



St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Annual Church Report 2022



September 2022 marked 10 years of Rev'd Jane's ministry at St Wilfrid's. A collection was taken up and a surprise of a tidy garden, new seating area and garden furniture organised on Jane and Danny's return from holiday.

RECTOR'S ADDRESS

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)



It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for 2022. As you read it you will encounter the variety of activity with which the church has been occupied in this first full year without pandemic restrictions. I am always humbled and inspired in equal measure by the service offered and the dedication demonstrated by our faithful and enthusiastic congregation. While 2022 saw a return of the freedoms of a more normal way of life the effects of Covid remain and continue to impact on us, and I'd like to emphasise here two ways in which this can be seen.

Firstly, like so many other organisations in the charitable sector, we have lost a large number of volunteers who, after the enforced break from church activities, decided to was time for a well-earned rest. We must all always remember that, Lay Readers to the Flower Team, bellringers and musicians, those serving coffee and those visiting the sick, all give their time freely and willingly. Without our volunteers the church would not be clean and tidy, the building would not be maintained, the words for worship would not appear on our screens, there would be no cheery welcome as we arrive for worship. There would be no Women's Group or Friendship Group and our fundraising and community building activities would cease. The car park would not be attended for busy funerals and those same services would not have vergers to attend to the mourners. Couples getting married wouldn't have the extraordinary experience of an All Out For Love evening and families bringing their children to be christened wouldn't write so warmly of the welcome they've received. The churchyard would be overgrown and untended and there would be no PCC to steer the ship!

So, we must give thanks for all those who offer and have ever offered their service to God by volunteering their time and skills, but I would also urge those who could do so, and are holding back, to step forward to fill the gaps that our older volunteers have left. It may be that you can offer a specific skill or that you just feel prompted to offer help but don't know how best to be useful. Please don't ignore God's prompting. The survival of our church and its work relies on you.

The second effect of Covid I'd like to address is the change we have seen in our congregation. Sadly, we have said goodbye over the past few years to several of our oldest and longest standing brothers and sisters in Christ. In every case they could look back over years of worship at St Wilfrid's knowing that they had served Christ faithfully and had given cheerfully to God and the church their time, skills and resources. On the other hand, we have been blessed with an abundance of new worshippers, some returning to church and others coming to discover what its all about for the first time. It is always a joy to welcome new people of all ages to our congregation and to see those people deepen their faith, some deciding to be confirmed and bringing with them a new energy and a fresh dynamic to challenge us into new directions and ways of thinking. It is also essential that they also understand that it is part of our worship to give our time, skills and resources in thanksgiving to God for all that He has given to us.

In the second letter to the Corinthians St Paul points to the generous giving of the churches in Macedonia, who while poor themselves gave cheerfully and joyfully to further the work that Paul was doing in bringing the Good News of Jesus in what he calls 'the ministry of the saints'. He urges them to do the same, to give out of their abundance, and he calls this a test of the genuineness of their love against the earnestness of others.

There is no getting round it, being a church and doing the work that God has sent us to do costs money. In real terms giving last year went down. Add to that the pressures of inflation and it becomes more and more difficult to finance the activity of St Wilfrid's. Those who commit to a regular gift offer so much more than money. They offer the security of knowing that we can pay our bills, keep the heat on, repair the building, be insured and finance ministry of all kinds. So, it is important that every church member urgently reviews their giving. Giving regularly, by standing order and with a gift aid declaration on file with us, gives us the assurance that we can keep doing what we are doing and respond to new challenges and needs when they come along. Equally, even a small increase in giving from those who already give in this way will mean that we can meet the challenges of the financial pressures we face with confidence. As St Paul says, 'I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need.'

May God continue to bless and keep you in the year to come as we journey together towards a greater understanding of His amazing love for us.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jane" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev'd Jane Proudfoot, Rector

CHURCHWARDENS

Church Annexe

Following the completion of the annexe there have been various snagging problems from the build which have been solved. The main ones of these have been the heating and the west facing door and windows. Unfortunately the hydro zero boiler which was initially installed was unable to cope with the heating systems installed. The company who had supplied this boiler changed us to an air source heat pump free of charge. The outside doors have been adjusted to stop them sticking. The west facing windows have been resealed. We have had blinds fitted to the servery. This enabled us to keep the door from church to annexe open to allow visitors to use the toilet facilities. On the exterior wall of the church by the gates we installed a plaque commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Statutory Regulations

The fire extinguishers have had their annual check.
PAT testing of all electrical equipment has taken place.

Church

Maintenance

On the annual check of the two boilers we have in the cellar, one of them was condemned. The remaining boiler is the usual one we run the church heating from. Unfortunately we found that the pump which runs separately to the boiler had failed. This has been repaired. There is now a PCC sub-committee looking into the heating alternatives for church going forward. We have a new gardening company regularly cutting the grass in the graveyard and maintaining the trees. Work was undertaken to remove Branches over hanging the Parr Arms car park. We are looking into installing CCTV on the churchyard car park and the installation of a rubbish bin.



Parish Centre

The gutters and drains have been cleared. We loaded two skips with all the rubbish left from the building of the annexe to clear the car park. The roof, especially above the meeting room, has been repaired. Thanks go to Pam Roberts who organised the hedge cutting and leaf clearing on the Parish Centre car park.

Support

As ever, the work of the church wardens could not take place without the support of the Rector and our many volunteers. We would like to mention especially Les Gregory for his tireless work with the heating systems of church, annexe and parish centre. We could not be without his endless help and technical knowledge. Colin Pare is another volunteer working in the background with many jobs around the parish centre and annexe car park. Geoff Kelly is always ready to help whenever we have asked him. He has continued his work with installing benches and has recently set up various bird feeding stations. Also we are supported by many sidespeople, gardeners, cleaning teams, Sunday morning coffee teams and many others who are always willing to give us their support whenever we ask. We are both eternally grateful for all the help everyone continues to give us and would encourage others to volunteer and to keep us in your prayers.

Julie Ryan and Linda Stockton



**Chris Hunter retired
from Reader ministry
in 2022 and Gill
White was licensed
as our new Reader.**



PASTORAL CARE

Due to the large numbers of bereaved families and individuals that could not receive visits during the pandemic, it was decided to introduce the Bereavement Café. The Annex has been a wonderful space to use and has enabled refreshment spiritually and physically. Two six week courses have enabled us to reach more people and has built supportive friendships and grown ministry within the congregation. I have since attended a Bereavement Refresher Course provided by the Diocese, led by Revd Jenny Bridgman, which has been extremely helpful and informative.

My Pastoral Review took place with Revd Jane Parry and subsequently Revd Jane, which is an essential task, completed every three years, to establish training needs, and to look at work delivered and what the parish may need for the future. This process resulted in an updated Working Agreement which was agreed by the PCC. Attending and contributing to Monday Morning Prayer has enabled me to form closer relationships with a different group of people.

Deanery Synod and meetings with Revd Jane and the Ministry Team has enabled good contacts with other Pastoral Workers in our Deanery and the work they are providing in their own parishes.

The Lay Conference in March was a good insight into where all forms of lay ministry are making a difference to mission and ministry in the Diocese as a whole. Many voiced concern relating to people coming back into church buildings and the need to continue some form of streaming service for those physically unable to attend. Ideas and helpful tips were passed on, and for many of us, it was the first time we had been able to meet for over three years.

I have been blessed and very much value my inclusion in major events, such as the Maunday Thursday Service in the Cathedral, Walking Day, the Lent Compline Services, Creamfields and the All Saints Service, the Queens Jubilee and subsequent Funeral and the Christmas Fair, all of which brought people into a positive, vibrant and busy church.

Nursing Home visits have commenced, with a couple of setbacks due to Covid, but residents and staff alike have given us all a very warm welcome and the residents really enjoy the worship on offer.

Do you need to talk?

