hall Fund to provide for the running costs and upkeep of the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Maintenance Fund to provide for maintaining the fabric of the Parish Hall.

Reserve Fund to provide funds as a contingency and for the further development of the church.

Organ Fund to provide future repairs to the organ.

Repair Fund to provide for repairs and decoration of the church and replacement of equipment.

Tower & Festival Project Fund to monitor income and costs associated with the Remembrance Festival and Heritage Projects

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12 Payments to PCC Members

Other payments were made to PCC members in reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC:

- Clergy support (Incumbent and Curate): Council Tax: £4,159 (2021: £6,054), Environmental charges: £548 (2021: £607), Travel, hospitality, telephone, stationery, accommodation: £1,064 (2021: £587)

- No members received reimbursement for travel, stationery, postage, hospitality and accommodation totalling £Nil (2021: £Nil)

13 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with any other related parties other than those already disclosed. (2021: None)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>					
Donations and Legacies		291,664	2,175	-	293,839
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		9,998	-	-	9,998
Other trading activities		9,409	-	-	9,409
Investment income		1,796	888	-	2,684
Other incoming resources		13,027	-	-	13,027
Total incoming resources	2	325,894	3,063	-	328,957
Resources Expended					
Church activities	3	258,453	13,487	-	271,940
Cost of generating voluntary income		120	-	-	120
Other trading activities		17,837	-	-	17,837
Governance costs	3	1,700	-	-	1,700
Total Resources expended		278,110	13,487	-	291,597
Net incoming resources before transfers		47,784	(10,424)		37,360
Gross transfers between funds		(1,000)	1,000	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		46,784	(9,424)	-	37,360
Gains on investment assets		-	-	13,627	13,627
Net Movement in Funds		46,784	(9,424)	13,627	50,987
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		183,931	22,983	108,887	315,801
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		230,715	13,559	122,514	366,788

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1131574

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter
Charity Number	1131574
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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Giles Carpenter, 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.
- ◆ Knowing Jesus better and making Him better known.
- ◆ Providing 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 financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

The PCC has responsibility for the financial affairs of the Church and for the repair and maintenance of the Church fabric and the Parish Hall.

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'.

For 2021 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- ◆ Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and through our online services;
- ◆ 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 through the parish;
- ◆ Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish;
- ◆ Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament;
- ◆ Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations;
- ◆ Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- ◆ Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish;
- ◆ Giving away approximately 10% of voluntary income to missionary organisations and other charitable causes;

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

2021 was a year when we began to meet again in church after a series of lockdowns, whilst continuing to provide live streaming of services to ensure that those who were not ready to return to meeting in person could continue to access church life.

It was wonderful to be able to meet again regularly in person, albeit we continued to practice the wearing of masks in line with guidance. Despite this constraint, worship of the Lord was heart-felt and spirit-led!

St John's meets to worship not just on Sundays, at 8am (BCP) and 10am (Contemporary Worship), but across the week. We have continued to meet online for prayer on a daily basis Monday to Friday, as well as regular Prayer Plus on Saturday mornings. We have seen growing numbers of people come to Midweek Communion on a Wednesday, which once a month has sung worship. We took the decision to not reinstate the Sunday 11.30am service when coming out of lockdown, as numbers attending this service had dwindled. We have however re-introduced Evensong on the fourth Sunday of the month.

There are 228 persons on the church electoral roll. Average weekly attendances since starting to meet again in person have been 129, so we still have a way to go to build numbers back to where they were pre-Covid. We have however seen many new people, young and not so young, come to see St John's as their place of worship and there is a strong sense of the Holy Spirit's presence and blessing at our meetings.

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. 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 voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

In July Mark Edwards, who had been our Worship Leader for nine years, decided to cease his service to St John's in order to have more time for his very busy and wide ranging music career. Julie and Neil Costello also decided to leave at this time. We are enormously grateful to Mark, Neil and Julie for the tremendous blessing they brought over this extended time period.

Since that time, we have been blessed by the leadership shown by Clem Jackson and Malcolm Preece, joined by new and older members of the worship band. Their contribution has been truly spirit-led and the whole congregation owes Clem and Malcolm a debt of gratitude for taking on this role while we seek a new, permanent Worship Leader.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

We continue to see more members of the church family involved in leading and participating in aspects of worship, which demonstrates the diversity of talent at our disposal. We continue to seek to extend the opportunities for the exercise of ministry and gifts within the life of our community. The second part of our Mission Action Plan is 'more invited into communion'. We want to build upon the foundation of welcome by encouraging a culture of invitation for everyone to experience intimacy with God through our worship and witness.

A key element in the area of nurturing faith and discipleship is Life Groups, which meet regularly on a weekly or fortnightly basis. There are currently 8 active Life Groups with around 100 members, which meet both in person and online. One Alpha course ran during the year led by Pete and Judy Stone, with further courses planned for 2022.

The easing of Covid restrictions meant that we were able to re-start Open the Book teaching in our linked school, St John's CofE Primary. Volunteers from St John's have tremendous fun bringing the Bible to life for St John's pupils, nurturing their understanding of what it is to be a follower of Jesus.

The above aspects of church life and our Mission Action Plan echo the Diocesan Vision for Growth for the next five years - being more open, more engaged and more converted to Jesus Christ.

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Provision of church buildings for people to enjoy

In the past year we celebrated 4 weddings and were able to support 29 funeral services, most being services for members of our church family.

In the second half of 2021 we were able to re-start both Lunch Club and Scrabble Club in the Jubilee Hall and Coffee-Pot Plus at the Parish Hall, which offers food, friendship and activities to older people in the parish each Friday. We also held a small number of Connexions teas at the Vicarage, specifically for those new to the church and/or faith. Monthly Men's Breakfasts took place, both online and then in person when this was allowed, with a range of interesting speakers.

The Parish Hall, situated in Meads Village, was able to start taking group bookings once again. This built gradually during the year but is still below pre-Covid levels of activity.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

Pastoral care is headed by Revd Jill Preece. This is an area which has continued to develop strongly in St John's, with a well established pastoral care team on hand to pray alongside people on a Sunday and at midweek services, as well as a group of 'Prayer Warriors' who meet fortnightly to pray for those in need. The clergy team has continued to visit and support those in the parish who are living on their own or who are sick.

We continue to support both financially and with volunteers the Linking Lives Eastbourne charity, which was formed in 2016 with the assistance of other local churches to provide a befriending service to the lonely. Linking Lives has seen substantial growth both in volunteers and beneficiaries across Eastbourne as a result of the pandemic.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

The church family at St John's continues to be generous in its support of Eastbourne Foodbank, as well as giving support to Matthew 25 Mission. St John's is a standby facility for the Winter Night Shelter, providing a place of warmth and comfort for those who are homeless, although its services were not needed in 2021.

St John's and St Michael's Apostolic Partnership

The partnership that St John's established during 2020 with St Michael and All Angels in Upperton came to full fruition in 2021, with the licensing of Revd Ben Sleep, formerly St John's Curate, as Priest in Charge in November, taking over from our own Revd Giles Carpenter, who had been interim Priest in Charge for a 12-month period. A small number of families have moved from St John's to St Michael's as part of the plan to renew and build its congregation and we are also providing some financial support for a 3-year period. Great things are starting to happen at St Michael's and its church attendance has almost doubled in a 12-month period. It is fulfilling the vision that we had at St John's when initiating this partnership, to be a blessing to another parish in Eastbourne.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Other charitable giving

The income from the Duplex Bequest amounting to £Nil (2020: £620) is included in the sums given by the PCC. A total of £14,200 (2020: £15,240) was given to 11 local and overseas charities as detailed in note 4 to the accounts.

The parish magazine is published twice each year and is distributed free to all households in the parish. This helps to maintain links between the church family and those who have not yet come to see St John's as their spiritual home.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £325,894 (2020: £290,617) and are detailed in the Financial Report. Restricted income of £3,063 took total incoming resources to £328,957 (2020: £324,375). Planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders decreased by 4%.

The church was fortunate to receive legacies during the year totalling £111,216 (2020: £100,000). These have been placed in separate designated and restricted funds.

The hire of the Parish Hall continued to be affected by the lockdown, with income increasing from £4,923 in 2020 to £9,389 in 2021.

The main expenditure items were the Parish Share, wages and Church and Parish Hall running costs. There was some additional equipment purchased during the year to enable online services to be broadcast.

Overall there was a surplus of £50,987 (2020: £81,745). The surplus was due to the legacies received.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £74,304 (2020: £74,040) paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs and church insurance incurred by the diocese. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds.

Currently, the church is meeting 100% of the costs allocated to this church. It is important to note that approximately 80% of the total paid relates directly to the clergy costs of this parish, the remainder being the shared costs of the Christian family throughout the whole Church of England, including assistance towards the upkeep of churches less able to manage than ourselves.

Staff costs

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, staff have worked on adjusted hours as required and two members of staff were furloughed for several months. One member of staff is currently on part-time furlough.

The church received £4,644 (2020: £8,790) from the Government via the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Financial Review (continued)

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

During 2021 we were able to effect repairs to the flat roof on the south side of the church, for which a repair provision had been made in our accounts. We made the decision to improve accessibility by automating the main entrance doors and those leading from the church to the Jubilee Hall. Plans are also being made to replace the Cloister windows and to improve the acoustics in church. All of these works require a Diocesan Faculty and this is in progress, with a view to carrying out these works in 2022.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to three month's unrestricted expenditure against unforeseen situations.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed to pay day to day bills.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

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

Charity Number	1131574	
Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter	(Chairman)
Curate	The Revd Ben Sleep	
Assistant Priest	The Revd Jill Preece	
Readers	Mr Jorj Kowsun Mrs Sarah Hassell Mrs Catherine Butcher Mr Nicholas Pendry	
Wardens	Dr John Caroe Mrs Maggie Gibson Mr Tony Mottram Miss Diana Guthrie	Retired 20 April 2021 Retired 20 April 2021
Deanery Synod:	Mr David Scott-Ralphs Miss Sally Scott-Ralphs Mrs Catherine Butcher Miss Diana Guthrie	(Vice Chairman)
Elected Members	Mrs Debbie Canning Mr Ian Chisholm Mr Martyn Delamere Mrs Phyllis Hall Ms Gilli Howarth Mr Clem Jackson Mrs Janet Jackson Mr Matt Kuchta Ms Myrtle Martin Mr Ian Pinder Mrs Julia Pinder Mrs Judith Stone	Resigned 15 November 2021 Retired 20 April 2021 (Treasurer) (Secretary)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to 15 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.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

The PCC operates through two committees to oversee various aspects of the Church's corporate life, which are:-

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact any business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the full PCC.

The Standing Committee also undertakes the function of a Finance Committee by monitoring the Church's finances and proposing actions to be taken to preserve the funds.

Parish Hall Committee

The committee has responsibility for hiring out the Parish Hall and maintaining the property.

Various teams exist, comprising members of the PCC and others, to further the work of the Church and report their efforts and proposals to the PCC where decisions are taken.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Giles Carpenter, PCC Chairman.