Margaret Kitchen
Pastoral Worker



PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

Secretary's Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

The notice convening the Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been displayed in the Church for the relevant period. Since the last APCM in April 2022 there have been 5 PCC meetings and 4 meetings of the Standing Committee. On 23rd May at the first meeting after the APCM the PCC gave a small presentation by way of thanks to Christine Hunter who retired after 35 years service as Lay Reader and member of PCC. Also at that meeting the following appointments were made:-

Vice Chair	Julie Ryan
Treasurer	Charles Jesudason
PCC Secretary	Gill White
Electoral Roll Officer	Alan Hunter
Gift Aid Officer	Tony Sudworth
Safeguarding Officer	Georgina Reynolds
Date Protection Officer	Gill White
WET Trustee	John Bygate



No one was appointed to the roles of Planned Giving Officer and Deputy Wardens and 29 parishioners were appointed as Sides People.

The PCC continues to meet bi-monthly on the second Monday in the month, the Standing Committee meets in the alternate months. The meetings begin with a short act of worship followed by discussion as a focus on a particular subject.

Amongst these have been:-

- 5 Year Plan – following the Covid pandemic our priorities changed, which brought particular challenges and it was thought more practical to focus on planning for the next twelve months. Our priorities were People, Mission/Outreach and Worship.
- 12 Month Succession Plan – we considered the ‘volunteer roles’ and succession planning for the different roles within the Church in the future, following which Marjorie Cassin volunteered to take on the role of PCC Secretary again to relieve Gill who had taken on more hours as Church Administrator as well as Lay Reader training.

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) cont...

- Warm Spaces and response to refugees - In view of the energy crisis it was decided to open the Annexe one morning a week as a warm space for people to gather for coffee etc. Rev'd Jane informed the congregation about the true situation of the refugees at the Firgrove Hotel and some of the refugees have since joined our congregation, and also attended the Christmas Fayre and the Christingle.
- Curacy – PCC met with a potential candidate, Kate Komepwaisiho and a curacy was offered and accepted. She will be ordained as Deacon on 1st July.
- As the grand piano on loan to the Church had been retrieved by the owner, the PCC agreed to funding for a replacement and in October the Live at St Wilfrid's concerts re-commenced.
- Walking Day/Summer Fair and Christmas Fayre resumed again and it was good to see the School and Church working together in raising much needed funds for both School and Church.
- We held a party in the Annexe to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee and a commemorative plaque has been installed in the church wall.
- Eco Church – we were encouraged to work towards our Bronze Award subsequently awarded.
- Meeting also include for regular updates on Finance, Fabric, Annexe, Bells/Clock, Electoral Roll, Safeguarding, Pastoral Care/Wellbeing, Eco Church, Parish Centre, Deanery Synod, LASW, Bridgewater Churches Together and also to decide on the Focus for the following meeting.

Marjorie Cassin Hon Sec – PCC



Live at St Wilfrid's

LASW! had to shut down after the March 2020 concert and felt able to safely restart in October 2022 with 3 events planned for the fourth quarter. One of those had to be postponed owing to the death of HM The Queen. A necessary preliminary was the purchase of piano to replace the instrument that had been on long term loan.

In October, we were delighted to welcome Nicola Gerrard, a professional flautist from High Legh, who gave us a programme of 'Dreams and Fantasies'.

November saw the return of Phil Shotton, this time leading his trio and accompanied by jazz singer Adele Lifshitz.

Memorable Gershwin brothers and Cole Porter melodies dominated the evening. We look forward to a full eight concert series in 2023.



ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are beginning to forget how school used to be during the pandemic. We have watched the school community get back in the way things used to be pre COVID and while we are still facing some challenges due to the lessons that were missed, the children are all thriving and are enjoying learning.

We have been able to go on lots of school trips this year and the residential in Year 4 and 6 were definite highlights for the children. These trips are a great way of building resilience and independence and creating memories that the children will cherish – who remembers learning their multiplication tables, but a flying through the air on a giant swing and zip wiring through the countryside – who's going to forget that?

It was lovely to see the return of the Christmas Fayre and Walking Day. These events were welcomed back by the whole community and it was wonderful to see church, school and other local organisations coming together to enjoy these traditional events.

2022 saw great national celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee and our school celebrated along with the rest of the country. We dressed in outfits from each of the decades she was on the throne and threw a huge party!

We remembered the Queen's many achievements and her devotion to God and her country upon her passing, an incredibly sad time for us all but also a time to reflect on the extraordinary life she had.



We are now planning a coronation party to celebrate the crowning of King Charles 3rd . 2022 was such an historical year and we have ensured that our children were part of this and we continue to teach them to understand our ever changing world.

We are planning a reflective prayer garden in school, a place where the children and staff can go and say a prayer or just take time to sit and be still. This is a very exciting project and we are looking forward to getting started. Our ethos group will be involved in the design and the organisation of the project. We are so lucky to have the space we have, our school grounds are truly amazing and we hope that this new area will become a place of peace and tranquillity for our whole school community.

At the heart of our school are the children, they never cease to amaze us. We get to see them join our school at the age of 4 and watch them grow in independence, maturity and resilience until they leave us to go to high school ready for their next school chapter. Our hope is that each and every one of them continues to let their light shine for others to see.



*'Learning
through fun,
faith and
friendship'*



**'Let your light shine for others
to see' Matthew 5 14-15**

Sustainability / Eco Church

St Wilfrid's Church registered for Eco Church in 2022 and was awarded Bronze status on 1st November of the same year. We are already well on the way to achieving the Silver Award and a clear plan and recommendations have been identified to enable this.

Bronze Award: how did we achieve this?

A number of activities and events took place that provided evidence for each of the five headings that constitute the Eco Church environmental awards scheme. The following is not an exhaustive list but is indicative of the work that took place.

Worship and teaching: we appointed Sally Sudworth as our Eco Church Champion and made sure that we had regular intercessions acknowledging climate-change. Through prayer, hymns and liturgy we celebrated the wonders of God's creation.



Buildings: we recognised the sustainability credentials in the design of the Annex extension, including the air source heat pump and a task group was set up to consider options to improve the heating systems including renewable energy solutions. We have cycle racks in place and recycle bins in place in the Annex and church hall. We now have paperless services through use of the screens in church and we have the online streaming of services.

Land: we instigated a new mowing regime, encouraging wildflowers and pollinators, stopped the use of harmful herbicides and erected signs to explain that the move was intentional and that long grass in designated areas was not through neglect. We placed bird feeders in The churchyard and have benches and places for quiet reflection.



Sustainability / Eco Church cont...

Community and global engagement:

Fairtrade goods are promoted with a regular stall. We've had meetings with the Parish Council to encourage and establish areas of common interest to promote sustainability across the parish community and meetings with other local churches to support each other and share resources.

Lifestyle: a poster competition for our young people raised awareness of environmental and sustainability issues. Church members voted on the submissions to choose the winners. There is a regular Ecochurch slot in parish newsletter highlighting news plus hot tips for living a sustainable lifestyle (saving money and the environment). A joint church event on October 20th 2022 together with St Johns and St Thomas event to promote saving energy, water and carbon with experts from United Utilities, Mott MacDonald and Government department DWP.



Watch this space as we push on for the silver award and see what you can do to bring us closer to full Eco Church status and a fuller love for and appreciation of God's wonderful creation. It is within the grasp of St Wilfrid's church congregation, and with the continued support of the PCC, if funding and resources are secured to address the recommendations made, then reaching Silver in 2023 is most definitely possible.

Sally Sudworth Eco Church Champion

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC approved the Safeguarding policy in May 2022. The Safeguarding Policy and posters with who to contact in case of a safeguarding concern are displayed in church and the Parish Centre and there is a safeguarding statement on the church website. We are all responsible for and committed to Safeguarding and in October 2022 this was highlighted as we marked Safeguarding Sunday.

Georgina Reynolds, Safeguarding Officer

Music at St Wilfrid's

Church Choir

This year has seen a welcome new member moving to Warrington for work . This has edged our number to 10 and provided a tenor part for our small band leading Sunday worship. We meet three Fridays out of four and try to prepare some items for major festivals and services together with the weekly service music. It would be encouraging to have new members wanting to join the choir, but it seems this type of group is becoming an outdated aspect of musical worship . Fortunately, St Wilfrid's is lucky to have a broader approach to music in worship and we are grateful to the other church members who lead at Family Praise and during communion, reflections and special services throughout the year.

Guy Pomfret, Organist and Musical Director

We have been privileged to contribute to worship through music again this year. We play for most of the family praise services and enjoy finding ways to engage all ages in musical worship.

Helen & Phil



It has been a privilege for me and for my sister Nikki, to be a part of the musical contributions to services this year at St Wilfrid's.

We have been able to play for some of the more sombre and reflective services throughout the year, including The longest night service, Ash Wednesday, and the Good Friday, service amongst others. These have allowed us to select particular pieces that complement the message and feel of each service, which very often is the need for peace and quiet reflection.

We really love being a part of the musical team at St Wilfrid's, and very much look forward to the services in the year ahead.

Pip & Nikki



Grants and Facilities

Facilities

2022 has been a year of settling in and making use of our new facilities.

Annexe funding details including grants can be found in the Project designated funds sheet within the annual accounts.

In February the annexe boiler was replaced by an air sourced heat pump, making the annexe “carbon neutral”. In November the “making good” certificate was issued for the Annexe project. The contract allowed for 1 year after completion for faults like sticking doors and leaks to be identified and made good. This was done. As Project Leader, Charles is to be congratulated on keeping this complex project within budget in these inflationary times. The Donation Station was installed in May and to date has collected £3377. This money is making a vital contribution to fund the everyday work of the church. If you click “Donate” on the stwilfridschurch.org.uk website you can contribute in a very similar way, using your debit or credit card online without needing to be present in church. In November, we tweaked the A/V system to adjust the screen positions so they can be viewed even in the front rows of seats. A new piano was purchased and installed to replace the one that had been on loan.

Grants

We claimed the final 10% of the Covid Recovery grant from DCMS, administered by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We were delighted to report that St Wilfrid’s Church is now open to the public 7 days a week. Most pre-lockdown activities have resumed, and some new ones have started. This tranche of funding has helped us reinstate some contingency reserves to underpin sustained operation. The numbers of people enjoying the Church and Parish Centre continues to grow. We thank Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council for £250 to support purchase of a plaque to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The Co-op Community Fund has accepted our project for increasing biodiversity in our churchyard. Co-op members can nominate St Wilfrid’s Grappenhall as their local charity and 2p/£ will be donated from the profits on purchases, at no extra cost to the Co-op member. We were delighted to be selected as one of the top 4 finalists in England for the Naylor Award for Excellence in Church Maintenance. Thank you to all the volunteers who throughout the years contribute to that achievement. This will be valuable evidence to encourage the funders that we will need for the next big project which will be for Church Heating Renewal. Grappenhall people cherish their facilities and expect to use and look after them for many years to come.

Jenny Pearce

Christening Team

Christenings are always joyful services and for the 66 babies, children and young people baptised at St Wilfrid's in 2022, and for their families and friends, they were indeed very special occasions, following 2 years of delays and postponements caused by the Covid pandemic.

The pandemic brought a number of changes to the way we organised Christenings in 2022. Perhaps the one most appreciated initially came about through social distancing requirements as each family had its "own" service, (prior to Covid, there could be up to 3 families at the same service). So in 2022, "Christening Saturdays and Sundays" offered services at 12noon, 1.30pm and 3.00pm. It meant a very busy weekend for Revd Jane and the Christening Team but proved so worthwhile that it continued throughout the year. Thanks to the AV system the service is now on screen minimising the use of paper and keeping the congregations involved and engaged.

The monthly Christening Preparation evenings continued, providing an opportunity for parents to reflect on why they wanted their children to be baptised, to look at the Christening service, to meet members of the Christening team and the other families whose children were being baptised on the same day.

Members of the Christening team contacted the families before the service and were present at the service. Families were invited to send a photo of their child's Christening and write a few words for inclusion in the parish magazine and we're delighted that there was a good response in 2022. Those who had been baptised in 2021 received a specially designed card on the first anniversary of their Christening and were invited back to church for Family Praise when they were named in the intercessions.



There were changes in the membership of the Christening team. Jan Ashby, moved away to Lincoln, and Sarah Hards decided to step back. Our thanks go to them for their immense contribution over the years. Gill's work as Parish Administrator meant that she handled all Christening requests and arrangements and ensured that all went smoothly. On-line screening of the service meant Linda did sterling work on 'console duty' as well as making sure there was water in the font!

Christening Team cont..

Susan continued to ensure that the 1st Anniversary cards were delivered and Carolyn Thompson and I continued to welcome families to the service, read the Bible passage and lead the prayers.

As always, those to be Christened were named in the intercessions for that Sunday. And our prayer in 2022, and now, is that as we pray for them so we also pray that by what we do and say we support and encourage those who are newly Christened to grow in faith as members of our church family.

Chris Hunter

Pre-School Praise

Pre-school Praise is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Rev'd Jane leads the worship and we have songs, stories, craft and snacks and lots of fun. During the past year we have thanked God for Our Pets, Flowers, Trees, Birds, The rain, The Sun, Easter, Our Mums, Holidays, Autumn, Bonfire night, The Queen, Baby Jesus and how we can follow Jesus! We enjoyed our Christmas party where we had snacks and lots of fun! The children this year are quite young, ranging from new babies to 3-year-olds. Our numbers are steadily growing, and we appreciate the help that the parents, grandparents and carers give us.

The highlight of the year was the graduation service, held in July before the whole congregation on a Sunday morning, when we present the children who are moving on to school with a memorable book and our very best wishes and prayers. The children really enjoyed singing their special songs for everyone! Pre-school Praise is a great way to introduce little children to God, Jesus and our church family!

Anne Young & Gill White



Women's Group

St Wilfrid's Women's Group has had a very successful year following our closure over the Covid period. The changes to one meeting a month (1st Tuesday) and moving to afternoons at 2pm seem to have worked well. Whilst our membership remains steady at 44, our attendance at meetings has improved to 30-35, at least, at most meetings. We work hard to put an attractive programme together each year and so it's very gratifying that what we offer is attractive to our membership.

2022 started for us with our annual post Christmas lunch at Statham and since then we have welcomed speakers from the Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes, an interpreter (for the deaf) in the theatre, a retired police officer and a speaker on the Extraordinary Women of Moore amongst others. We had a wonderful outing in June to the Grosvenor Garden Centre, followed by a cruise on the Dee with afternoon tea on board, all in glorious sunshine.

Our AGM and Holy Communion started off our year in September, then in November we had a successful theatre trip to see Top Hat in Stockport.

Our aim is to be as diverse as we can in our choice of speakers to satisfy our membership. All women in the community are welcome to attend - come along to hear our speakers, join in our fellowship and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat!

Barbara Wild



Parish Centre

The Parish Centre brought in a total income of £19,381 in 2022.

This breaks down into £17,218 from our regular hirers and £2,163 from adhoc bookings, children's parties etc.

The new invoicing system that was introduced in November 2021 is running smoothly after a few slight adjustments. All invoicing for our regular hirers is on a calendar month basis.

During 2022 we had the installation of a new access key code system that has brought an end to the need for issuing physical keys to hirers. Each of our regular hall users now have their own unique code for gaining access.



We have welcomed a new Mums and Tot's session to our Friday mornings and now have eight groups that hire the hall regularly on a week-by-week basis.

Gill White, Parish Centre Administrator.

All out for love

Two "All Out For Love" evenings were held in 2022 to guide 14 couples through their big day. These sessions are a wonderful way to welcome people to be married in our lovely church to the wider church family, as well as providing practical support.