Giles Carpenter

Date: 12 April 2022

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Accepted Accountancy Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided for in Section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael Neilan
Chartered Accountant
Dated: 25 April 2022

Price & Company
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Eastbourne
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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes					
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>						
Donations and Legacies		297,309	2,175	-	299,484	313,260
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		4,353	-	-	4,353	2,414
Other trading activities		9,409	-	-	9,409	5,319
Investment income		1,796	888	-	2,684	2,906
Other incoming resources		13,027	-	-	13,027	3,876
Total incoming resources	2	325,894	3,063	-	328,957	327,775
Resources Expended						
Church activities	3	258,453	13,487	-	271,940	232,202
Cost of generating voluntary income		120	-	-	120	75
Other trading activities		17,837	-	-	17,837	18,262
Governance costs	3	1,700	-	-	1,700	1,620
Total Resources expended		278,110	13,487	-	291,597	252,159
Net incoming resources before transfers		47,784	(10,424)		37,360	75,616
Gross transfers between funds		(1,000)	1,000	-	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		46,784	(9,424)	-	37,360	75,616
Gains on investment assets		-	-	13,627	13,627	6,129
Net Movement in Funds		46,784	(9,424)	13,627	50,987	81,745
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		137,147	32,407	95,260	264,814	183,069
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		183,931	22,983	108,887	315,801	264,814

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of this account

A detailed breakdown of the comparative figures per Fund is shown on page AP1

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	1,387		1,198	
Endowment Assets		108,887		95,260	
		<u>110,274</u>		<u>96,458</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	7	23,206		15,479	
Short term deposits		53,221		52,296	
Cash at bank and in hand		142,958		113,251	
		<u>219,385</u>		<u>181,026</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(13,858)</u>		<u>(12,670)</u>	
Net current assets		<u>205,527</u>		<u>168,356</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>315,801</u></u>		<u><u>264,814</u></u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds	9	183,931		137,147	
Restricted funds	9	22,983		32,407	
Endowment funds	9	108,887		95,260	
		<u>315,801</u>		<u>264,814</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12 April 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:-

Giles Carpenter

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Giles Carpenter

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

The charity was established under the Parochial Church Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 1131574).

1.1 Accounting convention

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

To ensure that the accounts show a true and fair view, the trustees have not complied fully with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 as these refer specifically to the previous 2005 SORP and have not been updated to reflect the changes in legislation to the FRS102 SORP.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the PCC have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the PCC continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 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 Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest;

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Funds accounting (continued)

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.

1.4 Incoming resources

All income and endowments, which are accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is received.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the events have occurred. Fees received in advance of the event are recognised as deferred income until the event occurs. The statutory proportion of fees held as agent for and due to the Diocese of Chichester, are not recognised as income and are included in creditors until paid.

Other trading activities

Where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services, income is recognised either when received or in the case of concerts, for the year it occurs irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Investment income

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

Other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Grants

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

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

This includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements. Individual items that cost less than £1,000 are written off in expenditure when incurred.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 25% on a straight line basis

The gains and losses arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Investments

Investments are stated at mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are recognised as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 31 December 2021 the Trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates arising that require disclosure.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Incoming resources

	Year to 31 December 2021			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	109,548	30	-	109,578
Tax recoverable	29,411	-	-	29,411
Other	28,523	120	-	28,643
Cash collections at services	2,868	-	-	2,868
Donations, appeals, etc	10,097	2,025	-	12,122
Grants	5,645	-	-	5,645
Legacies	111,217	-	-	111,217
	<u>297,309</u>	<u>2,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,484</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	1,250	-	-	1,250
Fees	2,932	-	-	2,932
Clubs	171	-	-	171
	<u>4,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,353</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	9,389	-	-	9,389
Fund raising events	20	-	-	20
	<u>9,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,409</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	1,796	888	-	2,684
	<u>1,796</u>	<u>888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,684</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	13,027	-	-	13,027
	<u>13,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,027</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u><u>325,894</u></u>	<u><u>3,063</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>328,957</u></u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Incoming resources (continued)

	Year to 31 December 2020			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	114,251	-	-	114,251
Tax recoverable	30,052	1,412	-	31,464
Other	26,759	-	-	26,759
Cash collections at services	2,782	100	-	2,882
Donations, appeals, etc	7,028	10,236	-	17,264
Grants	20,640	-	-	20,640
Legacies	80,000	20,000	-	100,000
	<u>281,512</u>	<u>31,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,260</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	502	-	-	502
Fees	1,520	-	-	1,520
Clubs	392	-	-	392
	<u>2,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,414</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	4,923	-	-	4,923
Fund raising events	396	-	-	396
	<u>5,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,319</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	896	2,010	-	2,906
	<u>896</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,906</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	3,876	-	-	3,876
	<u>3,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,876</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>294,017</u>	<u>33,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>327,775</u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Total resources expended

Year to 31 December 2021				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	3,600	-	-	3,600
Relief and development agencies	2,400	-	-	2,400
<u>Home missions</u>	8,000	200	-	8,200
Note 4	14,000	200	-	14,200
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	74,304	-	-	74,304
Housing expenses	8,212	-	-	8,212
Clergy expenses	587	-	-	587
Church running expenses	22,371	-	-	22,371
Church maintenance	4,864	-	-	4,864
Upkeep of services	7,457	-	-	7,457
Upkeep of church garden	-	2,764	-	2,764
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	1,795	-	-	1,795
Mission outreach and training	-	-	-	-
Salaries	57,487	-	-	57,487
Children's & Youth activities	523	-	-	523
Printing, office supplies and telephone	4,655	-	-	4,655
Other administration costs	5,254	16	-	5,270
New and replacement, furniture and equipment	462	-	-	462
Major works	56,405	10,507	-	66,912
Tower and festival project	77	-	-	77
	-	-	-	-
Total charitable activities	258,453	13,487	-	271,940
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	120	-	-	120
Cost of applying for grants	-	-	-	-
	120	-	-	120
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	17,837	-	-	17,837
Cost of events	-	-	-	-
	17,837	-	-	17,837
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,700	-	-	1,700
	1,700	-	-	1,700
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	278,110	13,487	-	291,597

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Total resources expended

	Year to 31 December 2020			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	3,000	-	-	3,000
Relief and development agencies	2,000	-	-	2,000
<u>Home mission</u>	8,380	1,860	-	10,240
Note 4	13,380	1,860	-	15,240
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	74,040	-	-	74,040
Housing expenses	7,040	-	-	7,040
Clergy expenses	2,228	-	-	2,228
Church running expenses	21,068	-	-	21,068
Church maintenance	7,171	-	-	7,171
Upkeep of services	12,238	-	-	12,238
Upkeep of church garden	156	1,670	-	1,826
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	2,365	-	-	2,365
Mission outreach and training	434	-	-	434
Salaries	53,214	-	-	53,214
Children's activities	198	-	-	198
Printing, office supplies and telephone	4,973	-	-	4,973
Other administration costs	5,679	87	-	5,766
New and replacement, furniture and equipment	7,746	-	-	7,746
Major works	603	-	-	603
Tower and festival project	16,052	-	-	16,052
Total charitable activities	<u>228,585</u>	<u>3,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,202</u>
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	75	-	-	75
Cost of applying for grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	18,002	-	-	18,002
Cost of events	260	-	-	260
	<u>18,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,262</u>
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,620	-	-	1,620
	<u>1,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,620</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>248,542</u>	<u>3,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>252,159</u>

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4 Missionary and charitable giving

	Year to 31 December 2021			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Overseas				
CMS	1,200	-	-	1,200
Revive	1,200	-	-	1,200
Tearfund	1,200	-	-	1,200
CMCT	1,200	-	-	1,200
Release International	1,200	-	-	1,200
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	2,000	-	-	2,000
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,500	-	-	1,500
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,500	-	-	1,500
Matthew 25	1,500	-	-	1,500
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,500	-	-	1,500
Parish Hardship Fund	-	200	-	200
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,200</u>
Total Giving	<u>14,000</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,200</u>

	Year to 31 December 2020			
Overseas				
CMS	1,000	-	-	1,000
Revive	1,000	-	-	1,000
Tearfund	1,000	-	-	1,000
CMCT	1,000	-	-	1,000
Release International	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	1,780	220	-	2,000
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,300	200	-	1,500
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,300	200	-	1,500
Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter	1,000	-	-	1,000
Matthew 25	1,500	-	-	1,500
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,500	-	-	1,500
Parish Hardship Fund	-	1,240	-	1,240
	<u>8,380</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,240</u>
Total Giving	<u>13,380</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,240</u>

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5 Staff costs

Unrestricted Fund	Wages & salaries	Social security costs	Pension contributions	Total 2021	Total 2020
Administration	33,412	2,174	1,671	37,257	28,296
Family & Children Worker	25,186	2,249	1,259	28,694	24,440
Maintenance of Church & Parish Hall	11,963	366	598	12,927	11,119
	<u>70,561</u>	<u>4,789</u>	<u>3,528</u>	<u>78,878</u>	<u>63,855</u>

During the year the PCC employed an average of 4 people in the following posts: Church and Parish Hall administrators; a Children and Families Worker and a cleaner.

There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Furniture £	Total £
Cost			
At 01 January 2021	-	4,791	4,791
Additions	1,850	-	1,850
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,850</u>	<u>4,791</u>	<u>6,641</u>
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2021	-	3,594	3,594
Charge for the year	463	1,197	1,660
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>463</u>	<u>4,791</u>	<u>5,254</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	<u><u>1,387</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,387</u></u>
At 31 December 2020	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,197</u></u>	<u><u>1,197</u></u>

Investments

	Endowment Fund	
	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2021	95,260	89,131
Gains/(losses) in year	13,627	6,129
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u><u>108,887</u></u>	<u><u>95,260</u></u>

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7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	6,000	6,500
Prepayments	1,141	1,106
Other debtors	16,065	7,873
	<u>23,206</u>	<u>15,479</u>

8 Creditors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,850	1,770
Creditors for goods and services	12,008	10,900
	<u>13,858</u>	<u>12,670</u>

9 Movement in funds

	Movement in Funds				
	Balance at 01 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Garden Maintenance	60,663	8678	-	-	69,341
Duplex Bequest	30,930	4424	-	-	35,354
Flower Fund	3,667	525	-	-	4,192
Total Endowment Funds	<u>95,260</u>	<u>13,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,887</u>
Garden Fund	967	888	(2,780)	1,000	75
Charities Fund	25	-	-	-	25
Flower - Floral Decoration	963	-	-	-	963
St John's School Governors	244	-	-	-	244
Parish Hardship Fund	8,579	-	(200)	-	8,379
Legacy Repairs	20,000	-	(3,600)	(4,888)	11,512
Church Clock	1,629	390	(6,907)	4,888	-
Partnership Fund	-	1,785	-	-	1,785
Total Restricted Funds	<u>32,407</u>	<u>3,063</u>	<u>(13,487)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>22,983</u>
General Fund	12,490	275,913	(240,038)	(44,901)	3,464
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Parish Hall Fund	(146)	9,389	(16,562)	-	(7,319)
Parish Hall Maintenance	10,000	-	(39)	-	9,961
Reserve Fund	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Organ Fund	4,584	1,875	(560)	-	5,899
Repair Fund	4,257	-	(4,864)	-	(607)
Roof Repair Fund	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-
Anniversary Appeal Fund	970	-	(970)	-	-
Tower & Festival Project	(8)	-	(77)	-	(85)
Legacy Reserve	50,000.00	38,717	-	43,901	132,618
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>137,147</u>	<u>325,894</u>	<u>(278,110)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>183,931</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>264,814</u></u>	<u><u>342,584</u></u>	<u><u>(291,597)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>315,801</u></u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	1,387	-	-	1,387
Investment fixed assets	-	-	108,887	108,887
Current assets (excl bank)	23,206	-	-	23,206
Cash at bank and on deposit	167,689	28,490	-	196,179
Current liabilities	(8,351)	(5,507)	-	(13,858)
	<u>183,931</u>	<u>22,983</u>	<u>108,887</u>	<u>315,801</u>

Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	1,198	-	-	1,198
Investment fixed assets	-	-	95,260	95,260
Current assets (excl bank)	15,479	-	-	15,479
Cash at bank and on deposit	126,195	39,352	-	165,547
Current liabilities	(5,725)	(6,945)	-	(12,670)
	<u>137,147</u>	<u>32,407</u>	<u>95,260</u>	<u>264,814</u>

11 Statement of Funds

Endowment Funds

These are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives.