The couples are introduced to their wedding coordinators in an informal way over a light supper, prepared by members of the "All Out For Love" team, before sitting down with a Wedding Team member to talk about their plans, help with ideas for music, readings or flowers and we answer any questions the couple may have.



Rev'd Jane then takes them through the wedding service and explains what it is to be married in the sight of God and the evening culminates in a very special event in our candlelit church where each couple lights a candle on the altar with their names on, which will be kept in church until their wedding day. This reminds the congregation to pray for them and is lit again during the wedding service.

Lis Williams on behalf of The Wedding Team



BELLRINGERS



It was good to start (and finish) the year without any COVID restrictions, the first time in two years this has happened. We were fortunate in that the majority of our ringers returned to the tower quickly to enable us to get back into the rhythm of ringing ten bells again. I say fortunate because in some other towers, the return to ringing did not happen very quickly at all. It is good to hear our new bells again being put to their intended use and their tone is most wonderful. It is most gratifying to hear some members of our congregation commenting on how nice the new bells sound.

Now things are back to normal, we have been pleased to welcome visitors again. Most Wednesday practice nights see something like 2 to 4 visitors join us for ringing, some returning quite often. I'm not too sure if this is due to the new bells or to the welcome and friendship they receive (hopefully both!). We have also welcomed more visiting bands coming to ring, either just socially, for a Quarter Peal (45 minutes continuous ringing) or even a full Peal (3 Hours continuous ringing). With our sound control system the bells are quite muted outside and such long periods of ringing are not the problem they used to be without sound control. We rang for 64 services during the year with just 7 occasions when all 10 bells were not rung. Being a 'family' orientated band, losing 2-3 families at once means we can lose 5-6 ringers from that ringing session making the ringing of 10 bells more difficult. 33 Quarter Peals were rung in the year, mostly by the local band, although we did have visitors in most of these Quarters giving more ringers from the Diocese a chance to sample our new bells. 6 Full Peals were rung, with just 1 by the local ringers. This was a special Peal rung to celebrate the life of Ashley Pugh (a Witton ringer) who donated our 2 treble bells to make the ring of 10. A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung as per Ashley's request with the Conductor being Nick Thomson, again as per Ashley's request. The local band also rang a Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal to celebrate Ashley's life.

We usually muster 12-15 ringers for each session but have lost a young ringer. This has been offset by another young person starting to ring (Caitlin Whalley) who has made very good progress and now rings regularly for Sunday service.

BELLRINGERS cont..

Our ringers still go to Stockton Heath to help and strengthen the band there for Sunday Service ringing and on practice nights. Help is also being given to the Stretton ringers as they have been experiencing a shortage of ringers recently. Their tower is used once a month on their Monday practice night for special practices aimed at basic method ringing when ringers from Stretton, Stockton Heath and Grappenhall regularly take part, both in a learners role or in a helpers role. Some of our ringers are regularly ringing hand bells and making good progress in their achievements. Events in the tower are regularly reported in the Parish Magazine, in an article entitled Up the Spiral Staircase penned by our Ringing Master Nick Thomson.

We entered a band in the Mid Cheshire Branch 6 Bell Striking contest at Stretton in May and were placed 1st meaning we represented the Mid Cheshire Branch in the Guild 6 Bell contest for Sunday Service bands. This contest was held at Hartford in October where we were placed 1st. Three of our ringers represented Mid Branch in the Branch 8 Bell Contest held at West Kirby in April where the Branch was comfortably placed 1st.

All the tower work from our bell project (Bells and Clock) have now been completed and (touch wood – hand on head) everything seems to be performing well.

If anyone would like to come and see us ringing and see the new bells, please get in touch with us. New ringers would be most welcome to come and help us keep St Wilfrid's loudest voice heard across the parish. No experience necessary as training will be given.

Mike Thomson, Tower Captain



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Fruitful study took place throughout the year, with a series of excellent Bible study sessions on Zoom, led by the Rector, covering St Mark's Gospel. On some evenings our study was not directly in the scriptures, but in issues very much of our time which were fruitfully and deeply enjoyed and discussed.

During Lent 2022 we took a break from looking directly at the Bible and enjoyed, in a series of study evenings moved by the theme of Pilgrimage, the film "The Way" which follows a group of pilgrims from very different backgrounds on the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage in Spain.

In the autumn, we looked similarly at different parts of the film "The Chosen" which is great work still in the making, and includes many scenes which are clearly the fruit of much prayerful study and preparation, in its efforts to retell the Gospels. This has resumed from Lent 2023 and the film, with its emphasis on the importance of following Jesus, continues to draw much challenging reflection and comments deeply appreciative of its challenging portrayal of events.

There is always room for, and great enrichment to be drawn from, the study of Scripture and we hope that, whether meeting together for film sessions or other events, or using Zoom to link up for home based study sessions, more of us will make time for this most fruitful and rewarding activity. **John Prytherch.**

FOODBANK

The past year has been very challenging for the Foodbank due to more people requiring support from Foodbank with the many increasing costs that many households have to bear. Because of this greater demand there were many empty shelves in the Foodbank warehouse. I was very humbled when we highlighted the situation to find many donations being left at the back of church. Our Foodbank Sunday and Harvest Sunday donations were very generous this year. When we all have more pressure on where we spend our hard earned money it is comforting to find that our community supports Foodbank in this way.

Donations continue to be left behind the font of church.

As we are open every day this makes it easier for donations to be left. I am, as are all the people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families, grateful for any donations you are able to leave. Thank you

Linda Stockton



ADMIN TEAM

The year was a busy one with a lot of Christenings and Weddings after so many were postponed due to Covid.

The Parish Centre was back in full use, taking regular bookings and dealing with enquiries.

The return of *Live at St Wilfrid's* has kept Eileen busy working hard preparing and printing the publicity brochures and posters.

It has been a blessing to be assisted by Margaret, Ken and Eileen, sharing in the joy of serving our church community. I cannot thank them enough for their time, support and dedication in helping the Church Office run smoothly.

Gill White, Church Administrator

along with our regular volunteers Margaret Hale, Eileen Waddell, and Ken Southward.



PRAYER FRIENDS

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed". James 5:16

"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer Friends are members of St Wilfrid's congregation who pray regularly and faithfully for those who have asked for our prayers for any reason whatsoever. All information given is strictly confidential.



Our prayers are always greatly appreciated and valued by those concerned and throughout 2022 we have continued to receive many requests, either personally or through St Wilfrid's Church website, from people troubled or anxious for themselves or a loved one.

Many people also left requests on the prayer tree and in the little books at the back of church as they came to light a candle for a loved one or themselves and these requests were offered on their behalf at Monday Morning Prayer.

Please don't hesitate to ask someone if they would like Prayer Friends to support them and then contact Revd Jane, Gill at the Parish Office or me. And if you feel called to share in this particular prayer ministry then please do get in touch.

Chris Hunter

2022 saw the reintroduction of monthly magazines after the Covid pandemic and it was well received by all our subscribers.

We have maintained all our regular features excluding the Scouts, who have changed leader and we are struggling to reengage with them. We have monthly contributions from different parts of the community including Pre-School, Brownies, the Cricket Club, the WI and the Women's Group as well. Bradshaw School has been a regular contributor again after Covid which has been fantastic to have and Headteacher Chris Short has been positive and enthusiastic in his articles.

St Wilfrid's School has also continued with monthly pages, currently being looked after by the Interim deputy head, we often have two or more interesting and well written pages on the children's activities

Our monthly Foodbank articles and information including needed donations, continues to be included and this is well referenced by readers as a point to check on required donations.

There was no Starters BBQ in 2022 so the opportunity to introduce the magazine to new parents was lost, school takers are very static and we have had no increase in magazine subscribers. If every electoral roll member took the magazine this would almost double our reach. The magazine is a good read and a great way to keep up to date with Church news and upcoming events.

Magazine advertising revenue has dropped off in the last couple of years, losing some long and well established contributors due to changes in business / focus or retirement. We need to boost the advertising to widen our scope and continue with payments.

On the social media front, Facebook remains active and most services are posted. The streaming of services allows our reach to expand and we are aware of regular followers scattered across the world.

Streaming of funeral services also enables those not able to travel an opportunity for a private farewell. Incremental gains in followers have happened over the course of 2022, with over 1000 following as of December 2022.

Julie Ryan



FLOWER TEAM

As in previous years our talented flower team have produced some beautiful arrangements to celebrate the various ecumenical seasons of the year. We are all thankful that now that Covid restrictions are over we can enjoy each other's company once more and return to a normal life style.



Our flower team has now got eight regular members and Sue, Sylvia, Hazel, and Diane, who is a neighbour of Anne Ongley's, who will help us out on the big festivals of Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We work in pairs and so consequently decorate the church once a month. On Mothering Sunday primrose plants were distributed by the Rose Queen, our Village Prince and their retinues to all the ladies in the congregation. At Harvest time food was donated to the Warrington Food bank and the team decorated the window ledges with flowers which were taken to members of the community that were housebound, sick or bereaved. For Remembrance Sunday members of our team decorated the Church and a large cross was placed outside to be decorated with poppies. At Christmas time the usual 60 wreaths were decorated and sold to raise church funds by the team. The team decorated the church with seasonal arrangements of red gold and white flowers and the tree lit up to add the final touch .

We are a friendly group of ladies who take pleasure in having the privilege and enthusiasm to enhance our beautiful church. We would welcome any new recruits –no experience necessary! Please contact Rev. Jane or any member of the flower team.

Anne Young Flower Team Co-ordinator



GOD'S GARDENERS

Our small dedicated team of Gardeners continue being out in the fresh air and meeting people visiting the church yard.

Flowers always make people smile, feel happier and more hopeful. They are food and medicine for the soul. The flowers and fauna in our churchyard not only feed our souls but also the wildlife. It's great to start growing wild flowers

and see bird feeding stations being established. Last year you will have seen a change in the management of our church grounds, encouraging wildlife and biodiversity. This has changed how we are gardening and where our focus is, so last year we prioritised where we will concentrate our work. This will entail looking after the Peace Garden, Garden of Remembrance, the front of church and newly established borders around the Annexe, whilst thinking about the type of flowers and shrubs we plant to encourage bees and butterflies.

Being such a small team, one area we have found difficult to manage is the Garden of Remembrance which we are continually working at and thinking about how we can keep it low maintenance.



One idea we started to look at last year was marking our war graves to enable people to find them easily. We will continue with this, over the coming year.

We are appreciative of the monies we receive from the PCC which enables us to continue planting in the borders and changing the troughs throughout the seasons.

Thank you to all the folks who have supported and helped out in various ways, hopefully bringing a sense of peace to anyone walking through our church grounds.

You'll find us on Thursday mornings – why not come along and lend a hand.

Carol Harrison & God's Gardeners

Fair Trade Stall



We suspended our Fairtrade activity at St Wilfrid's during the pandemic, but happily were able to bring it back at the start of Lent 2022 to link into the theme of the Lent lunches. Our wonderful new Annexe has allowed us space for a cupboard where we can keep a selection of Fairtrade goods and run a stall most weeks during coffee, or indeed at any other time if people want to use the facility. We were also able to take orders for Advent calendars and Christmas cards.

Sales of Fairtrade tea, coffee, chocolate, cereals, nuts, dried fruit, and jams, together with cards and gifts, have amounted to £1,870.45 in 2022. This is an amazing amount. Thank you to everyone who has supported us. We would dearly love some volunteers to come forward, either on a Sunday morning at Coffee, or if they wish to open the cupboards for meeting or services during the week.

Fairtrade offers us all the opportunity to show solidarity with poorer communities in the developing world – its importance in giving a chance to escape grinding poverty through the provision of education, or the possibility of reducing dependence on cash crops alone cannot be over-emphasized.

All our goods are supplied from the Warrington Fair4All stall, now in the new market. Warrington is a Fairtrade town and our contribution, together with that of other churches throughout the town are vital to this status.

At the start of 2023, Traidcraft, the firm which used to supply much of Fair4All's stock, went into administration, putting a strain on the goods we can source. We are working hard to try to identify other Fairtrade suppliers and ensure that we can continue our work. If you want to know more about the Fair4All stall on the market, have a chat to us.

The Williams family



REFUGEE AID COLLECTION



The Care UK Charity, which we support, has been focused on three main areas of work this year - they are helping local homeless people to furnish rented properties, providing the basics including toaster, kettle and microwave, they have also despatched aid to Ukrainian Orphanages and have taken a leading role with providing essentials to asylum seekers staying in local hotels including the Fir Grove Hotel. Donations from St Wilfrid's via Care UK and via direct contact have had a positive benefit for the residents there, which include a significant number of young children. The two shops in Warrington provide a valuable source of income which is ploughed back into the charities' activities. Volunteers are very welcome to come along and spend a couple of hours helping in the shop or sorting donations. Please contact alison@careukcharity.org.uk for further information.

Alison Collins



Christmas gifts were distributed to the children at the Fir Grove & Walking Day and our Annual Christmas Fayre made a welcome return!



BRIDGEWATER CHURCHES TOGETHER (BCT)

St Wilfrid's is a member of BCT - an umbrella group of churches of all denominations in the local area, which meets four times a year and we were recently pleased to welcome Bethesda Church to our number.

Each year BCT arranges Ecumenical Services i.e. the Week of Christian Unity, Good Friday (an open air service held outside the Mulberry Tree pub), Christian Aid week, Pentecost and the annual Christmas Carol Service usually held in St Thomas' Church, each church taking a turn to host. We were pleased to welcome Bishop Mark to the Carol Service who in his address, pointed people towards any Nurture/Alpha Courses happening in the New Year.

Each church makes a small annual financial contribution to BCT and collections taken at Ecumenical Services are usually donated to local charities such as Warrington Foodbank, St Joseph's Centre and also to Christian Aid. It supports the Creamfields Festival and Broomfields Youth Project who meet on a Friday evening in "The Shack", a building on the Broomfields School site which serves a great demand, especially on Friday nights when young people meet together to hear about the Gospel.

The service for Pentecost held in Stockton Heath Methodist Church was also a celebration of HRH Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Churches helped with accommodation, furniture and hosting coffee mornings for the Ukrainian refugees but some had returned home. Some of the Iranian refugees in the Lord Daresbury Hotel attended Daresbury Church.

In view of the effects of energy problems created by the Ukrainian war, some churches had agreed to provide a Warm Space where people could meet for a coffee and a small bite. We were also made aware of the asylum seekers to be placed in the Firgrove and how churches could work together to help.

Marjorie Cassin (Hon Sec)

Jubilee Concert Party June 2022



DEANERY SYNOD

St Wilfrid's, Grappenhall, is part of Great Budworth Deanery, where Rev'd Jane has been the Rural Dean since 2021. Our Deanery is one of 18 within the Chester Diocese. They provide a sub-Diocesan church structure for peer support and sharing experiences for both clergy and parishes.

Deanery Synod brings together clergy, lay readers, pastoral workers and lay members. We have four lay members as parish representatives, elected at our Annual Parish Church Meeting.

There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2022; highlights include:

- The February meeting was at Walton. Much of the meeting discussed experiences of the different churches on their recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. It was recognised that some online initiatives started for the pandemic would probably continue, as they help to meet the needs of those still sheltering and other house-bound members of the congregation.
- The July meeting was a special open meeting, held at St Wilfrid's. Teams of representatives came from the various churches to listen to Neil Hudson, the author of *"Imagine Church: Releasing Dynamic Everyday Disciples and Scattered and Gathered: Equipping Disciples for the Frontline"*. It was an interactive meeting with the presentation interspersed with small group chats to allow churches to think about their own response to mission and evangelism. St Wilfrid's was well represented.
- The October meeting, run by Harriet Roberts, the Diocesan Director of Vision and Strategy was also open. It was a "Vision Café" to capture the views of those present as part of an open-minded process to help determine the values on which the Diocese will base a strategy for working and growing together in the future. St Wilfrid's had acted as an early pilot parish for the process, but not all churches in the Deanery had engaged with the Vision Café before this meeting. To encourage a wider exchange of ideas, tables were mixed between churches, and I found this allowed us to consider aspects of the process with a fresh perspective.