The Garden Maintenance Fund is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (2,961 shares), which requires income to be spent on maintenance of the church garden.

The Duplex Bequest is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (1,509.70 shares), which requires income to be given to charitable causes.

The Flower Fund is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (179 shares), which requires income to be spent on floral decoration of the church.

The CBF Investment Fund shares were valued at £23.4181 per share at 31 December 2021 (2020: £20.4873 per share).

Restricted Funds

These are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales

The Garden Fund which holds income for the upkeep of the church garden.

The Flower Fund which holds income to provide for the floral decoration of the church.

The Charities Fund which holds income from the Duplex Bequest pending payment to charities.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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11 Statement of Funds (continued)

Restricted Funds (continued)

St John School Governor's Fund which holds monies allocated by the PCC to meet costs incurred by governors in carrying out their roles.

The Parish Hardship Fund which holds income to provide financial support to individuals or families within the Parish.

The Legacy Repairs Fund which holds legacy income for the repair of the church and connected property.

The Church Clock Fund which holds income for the repair of the church clock.

Unrestricted Funds

These are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

The PCC has designated certain funds for administrative purposes and to set aside monies for future anticipated expenditure. The designated funds comprise:-

Parish Hall Fund to provide for the running costs and upkeep of the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Maintenance Fund to provide for maintaining the fabric of the Parish Hall.

Reserve Fund to provide funds as a contingency and for the further development of the church.

Organ Fund to provide future repairs to the organ.

Repair Fund to provide for repairs and decoration of the church and replacement of equipment.

Roof Repair Fund to provide for future repairs to flat roofs as recommended in quinquennial report.

Anniversary Appeal Fund to meet the costs associated with the Re-ordering Project

Tower & Festival Project Fund to monitor income and costs associated with the Remembrance Festival and Heritage Projects

12 Payments to PCC Members

Mrs Catherine Butcher received £Nil (2020: £1,750) in her role as Heritage Project Co-ordinator.

Other payments were made to PCC members in reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC:

- Clergy support (Incumbent and Curate): Council Tax: £6,054 (2020: £6,332), Environmental charges: £607 (2020: £708), Travel, hospitality, telephone, stationery, accommodation: £587 (2020: £1,962)
- No members received reimbursement for travel, stationery, postage, hospitality and accommodation totalling £Nil (2020: £265)

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13 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with any other related parties other than those already disclosed. (2020: None)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020 £
	Notes				
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>					
Donations and Legacies		281,512	31,748	-	313,260
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		2,414	-	-	2,414
Other trading activities		5,319	-	-	5,319
Investment income		896	2,010	-	2,906
Other incoming resources		476	-	-	476
Total incoming resources	2	<u>290,617</u>	<u>33,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>324,375</u>
Resources Expended					
Church activities	3	225,185	3,617		228,802
Cost of generating voluntary income		75	-	-	75
Other trading activities		18,262	-	-	18,262
Governance costs	3	1,620	-	-	1,620
Total Resources expended		<u>245,142</u>	<u>3,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,759</u>
Net outgoing resources before transfers		45,475	30,141		75,616
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		<u>45,475</u>	<u>30,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,616</u>
Gains on investment assets		-	-	6,129	6,129
Net Movement in Funds		<u>45,475</u>	<u>30,141</u>	<u>6,129</u>	<u>81,745</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		91,672	2,266	89,131	183,069
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		<u>137,147</u>	<u>32,407</u>	<u>95,260</u>	<u>264,814</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of this account

A detailed breakdown of the comparative figures per Fund is shown on page AP1

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

AGENDAS

For the meetings to be held on
Tuesday 20 April 2021, commencing at 7.30pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- 1 Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting (see page 2)
- 2 Election of Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- 1 Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting (see page 2-11)
- 2 Matter arising therefrom
- 3 Electoral Roll Officer's Report
- 4 Trustee's Annual Report (See pages 14-20)
- 5 Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the report of the Independent Examiner (See pages 12-39)
- 6 Churchwardens Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church (See pages 41-43)
- 7 Report on the Deanery Synod proceedings
- 8 Elections and appointments
 - i) Parochial Church Council members
 - ii) Independent Examiner
- 9 Reports from Church Organisations and Representatives (see pages 44-49)
- 10 Vicar's comments
- 11 Any other business

Closing Prayers

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Vicar the Revd Giles Carpenter opened the meeting in prayer

Mr Tony Mottram and Ms Diana Guthrie (Churchwardens) were present together with 65 Parishioners, (35 physically present and 30 virtually present via zoom).

Apologies were received from 4 parishioners

- 1 Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting
It was proposed by Mr Nick Pendry and seconded by Mr Ian Chisholm that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2019 be taken as read and a true record. This was agreed unanimously. There were no matters arising.
- 2 Election of Churchwardens
Nominations had been received from Mr Tony Mottram and Ms. Diana Guthrie who had been proposed and seconded as churchwardens for the coming year. There being no other nominations they were duly elected.

The Chairman then closed the Annual Parish Meeting

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Chair for this meeting was taken by Mr David Scott-Ralphs

- 1 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2019 had been displayed in the Church.

Following a proposal from Mrs Sally Scott-Ralphs, seconded by Mrs Maggie Gibson and agreed unanimously the minutes were accepted as correct.
- 2 Matters Arising
There were 2 matters arising:
 - i) Should the church consider having a separate finance committee?
The Chairman advised that after due consideration the PCC had decided that it was unnecessary as the Standing and Finance Committee have a small discretionary budget and limited scope to make decisions without referral to the PCC.
 - ii) Could the Silverware be displayed in the Church Tower?

The Tower was deemed not secure enough to display all the silverware, however a silver lantern that had been bequeathed to the church is on display.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

3 Electoral Roll Officer's Report

Ms Diana Guthrie read the report compiled by the Electoral Roll Officer. On 6th October 2020 there were 233 people on St John's Church Electoral Roll, of whom 145 (62%) were women, and 88 (38%) were men; 142 (61%) lived in the parish and 91 (39%) lived outside.

6 people have been taken off the roll, and 72 added.

The Electoral Roll was rebuilt from scratch in April 2019 (this has to be done every 6 years in all Church of England churches), meaning that the 2019-2020 roll is much smaller than the previous one, but it is a much truer record of our current membership.

4 Annual Report of the Trustees

5 Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the Report of the Independent Examiner

Treasurer's Report for the 2020 APCM.

When I first agreed to be a church treasurer, I never thought I'd still be delivering Annual Reports 16 years later. Apparently, the average time served in prison for a life sentence is 14 years. I don't know why I wasn't offered parole. I've found that if you're struggling to fill a voluntary post you only have to add 'we're also looking for a treasurer' and that other post gets miraculously filled. Thank you, Ian, for not seeking out that other post. The 2 churches I've served over the 16 years couldn't be more different, the first a small rural parish where apart from the vicar everyone else was a volunteer and as treasurer I would among many other things open and close the church every day, trim the churchyard, carpet and decorate the church hall and, not my favourite job, clean the toilets every week. We are very fortunate at St John's to be able to employ a cleaner and I would like to say a big thank you to Rosie for all she does at the church and the Parish Hall. The churchmanship at the 2 churches also couldn't be more different both moving, albeit in opposite directions, from what some would call middle of the road. These changes are not always comfortable, and I have found it a struggle at times but it's important to remember that whatever the churchmanship and whatever the furniture we all follow the same Jesus and worship the same God.

Because this Annual Report is being presented 6 months later than normal, we're already three quarters of the way through 2020 but it is important to remember that the Report relates to the year ended 31 December 2019. So much has happened this year it can be hard to remember 2019 and all that we then took for granted. The Report is essentially in 3 parts, the first The Trustees Report starting on page 11 sets out our aims as a Church, what we planned and hoped to do to achieve these aims and what we succeeded in doing. The second part starting on page 18 reviews our financial position including on page 29 the Independent Examiner's Report. Finally starting on page 30 are a series of reports from the churchwardens, deanery synod representatives and the many individuals and groups which portray the human side of the church and give a flavour of how our various activities impact on not only Meads but the wider Eastbourne community.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

5 **Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the Report of the Independent Examiner (continued)**

Treasurer's Report for the 2020 APCM (continued)

As I remind you every year our existence as a charity demands that we show that we are a benefit to the community and not a private club. We remain open to all, as far as you can in these times, and there is no membership fee although we do seek to encourage involvement in all aspects of church life including finance. St John's is very fortunate with the support it receives, and I want to say a big thank you to all the church family for their selfless generosity both through their financial giving and equally through the giving of their time and talents. As David mentioned on Sunday it is also important to stress that any financial giving is strictly confidential and known only to me as treasurer and in some cases the gift aid secretary. Your Giving is a contract with God not the PCC.

Turning to the financial performance in 2019, I won't throw lots of numbers at you because they can be hard to follow and you all should have had the opportunity to see a copy of the Report. I will however mention the key points. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 19 shows that at the end of the year our Total Funds stood at £183069, a reduction over the year of almost £100,000. The allocation across the 16 separate Funds is shown on page 28. Out of the unrestricted funds which total £91673 our general reserves comprise the General Fund and the Reserve Fund where the combined balances have reduced from £70750 to £45184 through the course of the year. This is lower than the recommended minimum of 3 months normal expenditure £70/75,000 and the PCC will need to consider bolstering the reserves from the legacy income received this year. The completion of the Tower project involved a net outflow of £98,000 largely accounting for the overall reduction. However, during the course of any year there are exceptional items, 'one off's which are outside the normal day to day income and expenditure and which can mask the underlying financial performance. This can be expenditure on building projects or on the income side grants and legacies. For some years we have been running a revenue shortfall which in 2019 was around £25,000. This is not an immediate threat as we have been aware of some forthcoming legacies but an annual shortfall of £25,000 is not sustainable and as we have recently seen the Stewardship team are endeavoring to address the position. There was a small improvement in planned giving in 2019 and there are some encouraging signs that the shortfall has reduced. We are however in uncertain times and are fully aware that the incomes of many of the church family may be adversely affected by the current employment market and the low investment returns.

The use of legacies can be a contentious issue particularly when used to fund revenue shortfalls and it would be good if we were always in a position where these could be put towards future projects or initiatives. Most legacies are however bequeathed for general use and we should not always expect to see some tangible asset or project. They can for instance be used as an investment in a new post which the PCC feels will take forward our mission and lead to growth in the church family and ultimately growth in our giving income. What we can't do is build them into our longer-term planning as we don't know when the next one will be received indeed, we ought to hope that it will be a long time away.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

5 **Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the Report of the Independent Examiner (continued)**

Treasurer's Report for the 2020 APCM (continued)

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I will happily take questions but before doing so can I offer best wishes to Ian as he takes on the role of treasurer, also some personal thanks; to John Driver for his continuing support as Gift Aid secretary which stretches across many treasurers, also the office admin team who are always welcoming when I go in even though I'm interrupting what they are doing. I think many of us may be guilty at times of thinking that our problem or issue is the only one that matters. More generally can I thank those many members of the church family who have offered support and encouragement over the last 5 or 6 years including those who have on occasions asked the awkward questions – it is important in any organisation that the awkward questions are asked so don't stop but please feel free to have a rest, at least until it's the turn of the next speaker.

Frank Kelley
Hon. Treasurer

Following the report, there were no questions raised.

It was proposed by Mr Ian Pinder, seconded by Mrs Catherine Butcher that the Trustees Annual Report to be taken as read and the Annual Financial Report be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman gave his personal thanks to the Treasurer for his help and support throughout his time as Treasurer and confirmed that Ian Pinder would take over the role of Treasurer.

6 **Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church**

Mr. Tony Mottram (Churchwarden) referred to the report on page 30.

He advised that the issues with damp on the flat roof will be fixed in the next 5-6 weeks, and that the roof on the north side of the building will need to be looked at in due course.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

6 **Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church (continued)**

The Quinquennial inspection was referred to, which has raised various items to be fixed within the church.

The Churchwarden advised that the church clock needs repair at an initial cost of £4,000 and was hoping to raise funds towards the cost from the wider community.

The Churchwarden made a plea for volunteers to help with the Parish Hall Committee and with the Audio and Visual Team, he said that we are truly blessed with the talents of those that help but could always do with more volunteers who will be given training.

Ms Sheila MacNicol and Mr Dick Thwaites were thanked for checking the silverware.

Finally, the Churchwarden extended his thanks to the Treasurer and his wife Patricia, for his knowledge and support which has been invaluable.

Following the report, there were no questions raised.

Mr Malcolm Preece proposed, seconded by Mrs Judy Stone that the report be accepted, this was agreed unanimously.

Tony Mottram was thanked for all his hard work.

7 **Report of the Deanery Synod Proceedings**

Mr David Scott-Ralphs referred to page 32 and reported that there had been 3 meetings of the Deanery Synod during the year. The Bishop of Chichester attended the meeting in March 2019 where they reflected over the last 5 years and looked ahead to the next 5 years, this gave St John's the opportunity to highlight some of its achievements especially with Linking lives, Alpha and the Home Groups.

St John's representatives were Mr David Scott-Ralphs, Mrs Sally Scott-Ralphs and Mrs Jill Preece on behalf of the clergy as well as Mr Ray Hassell who is stepping down this year.

The report was accepted on a proposal by Mr Frank Kelley, seconded by Mr Nick Pendry and agreed unanimously.

8 **Elections and Appointments**

i) Parochial Church Council

New nominations had been received and seconded for the following people

Mr Martyn Delamere
Ms Gillian Howarth
Mrs Janet Jackson
Ms Myrtle Martin

Mrs Judith Stone and Mr Matt Kuchta were also unanimously elected following their co-option last year.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

8 Elections and Appointments (continued)

i) Parochial Church Council

Mrs Julia Pinder was re-elected unanimously on a proposal by Ms Sheila MacNicol, seconded by Mr Frank Kelley.

Mr Frank Kelley and Mr Ray Hassell who were both retiring were thanked for their services during the year.

ii) Deanery Synod Representatives

Nominations had been received and seconded for the following people who were elected unanimously:

Mrs Catherine Butcher
Ms Diana Guthrie

Nominations had also been received and seconded for Mrs Sally Scott-Ralphs and Mr David Scott Ralphs who were unanimously re-elected for a further term.

iii) Sidesmen and women

All sidesmen and women had been contacted and a list of people wishing to serve for the coming year was compiled by the PCC Secretary. The list will be approved at the next PCC meeting as it is no longer a requirement at the APCM.

The Chairman thanked all those who had served last year.

iv) Independent Examiner/Auditor

The Treasurer proposed Mr Michael Neilan who was prepared to continue for the coming year, seconded by Mr Tony Mottram, this was agreed unanimously with 1 abstention.

9 Reports from Church Organisations and Representatives

The Chairman said he hoped that everyone would read the reports on the many activities that had taken place in the past year and referred to p33 onwards.

He thanked all those who helped with the various groups.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

10 Vicar's Comments

Pastoral Ministry

Jill Preece spoke of the last 7 months, which had been very challenging due to the covid pandemic. The Pastoral team found new ways to keep in touch and support people using letters, email, zoom and phone calls, they are now using Church Suite to ensure that they have a structure to reach people and to also ensure that all those in need of support are contacted. Jill would like to expand the Pastoral Team and made a plea for volunteers who will be given full training, she also asked us to care for others if we can and to get in touch if we know someone that needs support. When the pandemic is over the Pastoral team will extend the support to home visits.

St Michael and All Angels

Ben Sleep reflected on worship at his previous church where the Eucharist was at the centre of worship and compared it to the worship at St John's where the Eucharist and Charismatic worship are at the heart of the Church. He stated that St Michael and All Angels have a Catholic Charismatic worship and referred to the Service there on 11th October, where The Vicar and Ben were licensed as priest in charge and curate in charge. He advised that it was a fantastic day where they were warmly welcomed by all. He said that this would be a year of discernment, at the end of which both churches would decide whether or not to continue the partnership and whilst there may be massive challenges ahead it was an exciting beginning.

Vicar's APCM report 2019-2020

Friends Good Evening-Well it seems like an age since our last APCM doesn't it! And I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that the world has changed dramatically since we joined together to review 2018/19. I'll say a few words about our journey through this pandemic shortly BUT I don't want the events of the last 8/9 months to eclipse some of the significant life events of the church and the points of celebration that we have witnessed together. Upper most among those has to be the joy of baptising 12 adults down on Holywell beach! What a wonderful sign of God's work among us and, in this season of invitation, an important reminder that we exist to share our faith and make disciples of Christ. This period also saw the completion of the work to the tower, not only do we now have a structurally sound tower, but we also have a fabulous exhibition space. In this regard, and on behalf of us all, I want to say a huge thank you to Catherine who, alongside the videoing talents of Adrian and Mark, has done an immense job.

I've been particularly struck by how some of the older generation at St John's, especially Gill Cox, have been able to share their experiences through this project, which just serves to reaffirm our vision that everyone at St John's, from the youngest to the oldest, has a part to play.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

10 Vicar's Comments (continued)

Vicar's APCM report 2019-2020 (continued)

This pre-lockdown period also saw the formation of our 5 Year vision for growth. My thanks to the PCC and, more recently, the wisdom and experienced input that George Fisher has offered us in developing this plan. Just to remind you that vision is built around 3 core aims: More unity as we grow in diversity (which included [quite prophetically as it happens] a vision to stream our worship to the housebound a full 6 months before lockdown); More invited into communion (creating a culture of welcome & invitation expressed partly through the running of regular Alpha); More channels opened to bless our community (which has at its heart the vision to serve the vision of the diocese to form apostolic partnerships). I want to say that the PCC has done its job really well! Thank you.

Not only has it attended to the important task of thinking strategically, it has done the even more important task of listening and discerning the direction that God wants to lead us in. That discernment of the Spirit's prompting is the key distinction between us being a body and not a business. I'm grateful to you all for being obedient and attentive to that task. Of course, the events of the last 9 months have dominated our year! As I said in my recent report to the PCC, our journey through the pandemic has fallen into three distinct phases. The first firefighting phase; in which we were responding to the immediate need to move worship online and to support the community in practical and pastoral ways. Within the first few days of lockdown, we had contacted every household in the parish and had begun, through the church office, to coordinate a range of pastoral and practical support from shopping runs to dog walking. It should be said that such was the efficiency of this support that many of the counsellors around the town were contacting us asking for help. Our task became one of both responding directly to the needs where appropriate, and, where we couldn't, signposting people to other agencies. One of those agencies was our own charity Linking Lives Eastbourne. As most will know,

St John's was a founding member 4 years ago of the LLE charity. The charity was originally set up to support those who are experiencing loneliness and isolation through home visits but when lockdown was announced, the charity made a rapid shift to telephone befriending. The phones at LLE rang off the hook and I'm pleased to report that the churches across the town responded with God's gracious abundance. As a result the Council Community Helpline listed us as one of the principal organisations that they signposted people to and the charity experienced an exponential growth curve! -to the point that we estimate that we have offered nearly 2000 hours of befriending in the last year alone.

From a personal perspective, it has been a privilege to be part of the start-up phase of the charity, but it was always the intention that the founding trustees (of which I am one of three) should hand over those responsibilities to representative members of the local churches.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

10 Vicar's Comments (continued)

Vicar's APCM report 2019-2020 (continued)

I've been in discussions recently with my fellow trustees and with their blessing I've approached our own John Caroe about his potential involvement. Those who know John will understand why he is such a good potential fit for the charity. He combines a mature and deep faith with a wealth of clinical experience of the impact that loneliness and isolation have on mental health. I'm delighted to say that John is happy to lend his support to Linking Lives as our representative, subject to PCC's approval. So, I would like to nominate John (Caroe) to take over my role as trustee and represent St John's as founding members of the charity.

From the firefighting phase we moved into what I called, the grieving phase. As well as grieving over the loss of so much that we have all taken for granted, this phase was characterised by a sharp rise in deaths, including some of our own church family including Arthur Pont, Sheila O'Hanlon and Jack Beach. We continue to grieve their loss and I'm in contact with each family to keep alive the future potential for a service (or services) that celebrate the lives of these very dear friends. Thirdly, since the government gave us permission to reopen the church, we have entered a new phase which I've called the Hybrid phase. St John's was one of only a small handful of churches in Eastbourne that responded with an immediate reopening of the church for Sunday worship. Once again, I must express my deep gratitude to the individuals and teams that have been instrumental in enabling this to happen. Firstly, the wardens who have worked tirelessly to ensure we have a safe and secure environment for worship. Secondly, the team that have helped us make the transition from pre-recorded worship to live streaming our worship. Rachael Bishop has been magnificent and at times incredibly sacrificial with her time, as has Matt Kuchta heading up the AV team. Of course, it's worth stressing that this hybrid phase would have been virtually impossible to navigate without the vision of the PCC to press ahead with the reordering of the building and the introduction of the new technology.

This Hybrid phrase in many ways has been the most challenging. Even with the technology it has been challenging leading worship in the dual spheres of the real and virtual world. I'm grateful to the ministry team for their flexibility and good humour throughout! By the grace of God I think, on the whole, we've coped well and with the very latest modifications that Ben has given much time to we are now able to open the building to at least 50% of our congregation each Sunday. Lastly, I want to say a few words about the outworking of that vision to serve the diocesan plan for growth through apostolic partnerships. Just to remind us all; it's a vision rooted in a desire to be generous. To be generous with what God has given us. And to avoid being a cul de sac for that blessing by opening channels for others to be blessed too.

Two things to say about this: firstly, whilst it's important to emphasise that this first year of the partnership is a time of discernment, Bishop Will was hugely affirming of the move and shares our confidence for its future, which includes a succession plan that will enable Ben to assume greater responsibility for St Michael's whilst also remaining a key part of the team here.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 (continued)

10 Vicar's Comments (continued)

Vicar's APCM report 2019-2020 (continued)

I am personally really excited by the prospect of maintaining that teamwork. Secondly, this partnership is possible in no small part because over the last 6 years we have had a treasurer under whose leadership St John's finances and resources have grown against a national trend in the opposite direction. This growth has enabled us to expand our staff team, to purchase new technology and to invest in a major reordering project and tower repairs, despite the fact that we had not long before undertaken a major capital project with the creation of the Jubilee Hall. And he's done it all with such good humour! Frank, we are immensely grateful to you. Can I say, I'm personally grateful, not only for your wise management of our church finances, but also the pastoral support you've offered to me and our small but fabulous staff team. Now we have a small gift as a token of our appreciation, which a little bird told me you might want to put towards some all-weather gear for when you're at the tiller of a narrow boat when the heavens open!

On behalf of us all Frank, a massive thank you!!

Following the Vicar's report on a proposal from Mrs Judy Stone, seconded by Mr Ian Chisholm, the PCC unanimously agreed for John Caroe to take over from the Vicar as a trustee and St John's representative for Linking Lives.

11 Any Other Business

Thanks, were given to Mrs Kim Leach for all her help with children's work, and to The Worship Team for helping online and getting us back in to church.

John Caroe confirmed the Mission Giving team had met and that the following charities would receive donations this year.