Apart from the main talks, the Deanery Synod meetings have regular business including sharing information about new developments and events across the Deanery, and feedback from meetings of the Diocesan and General Synods.

Geraint Williams, Deanery Synod Parish Representative



September 2022 a memorial book is opened following the death of Queen Elizabeth II



August 2022 and many more members of our congregation volunteering at Creamfields



April 2022 saw us hosting a support Café for Ukrainian refugees



December 2022 and the Christingle raised money for *The Children's Society* while Gill raised money and awareness through her work for local charity *Room at the Inn*





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The Annual financial Report (2022) – 27 April 2023

1. The Role of the Treasurer –

- a. To be **responsible** for the disbursement of funds (restricted & unrestricted) within policies established by the Charities Commission, the Church of England & the PCC
- b. To be **accountable to the PCC** – Use CofE guidelines in the Parish Resources website
 - i. To increase transparency by regular reporting of information to the PCC
 - ii. To implement Standard Account Descriptions, thus providing consistent Accounts
 - iii. To Lead & Manage the Church Extension (Annexe Project) and ensure all transactions are fully incorporated into our accounts, via a Designated Account

2. The Financial Report - The Treasurer's objectives on behalf of the PCC were achieved in full and the Examiner Mervyn Roberts has audited and signed-off the detailed final accounts

3. The Headlines

- a. We have recovered from the Covid 19 issues in our 2022 accounts
 - i. Government grants received due to Covid was £33,839
- b. We have completed the Annexe Project in full within our estimated Budget cost and are holding a retention of £3,250 in Reserve, which is due to be paid off in early 2023
 - i. Therefore, our Building related donations have now reduced significantly
 - ii. We have personal loans of £49,500 outstanding, to be repaid in 2025
- c. We have doubled our annual income from the Parish Centre letting (since pre Covid)
- d. We have a salaried Administrator, now included within our costs
- e. Due to Income of £223,878, less Expenditure of £210,714, we had a surplus of **£13,164**
- f. We owe 50% of Christmas Fayre Surplus, due to SWC School £4,265 in January 2023

4. Cashflow Statement - The Summary by Month

- a. The Cash movements and balances by month, for the year are highlighted
- b. The Natwest current account balance, as at 31 December 2022 was £22,505

5. The Income Report – The months January to December 2022

- a. The total Income for 2022 was £223,878
 - i. The normal annual Income (excl. Annexe Project), for 2021 was £156,402
 - ii. Therefore, an annual increase of **£67,476**

6. The Expenditure Report – The months January to December 2022

- a. The total Expenditure in 2022 was £210,714,
 - i. The normal annual Expenditure (excl. Annexe Project), for 2021 was £177,439
 - ii. Therefore, an annual increase of **£33,275**

7. The Overview of Income & Expenditure for 2022 Year to Date

- a. Income of £223,878, less Expenditure £210,714 a surplus of £13,164

8. The Church Extension Project (Annexe, track, path and car park) – Activity

- a. The Church Extension Project Designated Account – Activity over 8 years (2015-2022)
- b. Designated Account Income & Expenditure (as attached)
- c. **Main Income** - Start of Project to date is **£787,685**, including the following.....
 - i. Personal Annexe Donations - £363,926
 - ii. Annexe related Fundraising on Events - £37,715
 - iii. Members Loans currently outstanding, **-£49,500, due in 2025**

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- iv. Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC on Personal Donations - £58,684
- v. Company Donations £87,150
- vi. Annexe related Grant Funding received - £190,710

- d. **Main Expenditure** from start of Project to date was £777,307
 - i. Annexe various Reports and Professional Fees to date is currently £147,576
 - ii. Annexe related Events, Purchases & VAT Reclaimed is currently £8,480
 - iii. Annexe Contractor Build costs is currently £621,251
 - iv. We have in Reserve for Builder's Retention of **£3,250**, due in early 2023

9. Funds held in our Bank Reserve Accounts as at 31 December 2022

- i. CCLA Deposit account Reserves are currently at £30,847
- ii. CCLA Building Project account balance is currently at £7,914
- iii. CCLA Investment cost of £7,916 is currently valued at £32,916

10. The Succession Plan for the future – Reducing single dependency by simplifying and improving the robustness of existing processes and financial reports, including separation of control. Therefore, for Business Continuity, we intend to split a future Treasurer's role into a Book-keeper (to provide our financial & monthly management accounts) and a Finance Officer (to undertake the remaining part of the Treasurer's role), involving the Bank account payments. This role can be introduced within a few days, should it be required.

- a. We have identified an external Book-keeper, who has been interviewed by Revd Jane, Linda and Gill, who have all approved him for the role
- b. He has shadowed me for the production of the 2022 annual financial accounts
- c. We are working on the revised processes, to provide our routine financial reporting at each PCC Meeting, as needed
- d. Encouraging future recruitment to the role of Treasurer and Cashier

11. Thank You - Finally, I take this opportunity to thank Linda for acting as temporary Cashier and simplifying my task, by analysing and Paying into the Bank regularly. Jonathan Dixon, who has retired from his duties, as Gift Aid Secretary and Energy manager. Bob Wallace, Gift Aid Officer, for his work in the reclaiming of Gift Aid on our behalf from HMRC, who has also retired after 34 years' service – A very big thank you. Their roles have now been merged and will be taken over by Geraint Williams, as Thanksgiving Officer in the new year of 2023.

Additionally, I would like to thank all members of the Building Project team (completed full sign-off in November 2022), particularly, those who supported me in being able to deliver the project objectives under budget, even through the difficult Covid 19 period. Further, a special thank you to Jenny Pearce, who was instrumental in our huge success in Grant funding (fully itemised in the Designated Account). Also, to all those who generously contributed, enabling us to complete the Project, without any external loans.....An achievement, that we all can be proud of at SWC, Grappenhall. Finally, a big thank you to Revd Jane and the PCC team for their trust and support for the Building Project since 2015 and the successful delivery of all its objectives.

Should there be any questions, please raise them with me directly.

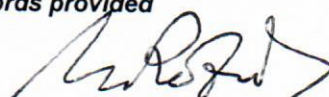
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27 April 2023

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Receipts - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2022

Income	Incoming Resourc	Income Account Description	2021	2022
1		Tax Efficient Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	£54,706	£57,442
		Bank - (Gift Aid)	£49,719	£46,162
		Envelopes - (Gift Aid)	£4,325	£3,410
		Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	£662	£7,870
2		Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	£1,588	£4,105
		Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	£1,408	£1,174
		Bank - (Non Gift Aid)	£180	£2,931
3		Collections at Services	£7,402	£15,314
		Loose Plate Collections2	£4,932	£12,844
		Friends of St Wilfrid's2	£70	£70
		Special Collections2	£2,400	£2,400
4		All Other Giving (recurring and one off)	£19,532	£9,502
		Donations & Appeals2	£15,934	£4,220
		Flower Fund2	£375	£1,170
		Church Boxes2		£1,336
		Church Yard Donations	£3,223	£2,776
6		Gift Aid Recovered	£35,007	£16,806
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Annexe Project	£19,501	£2,500
		Gift Aid Tax Received - General	£15,505	£12,068
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Other		£2,238
7		Legacies Received		£1,000
		Cash Received from Legacies2		£1,000
8		Grants Received	£145,092	£33,893
		Grants Received - Annexe	£90,350	
		Grants Received - Government / WBC	£54,742	£33,893
9		Fund Raising	£4,443	£21,516
		Events - General	£1,757	£223
		Events - Special	-£206	£17,099
		Events - Annexe	£2,892	£2,021
		Events - Creamfields		£2,173
10		Income From Investments	£38,031	£1,493
		Interest (Bank/Building Society)2	£140	£656
		Dividends	£1,273	£837
		Sale of Shares	£36,618	
11		Receipts from Church Activities (PCC Fees)	£30,800	£30,477
		Baptisms2	£1,861	£1,817
		Weddings2	£7,264	£8,180
		Funerals2	£21,675	£20,481
12		Receipts from Church Activities (Trading)	£16,310	£22,840
		Book Stall Sales2	£47	£65
		Magazine Sales	£38	£2,680
		Magazine Advertising		£480
		Hire/Lettings - Hall	£16,194	£19,425
		Hire/Lettings - Annexe	£30	£190
13		Other Incoming Resources	£75,234	£9,489
		Charity Receipts2	£514	£5,089
		Project - Church Extension Donations Personal	£75,720	£10,400
		Project - Church Extension Donations Companies	£4,000	£4,000
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Loan	-£5,000	-£10,000
Grand Total			£428,144	£223,878

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31 December 2022 and confirm that they are in accordance with books of account and records provided

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)



22.2.23

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Payments - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2022

Resources Expended	Resources Expended	Expenditure Account Description	2021	2022
17		Fund Raising Activities (Costs and Payments)	7,378	19,418
		DBF Fees paid to Chester	6,998	8,075
		Events - Special	380	6,583
		Events - Creamfields		2,753
		Events - General		224
		Events - Annexe		969
		Bookstall Fund		127
		Bank Charges		688
18		Mission Giving & Donations	2,879	4,155
		Giving to Home Missions	1,779	2,333
		Flower Fund Payments	1,100	1,822
19		Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	74,620	76,302
		Parish Share	74,620	76,302
20		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	9,337	11,686
		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	9,337	11,686
21		Clergy and Staff Expenses	3,531	7,343
		Rectory - Council Tax	2,350	2,443
		Clergy - Working Expenses	102	1,443
		Rectory - House Expenses	465	2,680
		Clergy - Telephone	96	
		Rectory - Water Rates	517	777
23		Church Running Expenses	34,662	46,904
		Church Running Costs - Other	4,872	7,192
		Church Yard Maintenance	8,665	6,174
		Church Running Costs - Insurance	4,610	5,173
		Church Running Costs - Upkeep of Services	3,902	4,816
		Church Running Costs - Maintenance	1,681	6,168
		Printing, Posting & Stationery	2,518	2,783
		Church Organ - Fees	1,811	3,306
		Church Running Costs - Electricity, Gas & Water	2,226	752
		Church Running Costs - Electricity & Gas	2,085	5,427
		Church Running Costs - Office Telephone	1,868	1,904
		Church - Magazine Expenses		804
		Church Organ/Piano - Tuning	274	504
		Church Running Costs - Cleaning	150	1,902
25		Cost of Trading	10,947	14,227
		Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	2,762	3,932
		Parish Centre - Maintenance	4,176	2,424
		Parish Centre - Insurance	2,264	2,023
		Other Outgoing Resources / Payments		
		Parish Centre - Major Repairs		
		Parish Centre - Cleaning	150	1,506
		Parish Centre - Water	837	372
		Parish Centre - Minor Repairs	235	4,032
		Parish Centre - Trading	160	466
		Parish Centre - Other	363	-527
26		Governance Costs	649	302
		Visiting Speakers/Locums	629	233
		Training - Costs of Trustee/PCC	-140	69
		Training & Mission Costs	160	
27		Major Repairs to the Church Building	1,975	19
		Church - Major Repairs		

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Payments - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2022

Resources Expended	Resources Expended	Expenditure Account Description	2021	2022
27	Major Rep	Church - Minor Repairs (Decoration)	1,975	19
29	New Building Work	Church, Church Hall, Clergy Housing	525,032	30,358
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Contractor (Build)	455,251	12,500
		Project - Bell Ringers	1,310	4,490
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Fees	16,889	3,654
		Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes	31,460	9,066
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Equipment	13,520	648
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Reports	6,602	
Grand Total			671,010	210,714

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Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)



Date: 22.2.23

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Cashflow Statement 2022

Year	Month	Month Name	Sum of Receipts Value	Sum of Payments Value	Sum of Transfers Value	Monthly movements and Account Balance	Bank Balance
2021 Total	12	December	£50,158.92	£28,486.40	-£29,257.79	-£7,585.27	£18,134.56
			£428,144.22	£671,010.41	£237,666.94	-£5,199.25	
	1	January	£11,725.21	£14,836.31		-£3,111.10	£15,023.46
	2	February	£42,367.27	£19,334.23	-£28,570.00	-£5,536.96	£9,486.50
	3	March	£13,812.20	£15,462.62		-£1,650.42	£7,836.08
	4	April	£26,310.51	£17,325.34	£10,000.00	£18,985.17	£26,821.25
	5	May	£13,617.55	£14,766.23	-£12,068.00	-£13,216.68	£13,604.57
	6	June	£16,333.40	£14,561.39		£1,772.01	£15,376.58
	7	July	£9,227.96	£19,261.30		-£10,033.34	£5,343.24
	8	August	£18,208.94	£15,298.52	£10,000.00	£12,910.42	£18,253.66
	9	September	£9,285.38	£18,269.80		-£8,984.42	£9,269.24
	10	October	£17,673.36	£13,966.63		£3,706.73	£12,975.97
	11	November	£11,865.91	£31,274.42	£12,500.00	-£6,908.51	£6,067.46
	12	December	£33,450.73	£16,357.28	-£655.58	£16,437.87	£22,505.33
2022 Total			£223,878.42	£210,714.07	-£8,793.58	£4,370.77	

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31st December 2022 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

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Date: 22. 2. 23

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2022

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

INVESTMENTS

Valuation of Investment at Original Cost

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	32,916	7,916	23,843

Market Value:

CBF Investment Fund - 1,648.41 Units: £2,066.14 (£34,058.46)

Central Board of Finance Deposits

Deposit Fund
Friends of St Wilfrid's
Church Annexe Project Fund

	30,848	38,766	40,966
	0	0	9,523
	7,914	16,202	226,219
	38,762	54,968	276,708

Cash At Bank

Natwest - Balance as at 31 December

	22,505	18,135	23,334
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TOTAL ASSETS

	94,183	81,019	323,885
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REPRESENTED BY

Income & Expenditure Balance b/fwd
Excess Income over Expenditure in year-Deficit

	81,019	323,885	224,524
	13,164	-242,866	99,361
	94,183	81,019	323,885

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2022

Statement of Funds

Item Description	2022	2021	2020
	Closing Balance	Closing Balance	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds			
Natwest Bank - Stockton Heath	22,505.33	18,134.56	23,333.80
CCLA - London			
Deposit Fund	30,847.39	38,765.82	40,965.83
Friends of St Wilfrid's Church	0.00	0.00	9,522.86
Church Building Project Fund	7,914.37	16,202.36	226,219.43
Sub-Total CCLA Funds	38,761.76	54,968.18	276,708.12

Total - Cash Funds

61,267.0973,102.74300,041.92

Investments Shares - as at 31 December

CBF Investment Fund	No. of shares	1,648.41	500.00	2,710.58
	MV per share (£)	20.6614	23.4181	20.4873
Valuation				
	34,058.46	11,709.05	55,532.47	
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	No. of shares	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	MV per share (£)	20.6614	23.4181	1.6962
Valuation				
	0.00	0.00	1,696.20	

Total Value of Investments

34,058.4611,709.0557,228.67

Total Funds Held

95,325.5584,811.79357,270.59

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Date:

22. 2. 23

Return of Parish Finance
January to December 2022

Parish code (6 digits):	590069	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Deanery:	Great Budworth
Parish name:	St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall	Grappenhall, St Wilfrid's (609069) - 0405	Diocese:	Chester