Revive
CMS
CMCT
Tearfund
Release International
Linking Lives
St Wilfrid's Hospice
Beachy Head Chaplaincy
Matthew25
Foodbank
Night Shelter

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ministry team for their hard work this year, especially at a time of huge disruption with the covid pandemic, in responding quickly to the situation to set up alternative ways of worship, as well leading the partnership with St Michael and All Angels, which takes great courage and faith.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Sally Scott-Ralphs.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter
Charity Number	1131574
Principal Address	St John the Evangelist Church St Johns Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN20 7ND
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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Giles Carpenter, 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.
- ◆ Knowing Jesus better and making Him better known.
- ◆ Providing 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 financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

The PCC also has responsibility for the financial affairs of the parish and for the repair and maintenance of the Church fabric and the Parish Hall.

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'.

For 2020 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- ◆ Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and through our online services;
- ◆ 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 through the parish;
- ◆ Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish;
- ◆ Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament;
- ◆ Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations;
- ◆ Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- ◆ Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish;
- ◆ Giving away approximately 10% of voluntary income to missionary organisations and other charitable causes;

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

2020 was an extraordinary year, the type we have never experienced before and certainly hope not to see again.

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a national lockdown at the end of March, which was partially lifted during the summer but reintroduced in November and again after Christmas. This resulted in the church having to close its doors to all parishioners.

Thanks to our clergy, expertise from within our church family and the fact that we already had some of the technology in the church, online services of a high quality were quickly available and continued to be broadcast for the remainder of the year and beyond. The one positive of moving services online was that we were able to reach people who may never have visited St John's church previously.

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. 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 voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

There are 233 persons on the church electoral roll. Before lockdown, during February the average weekly attendance was 210. In June during the first lockdown the average attendance online was 242. During October, when the church was partially reopened and online services continued, the average weekly attendance was 241.

St John's meets to worship not just on Sundays but across the week. During this period of the pandemic, we have been meeting online for prayer on a daily basis Monday to Friday, as well as Prayer Plus on Saturday mornings and introducing other communal worshipping opportunities such as Twenty Twenty on a Monday evening.

A key element of our new Mission Action Plan 2020-2025 is 'more unity as we grow in diversity'. We have a vision to serve our parish by offering a breadth of worship as well as deliberately seeking to grow in areas where we are less represented, especially among teens and millennials. One of the highlights of the past year has been the weekly online Sunday scripture messages acted out by 'Mrs Kim', our Children and Families Worker Kim Leach, supported by her daughter Tegan. These have been wonderfully creative and have been loved by people young and old alike. Thank you Mrs Kim!

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

We continue to see more members of the church family involved in leading and participating in aspects of worship, which demonstrates the diversity of talent at our disposal. We continue to seek to extend the opportunities for the exercise of ministry and gifts within the life of our community. A second part of our Mission Action Plan is 'more invited into communion'. We want to build upon the foundation of welcome by encouraging a culture of invitation for everyone to experience intimacy with God through our worship and witness.

A key element in the area of nurturing faith and discipleship is home groups, which meet regularly on a weekly or fortnightly basis. There are 12 groups and approximately 150 people belong. One Alpha course ran during the year, with further courses planned for 2021.

The above aspects of church life and our new Mission Action Plan echo the Diocesan Vision for Growth for the next five years - being more open, more engaged and more converted to Jesus Christ.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Provision of church buildings for people to enjoy

Despite the restrictions of the pandemic, we celebrated 3 weddings and were able to support 20 funeral services during the year. This latter high figure is a sad reflection of some of our own parish community falling prey to COVID-19 as well as other illnesses.

The pandemic has meant that we have been very restricted in opportunities to share food and fellowship together through activities such as Lunch Club and Coffee-Pot Plus at the Parish Hall, Cameo and Scrabble in the Jubilee Hall and Connexions teas at the Vicarage, the latter specifically for those new to the church and/or faith. However, our Men's Breakfasts have successfully transferred from the Holywell Tea Chalet to an online gathering, with a range of interesting speakers.

The Parish Hall, with its central location in Meads Street, is an important component in our outreach to the local community, but again activities were severely restricted during 2020. We are looking forward to seeing the Hall back in full use in the coming year. It has been listed by Eastbourne Borough Council as an 'asset of community value'.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

Pastoral care is headed by Revd Jill Preece. On a monthly basis in normal times, the pastoral support team visits care homes locally as well as people who are confined to home or are in hospital. Communion services are held on occasions for those too frail to attend the church.

The pandemic has meant an increased need within the parish for support of those living on their own and we were able to mobilise very quickly to reach out to people across the parish and offer practical support, phone calls and visits when permitted.

We continue to support both financially and with volunteers the Linking Lives Eastbourne charity, which was formed in 2016 with the assistance of other local churches to provide a befriending service to the lonely. Linking Lives saw substantial growth both in volunteers and beneficiaries across Eastbourne as a result of the pandemic.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

The church family at St John's continues to be a high contributor among the local churches donating to the Eastbourne Foodbank, as well as giving support to Matthew 25 Mission. In response to the pandemic affecting the livelihoods of many of our parishioners, thanks to the generosity of our congregation we were able to set up a Hardship Fund to provide funds when requested for a range of need. This Fund has raised over £9,000 and will continue to provide a lifeline into the future for people in difficult circumstances.

St John's and St Michael's Apostolic Partnership

In 2020 it was proposed that St John's enter into an Apostolic Partnership with St Michael and All Angels, another Eastbourne church in Upperton. This would result in St John's sending a small team and some financial resources to help rejuvenate the congregation at St Michael's. This is missional activity very much in line with the third element of St John's Mission Action Plan - 'more channels open to bless our community'. We have begun a year of discernment in which our incumbent Giles has become interim Priest in Charge at St Michael's, with a view to Curate Ben Sleep taking over from the summer of 2021 while remaining on the St John's ministry team. St John's has been wonderfully blessed in recent years and this is a God-given opportunity to share some of our blessings with another local church that needs our support.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Other charitable giving

The income from the Duplex Bequest amounting to £620 (2019: £840) is included in the sums given by the PCC. A total of £15,240 (2019: £14,000) was given to 11 local and overseas charities as detailed in note 4 to the accounts.

The parish magazine is published twice each year and is distributed free to all households in the parish. This helps to maintain links between the church family and those who have not yet come to see St John's as their spiritual home.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £290,617 (2019: £280,955) and are detailed in the Financial Report. Restricted income of £33,758 took total incoming resources to £324,375 (2019: £283,546). Planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders increased by 8%. But due to lockdown cash collections at services reduced by 75%.

The church was fortunate to receive legacies during the year totalling £100,000 (2019: £2,000). These have been placed in separate designated and restricted funds.

The hire of the Parish Hall was severely affected by the lockdown, with income reducing from £15,059 in 2019 to £4,923 in 2020.

The main expenditure items were the Parish Share, wages and Church and Parish Hall running costs. There was some additional equipment purchased during the year to enable online services to be broadcast.

Overall there was a surplus of £81,745 (2019: deficit £99,348). The surplus was due to the legacies received.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £74,040 (2019: £75,624) paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs and church insurance incurred by the diocese. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds.

Currently, the church is meeting 100% of the costs allocated to this church. It is important to note that approximately 80% of the total paid relates directly to the clergy costs of this parish, the remainder being the shared costs of the Christian family throughout the whole Church of England, including assistance towards the upkeep of churches less able to manage than ourselves.

Staff costs

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, staff have worked on adjusted hours as required and two members of staff were furloughed for several months. One member of staff is currently on part-time furlough.

The church received £8,790 from the Government via the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Financial Review (continued)

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

The pandemic meant that we were constrained in carrying out repair works during the year which are identified in the latest quinquennial report. Quotes have been received for repairs to two flat roof areas, for which the PCC has agreed to set aside £5,000 per annum in a designated Roof Repair fund as provision for this work. It is intended to effect these repairs in 2021, alongside work to improve access to the church and upgrading of the entrance.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to three month's unrestricted expenditure against unforeseen situations.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed to pay day to day bills.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

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

Charity Number	1131574	
Incumbent	The Revd Giles Carpenter	(Chairman)
Curate	The Revd Ben Sleep	
Assistant Priest	The Revd Jill Preece	
Readers	Mr Jorj Kowsun Mrs Sarah Hassell Mrs Catherine Butcher Mr Nicholas Pendry	
Wardens	Mr Tony Mottram Miss Diana Guthrie	
Deputy Warden	Miss Sheila MacNicol	
Deanery Synod:	Mr David Scott-Ralphs Miss Sally Scott-Ralphs Mr Raymond Hassell Mrs Catherine Butcher Miss Diana Guthrie	(Vice Chairman) (Retired 13 October 2020) (Joined 13 October 2020) (Joined 13 October 2020)
Elected Members	Mrs Debbie Canning Mrs Phyllis Hall Mr Frank Kelley Mrs Julia Pinder Dr John Caroe Mr Ian Pinder Mr Ian Chisholm Mr Clem Jackson Mr Matt Kuchta Mrs Judith Stone Mrs Janet Jackson Ms Gilli Howarth Ms Myrtle Martin Mr Martyn Delamere	(Retired 13 October 2020) (Secretary) (Treasurer) (Joined 13 October 2020) (Joined 13 October 2020) (Joined 13 October 2020) (Joined 13 October 2020) (Joined 13 October 2020) (Joined 13 October 2020)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to 15 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.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

The PCC operates through two committees to oversee various aspects of the Church's corporate life, which are:-

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact any business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the full PCC.

The Standing Committee also undertakes the function of a Finance Committee by monitoring the Church's finances and proposing actions to be taken to preserve the funds.

Parish Hall Committee

The committee has responsibility for hiring out the Parish Hall and maintaining the property.

Various teams exist, comprising members of the PCC and others, to further the work of the Church and report their efforts and proposals to the PCC where decisions are taken.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Giles Carpenter, PCC Chairman.

Giles Carpenter

Date: 7th April 2021

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Accepted Accountancy Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 23 to 38.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided for in Section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael Neilan

Michael Neilan
Chartered Accountant
Dated: 8th April 2021

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes					
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>						
Donations and Legacies		281,512	31,748	-	313,260	257,042
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		2,414	-	-	2,414	4,006
Other trading activities		5,319	-	-	5,319	19,379
Investment income		896	2,010	-	2,906	3,119
Other incoming resources		476	-	-	476	-
Total incoming resources	2	290,617	33,758	-	324,375	283,546
Resources Expended						
Church activities	3	225,185	3,617	-	228,802	378,681
Cost of generating voluntary income		75	-	-	75	281
Other trading activities		18,262	-	-	18,262	16,417
Governance costs	3	1,620	-	-	1,620	1,560
Total Resources expended		245,142	3,617	-	248,759	396,939
Net outgoing resources before transfers		45,475	30,141	-	75,616	(113,393)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		45,475	30,141	-	75,616	(113,393)
Gains on investment assets		-	-	6,129	6,129	14,045
Net Movement in Funds		45,475	30,141	6,129	81,745	(99,348)
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		91,672	2,266	89,131	183,069	282,417
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		137,147	32,407	95,260	264,814	183,069

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 25 to 37 form part of this account

A detailed breakdown of the comparative figures per Fund is shown on page 38

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	1,198		2,395	
Endowment Assets		95,260		89,131	
		<u>96,458</u>		<u>91,526</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	7	15,479		18,546	
Short term deposits		52,296		71,192	
Cash at bank and in hand		113,251		14,058	
		<u>181,026</u>		<u>103,796</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(12,670)</u>		<u>(12,253)</u>	
Net current assets		<u>168,356</u>		<u>91,543</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>264,814</u></u>		<u><u>183,069</u></u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds	9	137,147		91,672	
Restricted funds	9	32,407		2,266	
Endowment funds	9	95,260		89,131	
		<u>264,814</u>		<u>183,069</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 7th April 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:-

Giles Carpenter

Giles Carpenter

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

The charity was established under the Parochial Church Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 1131574).

1.1 Accounting convention

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

To ensure that the accounts show a true and fair view, the trustees have not complied fully with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 as these refer specifically to the previous 2005 SORP and have not been updated to reflect the changes in legislation to the FRS102 SORP.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the PCC have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the PCC continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 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 Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest;

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.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Funds accounting (continued)

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.

1.4 Incoming resources

All income and endowments, which are accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is received.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the events have occurred. Fees received in advance of the event are recognised as deferred income until the event occurs. The statutory proportion of fees held as agent for and due to the Diocese of Chichester, are not recognised as income and are included in creditors until paid.

Other trading activities

Where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services, income is recognised either when received or in the case of concerts, for the year it occurs irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received.

Investment income

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

Other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Grants

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

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

This includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements. Individual items that cost less than £1,000 are written off in expenditure when incurred.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 25% on a straight line basis

The gains and losses arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Investments

Investments are stated at mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are recognised as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Incoming resources

	Year to 31 December 2020			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	114,251	-	-	114,251
Tax recoverable	30,052	1,412	-	31,464
Other	26,759	-	-	26,759
Cash collections at services	2,782	100	-	2,882
Donations, appeals, etc	7,028	10,236	-	17,264
Grants	20,640	-	-	20,640
Legacies	80,000	20,000	-	100,000
	<u>281,512</u>	<u>31,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,260</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	502	-	-	502
Fees	1,520	-	-	1,520
Clubs	392	-	-	392
	<u>2,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,414</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	4,923	-	-	4,923
Fund raising events	396	-	-	396
	<u>5,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,319</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	896	2,010	-	2,906
	<u>896</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,906</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	476	-	-	476
	<u>476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>476</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u><u>290,617</u></u>	<u><u>33,758</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>324,375</u></u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Incoming resources (continued)

	Year to 31 December 2019			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	108,881	-	-	108,881
Tax recoverable	31,760	-	-	31,760
Other	24,806	-	-	24,806
Cash collections at services	11,854	-	-	11,854
Donations, appeals, etc	12,741	-	-	12,741
Grants	65,000	-	-	65,000
Legacies	2,000	-	-	2,000
	<u>257,042</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,042</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants				
Magazines, books and cards	1,667	-	-	1,667
Fees	1,323	-	-	1,323
Clubs	1,016	-	-	1,016
	<u>4,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,006</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall lettings	15,059	-	-	15,059
Fund raising events	4,320	-	-	4,320
	<u>19,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,379</u>
Investment income				
Dividends and interest (gross)	528	2,591	-	3,119
	<u>528</u>	<u>2,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,119</u>
Other incoming resources				
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>280,955</u>	<u>2,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,546</u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
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3 Total resources expended

Year to 31 December 2020				
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	3,000	-	-	3,000
Relief and development agencies	2,000	-	-	2,000
<u>Home missions</u>	8,380	1,860	-	10,240
Note 4	<u>13,380</u>	<u>1,860</u>	-	<u>15,240</u>
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	74,040	-	-	74,040
Housing expenses	7,040	-	-	7,040
Clergy expenses	2,228	-	-	2,228
Church running expenses	21,068	-	-	21,068
Church maintenance	7,171	-	-	7,171
Upkeep of services	12,238	-	-	12,238
Upkeep of church garden	156	1,670	-	1,826
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	2,365	-	-	2,365
Mission outreach and training	434	-	-	434
Salaries	49,814	-	-	49,814
Children's activities	198	-	-	198
Printing, office supplies and telephone	4,973	-	-	4,973
Other administration costs	5,679	87	-	5,766
New and replacement, furniture and equipment	7,746	-	-	7,746
Major works	603	-	-	603
Tower and festival project	16,052	-	-	16,052
	-	-	-	-
Total charitable activities	<u>225,185</u>	<u>3,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,802</u>
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	75	-	-	75
Cost of applying for grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	18,002	-	-	18,002
Cost of events	260	-	-	260
	<u>18,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,262</u>
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,620	-	-	1,620
	<u>1,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,620</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>245,142</u>	<u>3,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,759</u>

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3 Total resources expended

	Year to 31 December 2019			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<u>Church overseas</u>				
Missionary societies	3,000	-	-	3,000
Relief and development agencies	2,500	200	-	2,700
<u>Home mission</u>	7,660	640	-	8,300
Note 4	13,160	840	-	14,000
Ministry:				
Parish contribution	75,624	-	-	75,624
Housing expenses	7,316	-	-	7,316
Clergy expenses	3,499	-	-	3,499
Church running expenses	21,565	-	-	21,565
Church maintenance	13,971	-	-	13,971
Upkeep of services	14,995	150	-	15,145
Upkeep of church garden	1,187	1,971	-	3,158
Expenditure on parish magazine, books and cards	1,905	-	-	1,905
Mission outreach and training	2,826	-	-	2,826
Salaries	36,781	-	-	36,781
Children's activities	456	-	-	456
Printing, office supplies and telephone	8,396	-	-	8,396
Other administration costs	11,535	424	-	11,959
New and replacement, furniture and equipment	5,180	-	-	5,180
Major works	705	-	-	705
Tower and festival project	154,635	-	-	154,635
Total charitable activities	<u>373,736</u>	<u>3,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>377,121</u>
Cost of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship expenses	281	-	-	281
Cost of applying for grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>281</u>
Other trading activities				
Parish Hall running costs	17,067	-	-	17,067
Cost of events	910	-	-	910
	<u>17,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,977</u>
Governance costs				
Independent Examination fee	1,560	-	-	1,560
	<u>1,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,560</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>393,554</u>	<u>3,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>396,939</u>

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4 Missionary and charitable giving

	Year to 31 December 2020			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Overseas				
CMS	1,000	-	-	1,000
Revive	1,000	-	-	1,000
Tearfund	1,000	-	-	1,000
CMCT	1,000	-	-	1,000
Release International	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	1,780	220	-	2,000
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,300	200	-	1,500
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,300	200	-	1,500
Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter	1,000	-	-	1,000
Matthew 25	1,500	-	-	1,500
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,500	-	-	1,500
Parish Hardship Fund	-	1,240	-	1,240
	<u>8,380</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,240</u>
Total Giving	<u>13,380</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,240</u>

	Year to 31 December 2019			
Overseas				
CMS	1,000	-	-	1,000
Revive	1,000	-	-	1,000
Tearfund	1,000	200	-	1,200
Mission Aviation F'ship	500	-	-	500
Mission to Seafarers	300	-	-	300
CMCT	1,000	-	-	1,000
Release International	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>5,800</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Home				
Linking Lives Eastbourne	1,760	240	-	2,000
St Wilfrids Hospice	1,000	200	-	1,200
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	1,000	200	-	1,200
Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter	900	-	-	900
Matthew 25	1,200	-	-	1,200
Eastbourne Foodbank	1,200	-	-	1,200
St Luke's Healthcare for Clergy	100	-	-	100
PARACHE	200	-	-	200
	<u>7,360</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Total Giving	<u>13,160</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,000</u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
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5 Staff costs

Unrestricted Fund	Wages & salaries	Social security costs	Pension contributions	Total 2020	Total 2019
Administration	26,684	402	1,210	28,296	20,095
Family & Children Worker	22,917	377	1,146	24,440	18,258
Maintenance of Church & Parish Hall	10,527	66	526	11,119	11,230
	<u>60,128</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>2,882</u>	<u>63,855</u>	<u>49,583</u>

During the year the PCC employed an average of 4 people in the following posts: Church and Parish Hall administrators; a Children and Families Worker and a cleaner.

There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Furniture £	Total £
Cost			
At 01 January 2020	-	4,791	4,791
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>4,791</u>	<u>4,791</u>
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2020	-	2,396	2,396
Charge for the year	-	1,197	1,197
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>3,593</u>	<u>3,593</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,198</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>2,395</u>

Investments

	Endowment Fund	
	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2020	89,131	75,086
Gains/(losses) in year	6,129	14,045
Market value at 31 December 2020	<u>95,260</u>	<u>89,131</u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MEADS, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	6,500	6,500
Prepayments	1,106	4,313
Other debtors	7,873	7,733
	<u>15,479</u>	<u>18,546</u>

8 Creditors

	Unrestricted Fund	
	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,770	2,510
Creditors for goods and services	10,900	9,743
	<u>12,670</u>	<u>12,253</u>

9 Movement in funds

	Movement in Funds				
	Balance at 01 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Garden Maintenance	56,760	3,903	-	-	60,663
Duplex Bequest	28,940	1,990	-	-	30,930
Flower Fund	3,431	236	-	-	3,667
Total Endowment Funds	<u>89,131</u>	<u>6,129</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,260</u>
Garden Fund	1,321	1,315	(1,669)	-	967
Charities Fund	1	644	(620)	-	25
Flower Fund	612	351	-	-	963
St John's School Governors	332	-	(88)	-	244
Parish Hardship Fund	-	9,819	(1,240)	-	8,579
Legacy Repairs	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Church Clock	-	1,629	-	-	1,629
Total Restricted Funds	<u>2,266</u>	<u>33,758</u>	<u>(3,617)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,407</u>
General Fund	5,184	193,030	(203,907)	18,183	12,490
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Parish Hall Fund	13,515	4,582	(19,060)	817.00	(146)
Parish Hall Maintenance	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Reserve Fund	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Organ Fund	2,734	1,850	-	-	4,584
Repair Fund	380	-	(6,123)	10,000	4,257
Roof Repair Fund	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Anniversary Appeal Fund	4,768	843	(3,141)	(1,500)	970
Tower & Festival Project	91	10,312	(12,911)	2,500	(8)
Legacy Reserve	-	80,000	-	(30,000)	50,000
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>91,672</u>	<u>290,617</u>	<u>(245,142)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,147</u>
Total Funds	<u>183,069</u>	<u>330,504</u>	<u>(248,759)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>264,814</u>

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	1,198	-	-	1,198
Investment fixed assets	-	-	95,260	95,260
Current assets (excl bank)	15,480	-	-	15,480
Cash at bank and on deposit	126,293	39,253	-	165,546
Current liabilities	(5,824)	(6,846)	-	(12,670)
	<u>137,147</u>	<u>32,407</u>	<u>95,260</u>	<u>264,814</u>

Fund balances at 31 December 2019 are represented by:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	2,395	-	-	2,395
Investment fixed assets	-	-	89,131	89,131
Current assets (excl bank)	18,546	-	-	18,546
Cash at bank and on deposit	82,984	2,266	-	85,250
Current liabilities	(12,253)	-	-	(12,253)
	<u>91,672</u>	<u>2,266</u>	<u>89,131</u>	<u>183,069</u>

11 Statement of Funds

Endowment Funds

These are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives.

The Garden Maintenance Fund is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (2,961 shares), which requires income to be spent on maintenance of the church garden.

The Duplex Bequest is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (1,509.70 shares), which requires income to be given to charitable causes.

The Flower Fund is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares (179 shares), which requires income to be spent on floral decoration of the church.

The CBF Investment Fund shares were valued at £20.4873 per share at 31 December 2020 (2019: £19.1691 per share).

Restricted Funds

These are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales

The Garden Fund which holds income for the upkeep of the church garden.

The Flower Fund which holds income to provide for the floral decoration of the church.

The Charities Fund which holds income from the Duplex Bequest pending payment to charities.

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11 Statement of Funds (continued)

Restricted Funds (continued)

St John School Governor's Fund which holds monies allocated by the PCC to meet costs incurred by governors in carrying out their roles.

The Parish Hardship Fund which holds income to provide financial support to individuals or families within the Parish.

The Legacy Repairs Fund which holds legacy income for the repair of the church and connected property.

The Church Clock Fund which holds income for the repair of the church clock.

Unrestricted Funds

These are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

The PCC has designated certain funds for administrative purposes and to set aside monies for future anticipated expenditure. The designated funds comprise:-

Parish Hall Fund to provide for the running costs and upkeep of the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Maintenance Fund to provide for maintaining the fabric of the Parish Hall.

Reserve Fund to provide funds as a contingency and for the further development of the church.

Organ Fund to provide future repairs to the organ.

Repair Fund to provide for repairs and decoration of the church and replacement of equipment.

Roof Repair Fund to provide for future repairs to flat roofs as recommended in quinquennial report.

Anniversary Appeal Fund to meet the costs associated with the Re-ordering Project

Tower & Festival Project Fund to monitor income and costs associated with the Remembrance Festival and Heritage Projects

12 Payments to PCC Members

Mrs Catherine Butcher received £1,750 (2019: £18,000) in her role as Heritage Project Co-ordinator.

Other payments were made to PCC members in reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC:

- Clergy support (Incumbent and Curate): Council Tax: £6,332 (2019: £6,100), Environmental charges: £708 (2019: £1,215), Travel, hospitality, telephone, stationery, accommodation: £1,962 (2019: £2,264)
- 2 members received reimbursement for travel, stationery, postage, hospitality and accommodation totalling £265 (2019: £805)

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13 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with any other related parties other than those already disclosed. (2019: None)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2019 £
	Notes				
<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>					
Donations and Legacies		257,042	-	-	257,042
Incoming resources from charitable activities or grants		4,006	-	-	4,006
Other trading activities		19,379	-	-	19,379
Investment income		528	2,591	-	3,119
Other incoming resources		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	2	280,955	2,591	-	283,546
Resources Expended					
Church activities	3	375,296	3,385	-	378,681
Cost of generating voluntary income		281	-	-	281
Other trading activities		17,977	-	-	17,977
Governance costs	3	-	-	-	-
Total Resources expended		393,554	3,385	-	396,939
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(112,599)	(794)	-	(113,393)
Gross transfers between funds		500	(500)	0	-
Net incoming Resources before other recognised gains and losses		(112,099)	(1,294)	-	(113,393)
Gains on investment assets		-	-	14,045	14,045
Net Movement in Funds		(112,099)	(1,294)	14,045	(99,348)
Fund balances at 1 January 2019		203,771	3,560	75,086	282,417
Fund balances at 31 December 2019		91,672	2,266	89,131	183,069

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CHURCHWARDEN MESSAGE

This report combines elements that were intended for last year's APCM and never made it due to the Pandemic.

I would like to begin by acknowledging Diana Guthrie election to the post of Churchwarden. It's a been great blessing to have her on the team.

Over the past months I have been challenged to identify, by those who do not attend church, 'Just what good is the church?' It set me thinking, (which is always dangerous 😊!). Here at St John the Evangelist, to use its full title, it is easy to fall into thinking that apart from Sundays and a few high days and holidays not much happens in these buildings, but nothing could be further from the truth.

The church which meets in these buildings is responsible for providing a focal point for our community to engage in such occasions as rites of passage - baptisms, marriages and funerals – and state occasions. But it goes much further than this. I have been much struck by this passage from Jeremiah 29 vv 5-7:

'Build houses and settle down; ... also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper...'

This passage is particularly relevant to us, for when I look at what goes on here I find huge encouragement. Our church provides a safe haven for young people to develop through our Scouting groups, and a place for the community to find friendship and society through our Scrabble Club, Men's Breakfast, CAMEO, Baby and Toddler group, Who Let the Dads Out?, jazz concerts, choirs, organ recitals, gardening team ... not to mention serving 1500 meals a year to the community via the Lunch Club and Coffee Pot +. One of our newer initiatives is the Eastbourne through the Wars exhibition in the church tower, which regularly draws in visitors on Saturday afternoons. The church building is used by our local state and private schools, and the halls are home to numerous clubs and societies; the Jubilee Hall is recognised by the Council as an Emergency Day Shelter, and we have provided accommodation for the homeless through the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol initiative.

But St John's goes deeper than this because church members are an active blessing in the far wider community. We help provide service and financial support for organisations such as the Eastbourne Food Bank, Matthew 25, Beachy Head Chaplaincy, Linking Lives, and the Winter Night Shelter, to name just a few. I know many of you are actively engaged in charities that seek to meet the needs of our town, driven by love and compassion for others, knowing that there is a God who loves and cares for us all and asks us to engage with him in demonstrating it to a world gone astray.

So next time you come into the building you may just take a different view of what good the church is and be encouraged to think of the part you play in this, remembering that God has promised that where the city prospers because of us, so too will we.

Tony

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COPING WITH THE CORONAVIRUS

This has had an enormous impact on the life of St John's, as we've spent a year in lockdown or adhering to very strict rules about meeting. Probably not since St John's was built in the mid-19th century has the church ceased to meet physically in one venue or another. But great advances in computer technology have enabled most of us to meet online, via Sunday services and daily services of Morning Prayer; these have brought fellowship and cheer to many who've been unable to meet up with friends and family beyond their immediate household. And in the limited period when we were able to re-open the church for services, the benefits of flexible seating became very obvious. Going to church once again became a great privilege.

The Churchwardens' duties are very varied, but an obvious one is keeping an up-to-date record of all church property and maintenance.

INVENTORY AND TERRIER

The annual inventory of Church goods and chattels was carried out in January this year. Since the reordering of the church in 2018 there have been substantial additions, particularly in regard to audio-visual equipment.

We are very grateful to Dick Thwaites for checking the church silverware in February 2021; this was found to be in order.

There is no Terrier (an account of Church lands and properties), but our understanding is that the Church itself, the Jubilee Hall complex and the Parish Hall are the main components of the land property element of the Terrier. St John's School was originally owned by St John's Church, but was passed to the Diocese.

BUILDING WORK AND MAINTENANCE

The pandemic has affected the improvements and repairs that we had hoped to get done over the past year.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION 2019

Every five years we are required by the Church of England to commission an inspection of the church fabric and buildings by our architects (CPL Ltd, of Polegate), who produce a report indicating what work needs to be undertaken to keep our buildings in good order. The latest inspection was carried out last September. (The cost of this extensive and detailed Inspection was about £6,000).

This report asks us to undertake surveys on:

- Drainage
- External boundary walls
- Stonework in the main body of the church not covered by the last reordering in 2018
- Electrical systems
- Asbestos
- Main roof

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CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2020-21 (CONTINUED)

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION 2019 (CONTINUED)

And there are a number of smaller tasks which can be undertaken by church members.

The inspection report recommended that we carry out roof repairs to the flat roofs on the south side (over the Chapel and Office) this year and make plans to undertake the same work on the north side at a later date. Work on the flat roof on the south side is outstanding, while an agreement was being reached on the materials to be used.

It suggested the need to make provision for better access into and within the buildings for people who have mobility problems. This would comprise automatic opening doors to the cloister, automatic opening doors to the area outside the vestry (which also serves the disabled toilet), and the provision of sliding external doors to the Jubilee Hall / Pauling Room. This provision is picked up in our mission plan.

These are just some highlights from a very detailed report. The PCC have discussed some of these and have agreed that we move forward with the last two items, ie. the flat roof repairs to the south side and the accessibility doors. Several specialist contractors have been approached for quotations.

OTHER BUILDING ISSUES

The flat roof over the fire exit by the Jubilee Hall kitchen has been an issue for several years now, and pinpointing the exact cause of the problem has been difficult. We have been advised that the top coping stones may need to be relayed, and we are now waiting for the contractors to carry out the remedial work.

OTHER BUILDING ISSUES

The wall of the first toilet encountered in the Jubilee Hall is showing signs of rising damp, and this is being investigated, as is the roofing over the hallway leading to the Pauling Room, which is also showing evidence of damp.

One of the aims of the Building for the Future Project included the internal redecoration of the church to ceiling height, but we were unable to do this at the time; in addition, the large Portland stone piers need cleaning. If anyone would like to organise or be part of a team to clean these and also do some low-level redecoration please let us know.

The church clock mechanism began to fail in March 2020 (about the time of the first lockdown); some ad hoc repairs were done, but in the end we had to stop it completely. An appeal for funds for repairs raised £1,628.50 and it is hoped that the repairs will be completed before the 2021 APCM.

REPAIRS LOG

We would like to record our thanks to Dick Thwaites for all the time and energy he puts into helping to maintain the buildings both here in the Church and at the Parish Hall, as well as the task of keeping the Repairs Log up-to-date.

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CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2020-21 (CONTINUED)

CHURCH OFFICE

We have been greatly blessed by the commitment of our office staff, Rachael Bishop and Lindsay Small; needing to work from home for most of this year they have kept St John's on the road, often working non-social hours when necessary. The technical support they have given to the broadcasting of services and to communicating with Church members has been invaluable.

We want to thank Rosie Whittaker for all the work she's managed to do within furlough restrictions to keep the Church and the Parish Hall clean and safe for us to use.

RELATIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

We help provide service and financial support for local organisations such as the Eastbourne Food Bank, Matthew 25, Beachy Head Chaplaincy, Linking Lives, and the Winter Night Shelter, to name just a few. Over the last year, opportunities to give practical service have had to change, but St John's has been a focus for practical help to those most impacted by the pandemic, organising food deliveries, phoning isolated people, praying.

SERVING IN CHURCH

There has been a real sea-change over the past few years in the growing pressure to comply with new and updated regulations, such as Health & Safety, Safeguarding, Food Hygiene, Equality (especially in regard to disability), Mental Health, Insurance, Music and Performance Copyright. The church office is pivotal and under a lot of pressure, and the churchwardens often wonder where the time required to do all that is asked of us is going to come from – we need more help from the church members.

So we would encourage you to think carefully about where you might be able to help out, even if it's on a limited basis. During the services for instance, could you help as a sidesperson ushering people to communion or helping with taking the collection? And we have a particular need for audio-visual help if we are going to stream services out to those in the congregation who can no longer get to church; this is an exciting opportunity to literally see the Church engaging with our community. And our work with children and families is blossoming under the leadership of Kim Leach; could you help to register children or run a session? If your talents are more practical, maybe you could help with some of the regular maintenance of the building and garden.

If you would like to discuss getting involved, then please come and talk to one of us.

Both the Churchwardens are stepping down at the forthcoming APCM, but would like to thank the Church membership for their prayers and support over the last few years. We urge you to pray for the incoming Churchwardens and indeed for all the work of our Church.

Tony Mottram and Diana Guthrie
March 2021

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Prayer Ministry

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4.6

Prayer undergirds all that we do at St John's, and although we have been unable to offer prayer ministry in person over the past year that does not mean that we have stopped praying. Our times of Morning Prayer have been one means of sharing prayer needs and praying for one another, and old and new forms of communication have been used to ask for prayer and to offer prayer. The Holy Spirit is not limited by lockdown or social distancing and continues to bring healing and restoration in so many different ways.

As we return to in person gathering we hope soon to resume prayer after services and to meet again as a team to pray for one another. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to find out more about joining this team.

Jill Preece

Pastoral Care Team

The experience of the past year has highlighted to us all how much we need interaction with one another, and many of us have experienced for the first time the social isolation that some live with on a day to day basis. It has been a year where we have grieved the deaths of loved ones from our own families and from our church family, and a year of restricted contact and fellowship.

We are grateful to the pastoral team who have worked hard to keep in contact with those we know of in particular need and those who are especially isolated. Inevitably we will have missed some people and we are very sorry if you feel that is you. Please forgive us and let us know so we can include you.

We recognise and appreciate that pastoral care often happens in a natural way within the church, and we are grateful for those who have reached out and supported others during this difficult time. However the aim of having a team is to provide a structure that ensures no-one is missed out, and to ensure that we offer a safe and supportive framework for both those contacted and those who make contact. As a part of this all the team have safeguarding checks and undertake safeguarding training, and we plan to undertake further training in other aspects of offering good pastoral care.

If you or someone you know would appreciate the support of the team, or if you would like to join the team, please speak to me.

Jill Preece

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Outreach to those in Care Homes, including PARCHE (Pastoral Action in Residential Care Homes for the Elderly)

The Care Homes and retirement housing units in the parish, along with many throughout the country, have had a difficult time during the past year. Sadly due to Covid restrictions we have been unable to visit both for services or to visit members of our Church family who live there. The only exception was a short spell when a small team took Communion to those in Camelot which was very warmly appreciated. During the first lockdown we delivered to each home prayer cards for the residents and staff to use together and we have maintained contact through phone calls, letters and cards and have continued to pray for residents and staff in our shared prayer times.

As restrictions ease we look forward to resuming visits and services and would welcome new members to our teams. If you speak to any of those who have taken part in these visits you will hear how much they enjoy these times and value the relationships and opportunities they bring. Contact Jill Preece, Sarah Hassell or Derek Moulard if you would like to know more.

Jill Preece

Eastbourne Foodbank

The Eastbourne Foodbank has experienced extreme highs and lows in this incredibly unusual year of COVID-19 pandemic.

In March 2020 when the first lockdown was announced all the foodbank collection satellites closed leaving no alternative other than to deliver. The task looked daunting but with good fortune a team of Samaritans came forward, Eastbourne Borough Council Environment First team, British Gas engineers who were working but not making any business calls and the 4x4 Sussex car club, without these teams life would have been difficult as 1450 deliveries were being made a month.

When the first lockdown came to a close a decision had been made by the Foodbank Operations Management to close the Grove collection point and open a number of collection points across the Eastbourne town and surrounding areas, 6 in all, open on different days of the week. Although Grove Road had closed for food collection, it remained open for advocacy, debit counselling and benefit support for DLA's and PIP's by appointment. The revised format has worked well, but surprisingly the number of clients collecting food dropped dramatically which was a surprise with the increased number of people out of work. It slowly became clear with a number of Government initiatives, such as the increase made to the Universal Credit, the furlough scheme and housing evictions being suspended and latterly towards the end of 2020 a new charity opened in Eastbourne offering short dated food at very low cost. Since the start of the 2021 lockdown numbers have slowly started to increase with average of 43 home deliveries a week and approximately 140 collections made a week across the satellites.

Collections from churches since March 2020 ceased and have yet to restart, but the generosity of the Eastbourne population both in food donations in the supermarkets and monetary donations have been staggering and for this the Eastbourne Foodbank give you thanks, without this generosity there would be no foodbank.

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Eastbourne Foodbank (continued)

Although the churches have been closed I am certain many of you continue to offer prayers which is an important factor to the Management Team and the Trustees, as the foodbank is aligned to the Trussell Trust a Christian charity.

Once again thank you St John's for your support.

Dennis Thompson
Eastbourne Foodbank Trustee

Men's Breakfast

Another excellent year of speakers, albeit held in a very different environment, no sunning ourselves in the warm sunlight on the Holywell Café terrace, but locked away in our homes using ZOOM technology to meet. I have must say it has not deterred one or two munching away at bacon rolls or muesli as the watch and listen to the speakers.

The year was late in getting underway with our first speaker in June on ZOOM coming in from Australia, an early morning for us but a rather late evening for him. Over the past 11 months the breakfast has been blessed with 5 speakers from St John's and 6 external speakers, a number coming from All Saints.

The number attending I am pleased to say continues in the high twenties and this is made up of newcomers and some of our regular attendees choosing to give ZOOM a miss. The speakers from All Saints continued to attend our breakfast and I am pleased to say on the back of their attending our breakfast they have restarted their own All Saints Men's Breakfast which had lapsed due to the lockdown.

I would ask those regulars who do attend the breakfasts to encourage anybody both within the church and outside the church; they would be most welcome to join us. Sadly this offer of welcoming as many to join us is only possible while ZOOM is in use, as once we are free to return to Holywell, sitting on the terrace would not be a problem, and inside the café we are limited to a maximum of 30.

I thank the gentlemen for their loyal support in attending, without them it would be very difficult for the speakers.

Dennis Thompson
St John's Men's Breakfast Organiser

Home Groups

Despite Covid, Home Groups have been alive and kicking!. The majority of groups have been meeting on Zoom – these meetings have been enjoyable and have provided both fellowship, support and much valued spiritual nourishment. When the Rule of 6 applied some groups were able to meet in person.

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Home Groups (continued)

Those in groups who have not been able to meet on zoom have been contacted periodically by their home group leaders to make sure they are keeping well and are feeling connected. At least one group has, when the rules allowed, held successful picnics in the back garden.

Kate and Clive Dilloway's group elected to follow The Bible Course and opened it up to all-comers – this has worked really well.

Nick Pendry

The Alpha Course

Alpha courses give people the opportunity to explore faith in a relaxed setting where no question is off limits. The 8-week course serves as an introduction to faith for those who have never considered Christianity, as well as a refresher course for people who have attended church for many years.

Alpha groups have been held each year at St John's since 2017. More than 20 people have been involved in leading the seven courses up to and including the 2020 course. Of the 46 people who have attended Alpha at St John's, 30 have become regular attenders. Almost all of the 30 'Alpha graduates' have become part of an ongoing midweek group, with some taking up responsibilities within the life of the church, including helping with other Alpha courses. Having a follow-on group ready to start has played a significant part in the journey from being 'enquirers' to 'disciples'.

The Holy Spirit day, which is held as part of the course, is often the turning point for guests as head-knowledge about faith becomes an experience of the living God, at work in individual lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is thrilling to see God work in this way, as guests who join the course as sceptics, become followers of Jesus.

The prayer support team plays a vital part in the Alpha course, with several members of the church praying each week for the guests and their journey to faith.

In 2020 we held one face-to-face Alpha course and advertised an online course once the Covid-19 lockdown came into force. This first attempt at Alpha online didn't attract sufficient guests to run a course. Previous Alpha courses had relied heavily on the vicar inviting guests. Online Alpha courses needed a different approach, with frequent mentions in the Sunday services online and invitations going out from St Johns' regulars to their friends and relatives.

Encouraged by reports from around the country that Alpha was even more successful online than face-to-face, and by the statistic that 23% of adults in England were connected with online church each month including 4% who had no previous connection with church,* we used the autumn of 2020 to advertise a new online Alpha course to start in January 2021. The January 2021 course, run jointly with St Michael and All Angels, attracted 26 guests including several regular members of the church congregations. Because numbers were high, two of the 'guests' were recruited to help lead break-out groups, and around 20 of the guests completed most of the course including seven who had never attended either church in person, but had found us online. George Fisher and John Caroe are continuing to lead the follow-on group for St John's, with a follow-on group also being run at St Michaels.

[*https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/358586/Connecting_with_anonymous.aspx](https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/358586/Connecting_with_anonymous.aspx)

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The Church Garden

The church gardens provide a beautiful tranquil space which is enjoyed by church goers, Meads residents and tourists venturing up the hill from the promenade. The ashes of loved ones are scattered in the memorial garden and flowers or crosses are placed there on Remembrance Sunday and other anniversaries. The gardens, which are funded by a legacy, provide an important part of church life and are kept looking lovely by a few hard working volunteers.

This year of course has been like no other for the gardeners but the garden has kept on growing oblivious to the pandemic. In the first lockdown last spring it provided an absolute lifeline to two or three of us who met there twice a week and did the clearing jobs which in normal times would take too long in our busy lives. It was so nice to get out and do something useful. This extra work has really paid off now as spring bulbs and primroses can peep from behind the shrubs.

The garden also proved invaluable to many during the pandemic who, whilst living in flats in Eastbourne, were able to get out into the lovely spring sunshine and give us a wave or have a socially distanced chat. Many sat quietly on the benches and prayed, perhaps reflected on lost loved ones or simply looked at the beautiful, God given, garden.

We have continued to meet regularly and are almost always to be found working on a Friday morning if anyone should want to join us to work or just chat in the safety of the open air.

Karen Fletcher-Wright Gardening Team Leader

JUNIOR CHURCH

For most part of this last year Junior Church has been online. As we went into lockdown, we began producing a weekly video for families to watch at home along with activity sheets which the children could do to help them engage with each session in fun ways. We continued to follow the church themes so that families could continue to 'walk' together on their faith journey. Unfortunately, because the videos were watched online through YouTube, we could not log exactly who of our families were engaging with it, but we do know an average of 15 families were watching each week. Online Junior Church is not ideal, however a positive outcome is that we had a few families engaging with it who don't normally attend St. John's and they found the resource extremely helpful. As we came out of the first lockdown, we had families back in church and a few children attended each week. And although we couldn't join the adults for any part of the service, it was good to do face to face worship and activities with those who attended. After Christmas parents had huge pressures with doing online schooling etc. so the weekly videos were paused, and resources were put onto the website to allow families to engage in a different way. Songs and prayer activities were signposted, and a 'FaithVenture' tool was created with simple activities for families to engage with in their own time. Before we closed the church, we would have contact with families at services, so when we could no longer do that – we had to make sure that we contacted them in other ways to offer support etc. As children were involved in sharing during the church services, we also had to think about how we kept that element in what we did – so each week children would participate in videos that were added into the online teaching.

Online church also opened up the opportunity to add an all-age element to the adult church service, which has been very popular with both the children and the adult.

Christmas nativity was done completely online with a special all age service produced. Many church families were involved in making it a huge success with over 130 households watching.

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HOLIDAY CLUB

We ran two online holiday clubs this year. In April we produced a three-day Easter holiday club with a Superhero theme. We met some superheroes from the Bible – David and Queen Esther who helped us learn how God helped them to save their people and we met Paul who shared how meeting Jesus had changed him from a baddie to a hero. In August we produced a five-day holiday club with an ‘Under the Sea’ theme. Characters from the bible helped us to learn that God is with us wherever we are. Each holiday club consisted of daily video with members of the church contributing to the different elements – bible story, prayer, challenge, interesting facts etc. and there were age-appropriate activity booklets with activities and crafts for children to download and complete. The holiday clubs were a huge success engaging around 150 families in the Easter holiday club and 64 families in the Summer Holiday club.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions we had to close baby and toddler group which was a very hard decision to have to make. We have tried to keep in contact with the families through social media and encounters in the community.

CHURCH LINKS

We had the great pleasure of inviting All Saints Youth and Children’s team to join with us in organizing an Advent Lights trail in Meads during Advent. Working together on this little project has strengthened relationships between the churches and opened up new ways of joint ministry in our community. We are looking forward to more collaboration in the future.

SCHOOL LINKS

The past year has been a challenge and looked very different for Kim in the school. For part of the time the normal two days a week were spent in school, however as we went into lockdown and school bubbles were initiated, Kim has played a more supportive role in school while organising collective worship and pastoral care sessions online from home. The assembly videos and Pastoral Care lessons were made available to all the families which gave the school a wonderful opportunity to give parents and carers an insight into how the Christian Ethos of the school is sustained through the work that Kim does. Although we could not force families to engage with the assemblies and Pastoral Care lessons, many of them did and the school received very positive feedback.