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
1	Voluntary income/ receipts		
2	Tax efficient planned giving	£57,489	
3	Other planned giving	£4,105	
4	Collections at services	£15,314	
5	(recurring and one-off)	£9,455	
6	Gift Aid recovered	£16,806	
7	Legacies received (capital value)	1,000	
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	33,893	
	TOTAL Voluntary income:	£ 138,062	
9	Activities for generating funds		
	Gross income from fundraising activities	£21,516	
10	Income from investments		
	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£1,493	
11	Church activities		
	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£30,477	
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall).	£22,840	
13	Other incoming resources		
	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£9,490	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		£ 223,878	
A	Unrestricted	£ 223,878	
B	Restricted		
C	TOTAL	£ 223,878	

RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
17	Costs of generating income		
	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£19,418	
18	Church activities		
	Mission giving and donations	£4,155	
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£76,302	
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 11,686	
21	Clergy and staff expenses	7,343	
	Church expenses		
22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs		
23	Church running expenses	£40,726	
24	Church utility bills	£6,178	
25	Cost of trading	£14,227	
27	Major capital expenditure		
	Major repairs to the church building	£ -	
28	Redecoration		
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or	£ 30,377	
	SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure items above:	£ 210,412	
26	Governance costs	£ 302	
99	Other outgoing resources/ payments		
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		£ 210,714	
D	Unrestricted	£ 210,714	
E	Restricted		
F	TOTAL	£ 210,714	

31	Cash and Investment Balances		
	Cash and deposit balance as at 31/12/22	£ 61,267	
32	Investments as at 31/12/22	£ 34,058	
30	Receipts and payments [x]		
	Date	21-Feb-23	
	Name	Charles Jesudason	
	Position	Treasurer	
	Telephone or email	charles@jesudason.co.uk	

Looking back across 2022, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box below.
1) The values are now back to normal (prior to the impact of Covid) and the completion of the Church Extension Project in October 2021.

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Mervyn K Roberts

Date: 22.2.23

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, GRAPPENHALL, ANNEXE EXTENSION - DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Sum of Payments Value		YEAR										
Income Account Description		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total	Group Totals	
SWC Legacy - Prior 2015		100,000								100,000		
SWC Annexe Personal Donations - Personal										263,926		
SWC Events - Annexe			5,000	60	3,888	69,212	104,646	75,720	10,400	37,715		
SWC Annexe Personal Loans - (to be Repaid)						19,223	8,579	2,892	2,021	49,500		
St Wilfrid's Church Funding											451,140	
SWC Annexe - Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed - HMRC												
SWC Annexe Donations - Companies				9,000	20,000	16,250	20,433	19,501	2,500	58,684		
Non St Wilfrid's Church Funding						36,000	14,150	4,000	4,000	87,150		
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation						10,000				10,000	145,834	
Grant - Ecclesiastical Insurance						260				260		
Grant - Dowager Eleanor Peel Trust							5,000			5,000		
Grant - Garfield Weston							17,900			17,900		
Grant - Beatrice Laing							25,000			25,000		
Grant - Lottery Funding							6,500			6,500		
Grant - Joseph Rank Trust							9,700			9,700		
Grant - Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council							30,000			30,000		
Reserves - Grant from DCMS to replenish our Reserves							5,000			5,000		
Reserves - CCLA Church Project Fund - Reserve							42,000			42,000		
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation							16,000			16,000		
Grant - Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust							10,000			10,000		
Grant - Robert Clutterbuck							1,850			1,850		
Grant - Bernard Sunley Foundation Phase 2							1,500			1,500		
St Wilfrid's Annexe Grant Funding							10,000			10,000		
											190,710	
	TOTAL RECEIVED	100,000	5,000	9,060	23,888	150,945	276,407	213,463	8,921	787,685	787,685	
	CUMALATIVE BY YEAR	100,000	105,000	114,060	137,948	288,893	565,300	778,763	787,685			
Sum of Receipts Value		YEAR										
Expenditure Account Description		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total	Group Totals	
SWC Annexe -Reports - Churchyard, Archaeology, Bats etc			150	5,906	2,753	812	12,359	6,602		28,581		
SWC Annexe - Architects Fees				9,834	29,249	5,130	16,339	16,915	254	77,720		
SWC Annexe - Surveyor, Structural, Mechanical etc - Fees					4,200	23,174	1,200	9,300	3,400	41,274		
											147,576	
SWC Events - Annexe						3,775	0	0	969	4,744		
SWC Annexe Fees - LPWS - VAT Reclaimed from HMRC							-11,719	-9,326		-21,045		
SWC Annexe Equipment - Purchases Completed						9,470	1,143	13,520	648	24,782	8,480	
							153,500	334,001	12,500	500,001		
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Grosvenor								121,250		121,250		
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Downhigh (Retention £3,250)											621,251	
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	0	150	15,740	36,201	42,361	172,822	492,261	17,771	777,307	777,307	
	CUMALATIVE BY YEAR		150	15,890	52,091	94,452	267,275	759,536	777,307		10,378	

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Adhoc Thanksgiving - Including One off Giving, Special Envelopes, Contactless Giving - 2022														
	Annual		Baptism		Flowers		Yellow		Sumup Mobile		Sumup Fixed		Total	
Row Labels	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual
£0.01 - £5.00	1	250					10	67	105	406	95	407	211	1,130
£5.01 - £10.00	3	1,220					9	170	46	386	31	306	89	2,082
£10.01 - £15.00							1	34	13	184	17	336	31	554
£15.01 - £20.00			1	20	10	240	4	392	10	189			25	841
£20.01 - £30.00	1	1,250	3	90	8	295	1	300	4	120	1	30	18	2,085
£30.01 - £40.00					1	70	2	3,713	1	40	2	99	6	3,922
£40.01 - £50.00			13	700	1	50			1	45	1	59	16	854
£50.00 +			13	4,540	3	2,455	4	852					20	7,847
Grand Total	5	2,720	30	5,350	23	3,110	31	5,527	180	1,370	147	1,237	416	19,315

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, GRAPPENHALL

2022	Band	Weekly Envelope Scheme	Bank Standing Order	Ad-hoc	Total	
		Weekly Equivalent	Weekly Equivalent	Weekly Equivalent	Count	Value
Number	Range	Weekly Count	Value	Monthly Count	Count	Value
1	£0.01 - £5.00	3	26	27	211	1,130
2	£5.01 - £10.00			35	89	2,082
3	£10.01 - £15.00			13	31	554
4	£15.01 - £20.00	2	399	4	25	841
5	£20.01 - £30.00	6	1,219	10	18	2,085
6	£30.01 - £40.00	2	651		6	3,922
7	£40.01 - £50.00	1	48	1	16	854
8	£50.00 +	2	1,325	1	20	7,847
Total - 52 Weeks		16	3,668	91	416	19,315
Monthly Average			£19.10			-
Weekly Average			£4.41			-
2021	Band	Weekly Envelope Scheme	Bank Standing Order	Ad-Hoc	Total	
		Envelopes	Weekly Equivalent	Weekly Equivalent	Count	Value
Number	Range	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count
1	£0.01 - £5.00	12	1,750	24	4,108	0
2	£5.01 - £10.00	4	1,456	29	11,212	0
3	£10.01 - £15.00	1	600	15	9,612	0
4	£15.01 - £20.00	0	0	5	4,403	0
5	£20.01 - £30.00	1	1,205	12	14,257	0
6	£30.01 - £40.00	0	0	0	0	0
7	£40.01 - £50.00	0	0	1	2,160	0
8	£50.00 +	0	0	1	3,840	0
Total - 52 Weeks		18	5,011	87	49,592	0
Monthly Average			23.20		47.50	-
Weekly Average			5.35		10.96	-



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

PCC ST. WILFRID'S GRAPPENHALL

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DEC 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1131723

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Mervyn Keith Roberts

Date:

22.2.2023

Name:

MERVYN KEITH ROBERTS.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

A.C.A.

(if any):

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE.