

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, CHAPELTOWN

England & Wales · Charity number 1131768

Details

Other names ST JOHN'S PCC, CHAPELTOWN

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-09-23

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: Provision of weekly public worship open to all. Pastoral work, including visits to the bereaved and the sick. Teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, courses, special events and cell groups. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. The provision of a youth group in a locality which has no other significant youth work of any kind. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£138,943	£125,895	-	-
2023-12-31	£120,624	£123,340	-	-
2022-12-31	£110,412	£116,124	-	-
2021-12-31	£114,113	£119,747	-	-
2020-12-31	£110,324	£111,673	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev RICHARD ANDREW STORDY	Chair	
Amber Lenton		2023-04-23
Andrew Dickinson		2021-05-23
Andrew Mumford		2020-10-18
COLIN BEECH		2023-04-23
Esther Herbert		2024-04-28
Georgina Battey		2018-04-29
Helen Ruddlesdin		2025-05-11
Helen Sturgess		2025-05-11
IAN RAYMOND WATSON		
Karen Hough		2025-05-11
Krista Stones		2025-05-11
Michael Gilmour		2022-04-25
Nicola Wareing		2021-05-23
Rev David Whitehead		2018-07-01
Rev Peter Swards		2024-07-01
Shirley Dickinson		2021-05-23
Tony Booth		2025-05-11
Valerie Wilson		2023-10-18
Victoria Gardiner		2025-05-11

Accounts



**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPELTOWN
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Charity Registration No. 1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Address	St John's Parish Centre 21 Housley Park Chapelton Sheffield S35 2UE
Clergy	Revd Canon Richard Stordy – incumbent Revd David Whitehead - associate minister Revd Jim Crossley – curate (until June 2023) Revd Christine Low – retired (from June 2023)
Independent Examiner	Jennifer Copley
Bankers	Virgin Money Sheffield S6 2LY
Charity Number	1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Ex Officio Members of the PCC

Clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to the Parish	Revd Canon Richard Stordy – Vicar - Chairman Revd David Whitehead – Associate Minister Revd Peter Swards – Curate (from June 2024)
Lay Workers	Mr Mikey Gilmour – Youth worker
Church Wardens	Mr Paul Buckley Mrs Shirley Dickinson
Readers	Mr Ian Watson

Standard Representatives

Mrs Georgina Battey	(Deanery Synod Representative)
Mr Colin Beech	
Mrs Sandra Buckley	
Mr Andrew Dickinson	(Deanery Synod Representative)
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer)
Miss Amber Lenton	
Mrs Pat Smith	
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Nicky Wareing	
Mrs Val Wilson	

Officers of the PCC

Secretary	Mrs Esther Herbert	(from April 2024)
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Catherine Jackson	
Giving Secretary	Mrs Monica Sharp	
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Fiona Battey	

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

Structure, governance and management

St. John's church is based at the Parish Centre, 21, Housley Park, Chapeltown, Sheffield. Due to the legal closure of its building in 2003, the congregation meets for worship both at the Parish Centre and at the Newton Hall on Cowley Lane in Chapeltown. St. John's is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

The PCC has enjoyed charitable status since 23 September 2009 (Charity number 1131768).

The PCC has up-to-date policies which are regularly reviewed: a Safeguarding Policy (updated and approved November 2024), covering all issues relating to the safeguarding of children and young people and vulnerable adults, a Health & Safety Policy (updated and approved September 2023) and a Domestic Abuse Policy (approved September 2024).

The trustees who served during the year were:

Revd Canon Richard Stordy	(Chairman)
Revd David Whitehead	Associate minister
Revd Peter Swards	Curate (from June 2024)
Mrs Georgina Battey	
Mr Colin Beech	
Mrs Sandra Buckley	
Mrs Esther Herbert	
Miss Amber Lenton	
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer)
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Pat Smith	(Secretary)
Mrs Nicky Wareing	
Mr Ian Watson	
Mrs Val Wilson	

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

New trustees are welcomed and receive training in their duties and responsibilities at their first PCC meeting after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting each year. They also receive a leaflet published by the Diocese of Sheffield on the responsibilities of Trustees. At each PCC meeting any further questions or issues are dealt with as they arise.

The PCC member who served during the year and is not a trustee of the charity was Mr Mikey Gilmour (Youth worker).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our trustee meetings the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The activities of our church provide tangible benefits to many in our community, and in particular by

1. The provision of weekly public worship open to all.
2. Pastoral work, including visits to the bereaved and the sick.
3. Teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, courses, special events and our cell groups.

4. Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
5. The provision of a youth group in a locality which has no other significant youth work of any kind.
6. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Objectives and activities

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, Rick Stordy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in accordance with the Church's vision statement:

**St. John's is a church *here for God, here for you,*
aiming to grow UP towards God, IN with each other and, OUT to others**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The PCC has responsibility for running costs and maintenance for the Parish Centre, which was used for a midweek communion on the first Wednesday of each month, the *E68* and *Element* youth groups, the Bumps & Babies and St. John's Tots groups and *Wednesday Friends* who use the Parish Centre each week and contribute to the Parish Centre income. There were a number of occasional or less regular community users, including the Nigerian Anglican Church who met at the Parish Centre on Sunday mornings. The church office is also based at the Parish Centre.

Electoral Roll & Sunday worship

There was a very small increase on the Electoral Roll from 129 to 131, of whom 34 are non-residents in the parish.

Our average Sunday attendance has remained almost the same as last year at 85 adults and 10 children (though lower than pre-Covid levels; compare our 2019 figures: 109 adults and 15 children). This may partly reflect the fact that the St. Saviour's 9.30am congregation is now consistently attended by about 10 of our regulars who were part of our former 8am or 10.30am congregations. Added to this is (a) the fact that some of our 11am congregation attend less regularly than they used to be; and (b) we have lost a few members as a result of the wider difficulties the Church of England is facing over its teaching on marriage and sexuality.

Our worship was led by a team of clergy, our youth worker, reader and other preachers, and our music group. All of them gave of their time and skills with great generosity.

Christian teaching and learning

The heart of our spiritual diet is the reading of Scripture and preaching each Sunday. The year saw several sermon series:

- *Your Body: the Maker's Manual* (January-March);
- *Come and see: John's Gospel 1-5* (April-August);
- *The Call: vision & values for Christ's people* (September-November);
- we ended the year with a short series for December called *Messiah's Manifesto: the gospel in Isaiah*.

Audio recordings of all these are available online on our website and this resource is regularly used.

Our Lent course was shared with St. Saviour's and hosted in the Parish Centre. This year it was called *Closer: deepening our walk with Christ*, and featured a variety of speakers, both women and men, lay and ordained sharing something of how they meet Christ day by day in Scripture and prayer. It was attended by 40-50 people most weeks.

Cell groups & Christian discipleship

Alongside weekly Sunday worship, our cell groups continued to be the other side of the coin in our core activities. At year's end, there were 76 people involved in these, meeting in 9 groups. The groups meet weekly, at different venues, times and days of the week, with a threefold aim:

1. To build up Christian disciples
2. To develop new leaders
3. To reach out in evangelistic witness

There are also 2 further small groups: a fortnightly Tuesday morning Bible study and weekly Thursday morning Ladies Bible study, both of which are growing in popularity.

A further development this year was a special weekend away retreat for women held at Mirfield, in June, attended by 20 women from all generations, who came back much inspired and encouraged.

Pastoral care

Our clergy and licensed Pastoral Worker visited members of the congregation and wider parish regularly. Over the year, the clergy visited the bereaved and conducted 14 funerals. The vicar, sometimes assisted by volunteers, also conducts a monthly service in one of the care homes in the Parish, which attracts healthy numbers. An exciting development during the year was the training and commissioning of a new Pastoral visiting team. Our Home Communion team continue to visit a number of those who are housebound and who greatly value their work.

Mothers' Union

We have a committed and active Mothers' Union group, which promotes and supports family life. The group has 21 members (and 2 'Friends of MU'). Members visited the sick and the housebound; helped at the annual Memorial Service for the bereaved; and sent cards and gifts to baptism families.

Witness & serving our community

We offered the community a range of opportunities to discover the Christian faith and to see a Christian community in action by:

1. Enquirers' groups: we offered a number of opportunities for those enquiring about faith to find out more. In January, we ran *Hope Explored* over three weeks; and in September, had a really encouraging *Christianity Explored* group, with some coming to a new faith in Christ, and others growing in the depth of their faith.
2. Work with young families: Bumps 'n' Babies and Tots reached about 61 children and their families, offering practical friendship and Christian witness. We have had some further contact with these families, as well as those we meet through Baptism ministry – with special events like *Who Let The Dads Out* on the weekend of Mothering Sunday.
3. Running popular social occasions, like the Parish Quiz in March; and the regular Wednesday night football evening, which attracts a good number of non-church players.
4. Putting on popular events at the high points of the Christian year, for instance: the Good Friday Open Air witness; and at Christmas time, the very popular Carols in the Pub at Wetherspoons (featuring the Silver Prize Band, a Christmas quiz and short Christmas message).
5. Wednesday Friends: this group for the over-60s, offers a weekly gathering for friendship and support, with an unobtrusive but distinctly Christian presence. It welcomes 15-20 people each week, and regularly sees newcomers.
6. Foodbank: our involvement in the St. Saviour's Foodbank remains steady, with a number helping with the weekly sorting and distribution.

7. Asylum seekers: on Sundays, we regularly welcome visitors from Staindrop Lodge who are seeking asylum. We run a weekly Friday morning drop-in for asylum seekers, offering friendship, conversation and games, with appropriate spiritual and emotional support.
8. Pastoral care: our Pastoral Worker and clergy visited those in particular need. An added blessing for St. John's regulars is the fact that David Whitehead, our Associate Minister, is a hospital chaplain and therefore a familiar and friendly face for any who find themselves in hospital.
9. Sunday worship: week by week, we regularly welcome visitors who are enquiring about faith or looking for a church.
10. The daily witness of the whole congregation: though unseen, we see continually the faithful witness of our church members in their streets, schools and workplaces, being salt and light for Christ.

Youth work

Mikey our youth worker has very much settled in and is giving great direction to our work among the youth. This year saw further changes in the work: sadly Jim Crossley finished with us in June, and several of our older teenagers ceased regular attendance over the summer. However a good number of new younger teens joined us, including several from non-church families. So now we have a younger youth group (*E68*) as well as *Element* on a Thursday evening – a total of around 24 a week.

A number of teens from *Element* attended the *Connect* houseparty in August, which we organise along with the youth teams of three other Sheffield churches (Oughtibridge Parish church, Christ Church Walkley and Christ Church Endcliffe). It was a very inspiring time for the young people, and gave them a real taste of being part of something bigger along with other teenagers.

As part of our commitment to Mikey's ongoing professional development and also to benefit the children and young people he works with, in September Mikey commenced a three-year Certificate in Theology with Crosslands Seminary (with an option to do a fourth year making it a Masters in Theology). We make a contribution to the costs of this and release him a day a week for his studies.

Schools work

Our vicar, curate and youth worker visited all the local infant and junior schools regularly for assemblies. Alongside the vicar, they also hosted church visits around both St. Saviour's and St. Mary's in Ecclesfield, which gives a valuable chance to tell the story of Jesus using the church building.

Charitable giving

A total of £900 was given to our four mission partners: the work of the Oatridges, Leprosy Mission and St Saviours Foodbank.

Achievements and performance

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average attendance rate of 81%. The Standing Committee (Development Team) met between meetings, and their deliberations were received by the full PCC where necessary.

Financial review

Total receipts were £138,943 of which £128,248 was the main giving from the congregation (planned giving, collections and one-off giving). This represents an increase of £18,319 from the previous year. Regular giving by the congregation to the previously restricted Youth Worker fund has now been combined into one combined unrestricted church fund.

The expenditure has likewise been combined into one unrestricted general church fund. Overall expenditure was £125,895, an increase of £2,555 from last year.

The Parish Centre has now little spare capacity and has a number of regular bookings. Expenditure was tightly controlled in 2024, and income from rentals was £9,111.

£55,000 was paid towards the Diocesan Common Fund, which largely provides stipends, housing for the clergy and all central support of the parish and its clergy (e.g. Church House and the various Diocesan departments like the Parish Support Team). The Parish remains committed to paying its full contribution in terms of supporting ordained ministry across our region, and this is a good contribution for a church of our size in a community such as ours.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £13,048. This means that the total balance carried forward at 31 December 2024 was £254,243.

Staffing

At the end of June 2024 Pete Swards arrived as our new curate, and was ordained Deacon at Sheffield Cathedral. With Rick being away on sick leave for heart surgery, our good friend Rev Jane Truman kindly supervised Pete for his early months, and Rev Chris Low also offered her wisdom and support. It has been our delight to welcome Pete and Iona and their girls Phoebe and Josie into the church family.

Reserves policy

As a charity we aim to have a cash balance of between 5% and 10% of annual income. Income against expenditure is monitored monthly and any remedial action taken to remedy any cash flow or unexpected changes to income or expenditure.

Going Concern

The charities income is predominantly from contributions from individual church members and the number of members has stayed consistent over the last 10 years. The church continues to attract new members to replace those who have moved away or died. The PCC closely monitors the charities expenditure and is continuing to review the condition of its building to identify essential repairs. There are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The charity is a public benefit entity. The Diocese of Sheffield strategy review 2019 confirms that the Diocese supports the church's ongoing ministry and discussions would occur with the Diocese if any material uncertainties occur.

Future plans

There is much to be grateful for as we look back on 2024. It was a year of much change, in particular in:

- **Growing numbers and ministry:** during the year several individuals and families joined us; others came to follow Christ for the first time.
- **Mission Area & new leadership:** our relationship with St. Saviour's High Green as a united Mission Area continued to deepen, not least as we trained and commissioned 4 new Focal Ministers, to work alongside our clergy and wardens, with responsibilities for overseeing particular aspects of our life and ministry: Sylvia Charles (pastoral care); Andrew Dickinson (Cells, training & nurture); John Harpur (evangelism); and Lisa Lenton (youth & children's).

In January

1

Growing younger

- uniting to reach young adults, children & youth

2

Growing new believers

- going out to our communities in joyful, growing witness

3

Growing partnership

These four priorities remain the most pressing areas for our attention and need to direct and review our ongoing work. As the year progressed, three related themes emerged for us to priorities as we look into 2025 and 2026, namely:

- If we are to grow new believers, we need to become **more confident and fruitful in our evangelism**, even beyond our existing networks of families and friends;
- To grow our premises, namely the Parish Centre, we need **to invest in some significant repairs and ongoing maintenance**, which stretches our financial giving – though by the end of 2024 we saw some most encouraging examples of God's provision; and
- To keep all this growth going, we need to encourage each other **to make Sunday worship the heart of our spiritual lives**. That means deciding it'll be a real priority ahead of others. We are not the first generation to need to hear afresh the challenge of Scripture

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds,
not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,
but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
(Hebrews 10:23-25)*

In short: Sunday is not just a day of rest: it needs to be a lifeline keeping our relationship with the Lord and each other joyful and overflowing. Join us in praying we might learn more of that in the coming years.

Approved by the PCC on 13th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Revd Canon Richard Stordy
(Chairman)

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity
St John's Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131768

Set out on pages

11-20

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:



Date: 23/10/2025

Name:

Jennifer Copley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

N/A for this engagement

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ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restrictive funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	Note 14 £	Note 13 £	£	£
<u>Income and endowments from</u>						
Donations and legacies	2	128,248	-	-	128,248	107,668
Investments	3	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable	4a	738	-	-	738	2,444
Activity for generating income	4a	9,111	-	-	9,111	7,170
Other	4b, 5	846	-	-	846	3,342
Total income		138,943	-	-	138,943	120,624
<u>Expenditure</u>						
	6					
Charitable expenses		118,306	-	-	118,306	117,852
Costs of raising Funds		7,064	-	-	7,064	5,138
Losses on fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Governance		525	-	-	525	350
Total resources expended		125,895	-	-	125,895	123,340
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		13,048	-	-	13,048	(2,716)
Transfers between funds General and Youth		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds 13,14		13,048	-	-	13,048	(2,716)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		117,845	121,976	1,373	241,195	243,911
Transfer in year		123,350	(121,976)	(1,373)	-	-
Fund balances at 31 December 2024						
13,14,15b		254,243	-	-	254,243	241,195

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	10,15a	241,572	244,376
Current assets			
Debtors	11	5,000	7,382
Cash at bank and in hand		22,671	8,723
Total		27,671	16,105
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	15,000	19,286
Net current assets less liabilities		12,671	(3,181)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>254,243</u>	<u>241,195</u>
Income funds			
Restricted income funds	13	-	1,373
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	14	-	121,977
General fund	15a	254,243	117,845
		<u>254,243</u>	<u>241,195</u>

The entire balance was transferred to the General Fund on 1 January 2024. Trustees agreed to move the designated fund and approval was obtained for the restricted fund.
The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 24 March 2024.

Revd Canon Richard Stordy (Chairman)
Trustee

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement. This excludes the balance at 31 December 2024 was £100 (2023 £3,116). Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when there is a legal obligation committing the charity to pay out

All expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.5 Taxation

St John's Parochial Church Council is a registered charity and its activities are not subject to taxation.

1.6 Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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:

Property	1% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33% or 10% straight line
Office Equipment	33%
Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.	

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted /Designated funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations	128,248	-	128,248	107,668
Legacies	-	-	-	-
<i>Total</i>	128,248	-	128,248	107,668

3 Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	-	-

4a Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted 2024 funds	Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	738	-	-	738	2,444
Activities for generating income	9,957	-	-	9,957	7,170
The comparative amounts for 2022 are	71	-	-	6,273	6,273

5 Activities for generating income

	Unrestricted funds	Designate funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Centre rentals	9,111	-	-	9,111	3,342
Funeral fees	-	-	-	-	-
Other	846	-	-	846	-

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on raising funds	-	7,064	-	7,064	5,138
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	37,059	81,247	-	118,306	117,852
Governance		525		525	350
Total	37,059	88,836	-	125,895	123,340

Other costs includes the Common Fund paid to Sheffield Diocese

	55,000	55,000
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7 Grants payable

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
No Grants were made in 2024 or 2023	0	0
	0	0

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but the Vicar was reimbursed a total of £1,951 (2023: £1,507) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage.

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Charitable objectives	3	3

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages ,salaries and pensions	32,781	25,904
Expenses	1,987	
Training and recruitment	2,083	
Other benefits	208	1,953
	37,059	27,857

Included within the number of staff are 2 (2023 – 2) part time employees.

NI Salary costs for 2024 were £nil due to employers NI allowance.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

A NEST pension scheme has been set up in 2023, with one member.

The pension costs charged to the SOFA in the year are contributions payable of £618 (2023: £630).

Costs do not include the Vicar and Curates who are employed by the Diocese of Sheffield.

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Parish Centre	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1/1/24	245,000	5,040	250,040
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31/12/24	245,000	5,040	250,040
Depreciation			
At 1/1/24	2,450	3,213	5,663
Charge for the year	2,450	354	2,804
Revaluation	-	-	-
At 31/12/24	4,900	3,568	8,468
Net Book Value			
At 31/12/24	240,100	1,472	241,572
At 31/12/23	245,000	2,180	247,180

The Parish Centre asset has in the past been fully included in the Designated account. A proportion of usage (60%) for church activities has been put into the General account. The trustees approve that it is fully in the General Account.

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

11 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	5,000	7,382
Prepayments and accrued income		-
	5,000	7,382

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	15,000	19,286
	15,000	19,286

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Movement in funds Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Hidden Gem	1,371	-	-	(1,371)	-
Total	1,371	-	-	(1,371)	-

Newton Hall fund – specific donations received to pay rent of Newton Hall

Youth Worker Fund – grants and donations received to employ a full-time youth worker

Hidden Gem - specific donations received to pay for repairs to Parish Centre. This has been included in the General Fund following approval.

Weekend away-- specific donations received to pay for church weekend away

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £		
Music Group	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Centre	119,564	-	-	(119,564)	-
Ministry Development	2,414	-	-	(2,414)	-
	121,978	-	-	(121,978)	-

The Parish Centre fund is used to run the Centre which is a base for the Parish office, the Youth Work, Bumps and Babies and Toddlers and Wednesday Friends groups. There are also rooms available to hire by the community. This balance in this fund is made up of a proportion of the asset and a negative cash balance as shown in note 15a

The Ministry Development is a fund set aside for future developments in ministry and its use is at the discretion of the PCC.

15a Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	241,572	-	-	241,572
Current assets	27,671	-	-	27,671
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>
	254,243	-	-	254,243

Comparative totals for 2023 were: Tangible assets, £244,376, current assets, £8,764, creditors amounts falling due within one year £19,286.

Cash in hand includes £100 in Agency accounts. Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

31 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

15b Apportionment of assets

From 1 January 2024 all assets have been transferred to the unrestricted fund. Trustees agreed to move the designated fund and approval was obtained for the restricted fund.

16 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year end.

17 Capital commitments

There were no commitments at the year end.

18 Related party transactions

The Vicar was reimbursed a total of £1,951 (2023: £1,950) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage. The Vicar's employment costs are paid by the Diocese of Sheffield and are met from our (and other Church of England churches) contribution to the Common Fund.

The outstanding balance with related parties at 31 December 2024 is £15,000 (2023: £15,000) to the diocese for the Common Fund.

The Common Fund to the Diocese of Sheffield was £55,000 (2023: £55,000).

Accounts



**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPELTOWN
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Charity Registration No. 1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Address	St John's Parish Centre 21 Housley Park Chapelton Sheffield S35 2UE
Clergy	Revd Canon Richard Stordy – incumbent Revd David Whitehead - associate minister Revd Jim Crossley – curate (until June 2023) Revd Christine Low – retired (from June 2023)
Independent Examiner	Jennifer Copley
Bankers	Virgin Money Sheffield S6 2LY
Charity Number	1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Ex Officio Members of the PCC

Clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in
or licensed to the Parish

Revd Canon Richard Stordy – Vicar - Chairman
Revd David Whitehead – Associate Minister
Revd Jim Crossley – Curate (until June 2023)
Revd Christine Low – retired clergy (from June 2023)

Lav Workers

Mr Mikev Gilmour – Youth worker

Church Wardens

Mr John Boldock
Mrs Shirley Dickinson

Readers

Mr Ian Watson

Standard Representatives

Mrs Georgina Battey	(Deanery Synod Representative from May 2023)
Mr Colin Beech	(from May 2023)
Mrs Ann Boldock	(until April 2023)
Mrs Sandra Buckley	(from May 2023)
Mrs Anne Whitehead	(Deanery Synod Representative until April 2023)
Mr Andrew Dickinson	(Deanery Synod Representative)
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer)
Miss Amber Lenton	
Mrs Helen Ruddlesdin	(until April 2023)
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Nicky Wareing	
Mrs Val Wilson	

Officers of the PCC

Secretary

Mrs Pat Smith

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Catherine Jackson

Giving Secretary

Mrs Monica Sharp

Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Fiona Battey

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

Structure, governance and management

St. John's church is based at the Parish Centre, 21, Housley Park, Chapeltown, Sheffield. Due to the legal closure of its building in 2003, the congregation meets for worship both at the Parish Centre and at the Newton Hall on Cowley Lane in Chapeltown. St. John's is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

The PCC has enjoyed charitable status since 23 September 2009 (Charity number 1131768).

The PCC has up-to-date policies which are regularly reviewed: a Safeguarding Policy (updated and approved September 2023), covering all issues relating to the safeguarding of children and young people and vulnerable adults, a Health & Safety Policy (updated and approved September 2023) and a Domestic Abuse Policy (approved November 2019).

The trustees who served during the year were:

Revd Canon Richard Stordy	(Chairman)
Revd David Whitehead	Associate minister
Revd Jim Crossley	Curate (until June 2023)
Mrs Georgina Battey	
Mr Colin Beech	
Mrs Ann Boldock	
Mrs Sandra Buckley	
Miss Amber Lenton	
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer)
Mrs Helen Ruddlesdin	
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Pat Smith	(Secretary)
Mrs Nicky Wareing	
Mr Ian Watson	
Mrs Val Wilson	

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

New trustees are welcomed and receive training in their duties and responsibilities at their first PCC meeting after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting each year. They also receive a leaflet published by the Diocese of Sheffield on the responsibilities of Trustees. At each PCC meeting any further questions or issues are dealt with as they arise.

The PCC member who served during the year and is not a trustee of the charity was Mr Mikey Gilmour (Youth worker).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our trustee meetings the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The activities of our church provide tangible benefits to many in our community, and in particular by

1. The provision of weekly public worship open to all.
2. Pastoral work, including visits to the bereaved and the sick.

3. Teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, courses, special events and our cell groups.
4. Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
5. The provision of a youth group in a locality which has no other significant youth work of any kind.
6. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Objectives and activities

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, Rick Stordy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in accordance with the Church's vision statement:

**St. John's is a church *here for God, here for you,*
aiming to grow UP towards God, IN with each other and, OUT to others**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The PCC has responsibility for running costs and maintenance for the Parish Centre, which was used for a midweek communion on the first Wednesday of each month, the *E68* and *Element* youth groups, the Bumps & Babies and St. John's Tots groups and *Wednesday Friends* who use the Parish Centre each week and contribute to the Parish Centre income. There were a number of occasional or less regular community users, including the Nigerian Anglican Church who met at the Parish Centre on Sunday mornings. The church office is also based at the Parish Centre.

Electoral Roll & Sunday worship

There was a very small increase on the Electoral Roll from 129 to 131, of whom 34 are non-residents in the parish.

Our average Sunday attendance has remained almost the same as last year at 85 adults and 10 children (though lower than pre-Covid levels; compare our 2019 figures: 109 adults and 15 children). This may partly reflect the fact that the St. Saviour's 9.30am congregation is now consistently attended by about 10 of our regulars who were part of our former 8am or 10.30am congregations. Added to this is (a) the fact that some of our 11am congregation attend less regularly than they used to be; and (b) we have lost a few members as a result of the wider difficulties the Church of England is facing over its teaching on marriage and sexuality.

Our worship was led by a team of clergy, our youth worker, reader and other preachers, and our music group. All of them gave of their time and skills with great generosity.

Christian teaching and learning

The heart of our spiritual diet is the reading of Scripture and preaching each Sunday. The year saw several sermon series:

- *Your Body: the Maker's Manual* (January-March);
- *Come and see: John's Gospel 1-5* (April-August);
- *The Call: vision & values for Christ's people* (September-November);
- we ended the year with a short series for December called *Messiah's Manifesto: the gospel in Isaiah*.

Audio recordings of all these are available online on our website and this resource is regularly used.

Our Lent course was shared with St. Saviour's and hosted in the Parish Centre. This year it was called *Closer: deepening our walk with Christ*, and featured a variety of speakers, both women and men, lay and ordained sharing something of how they meet Christ day by day in Scripture and prayer. It was attended by 40-50 people most weeks.

Cell groups & Christian discipleship

Alongside weekly Sunday worship, our cell groups continued to be the other side of the coin in our core activities. At year's end, there were 76 people involved in these, meeting in 9 groups. The groups meet weekly, at different venues, times and days of the week, with a threefold aim:

1. To build up Christian disciples
2. To develop new leaders
3. To reach out in evangelistic witness

There are also 2 further small groups: a fortnightly Tuesday morning Bible study and weekly Thursday morning Ladies Bible study, both of which are growing in popularity.

A further development this year was a special weekend away retreat for women held at Mirfield, in June, attended by 20 women from all generations, who came back much inspired and encouraged.

Pastoral care

Our clergy and licensed Pastoral Worker visited members of the congregation and wider parish regularly. Over the year, the clergy visited the bereaved and conducted 14 funerals. The vicar, sometimes assisted by volunteers, also conducts a monthly service in one of the care homes in the Parish, which attracts healthy numbers. An exciting development during the year was the training and commissioning of a new Pastoral visiting team. Our Home Communion team continue to visit a number of those who are housebound and who greatly value their work.

Mothers' Union

We have a committed and active Mothers' Union group, which promotes and supports family life. The group has 21 members (and 2 'Friends of MU'). Members visited the sick and the housebound; helped at the annual Memorial Service for the bereaved; and sent cards and gifts to baptism families.

Witness & serving our community

We offered the community a range of opportunities to discover the Christian faith and to see a Christian community in action by:

1. Enquirers' groups: we offered a number of opportunities for those enquiring about faith to find out more. In January, we ran *Hope Explored* over three weeks; and in September, had a really encouraging *Christianity Explored* group, with some coming to a new faith in Christ, and others growing in the depth of their faith.
2. Work with young families: Bumps 'n' Babies and Tots reached about 61 children and their families, offering practical friendship and Christian witness. We have had some further contact with these families, as well as those we meet through Baptism ministry – with special events like *Who Let The Dads Out* on the weekend of Mothering Sunday.
3. Running popular social occasions, like the Parish Quiz in March; and the regular Wednesday night football evening, which attracts a good number of non-church players.
4. Putting on popular events at the high points of the Christian year, for instance: the Good Friday Open Air witness; and at Christmas time, the very popular Carols in the Pub at Wetherspoons (featuring the Silver Prize Band, a Christmas quiz and short Christmas message).
5. Wednesday Friends: this group for the over-60s, offers a weekly gathering for friendship and support, with an unobtrusive but distinctly Christian presence. It welcomes 15-20 people each week, and regularly sees newcomers.
6. Foodbank: our involvement in the St. Saviour's Foodbank remains steady, with a number helping with the weekly sorting and distribution.

7. Asylum seekers: on Sundays, we regularly welcome visitors from Staindrop Lodge who are seeking asylum. We run a weekly Friday morning drop-in for asylum seekers, offering friendship, conversation and games, with appropriate spiritual and emotional support.
8. Pastoral care: our Pastoral Worker and clergy visited those in particular need. An added blessing for St. John's regulars is the fact that David Whitehead, our Associate Minister, is a hospital chaplain and therefore a familiar and friendly face for any who find themselves in hospital.
9. Sunday worship: week by week, we regularly welcome visitors who are enquiring about faith or looking for a church.
10. The daily witness of the whole congregation: though unseen, we see continually the faithful witness of our church members in their streets, schools and workplaces, being salt and light for Christ.

Youth work

Mikey our youth worker has very much settled in and is giving great direction to our work among the youth. This year saw further changes in the work: sadly Jim Crossley finished with us in June, and several of our older teenagers ceased regular attendance over the summer. However a good number of new younger teens joined us, including several from non-church families. So now we have a younger youth group (*E68*) as well as *Element* on a Thursday evening – a total of around 24 a week.

A number of teens from *Element* attended the *Connect* houseparty in August, which we organise along with the youth teams of three other Sheffield churches (Oughtibridge Parish church, Christ Church Walkley and Christ Church Endcliffe). It was a very inspiring time for the young people, and gave them a real taste of being part of something bigger along with other teenagers.

As part of our commitment to Mikey's ongoing professional development and also to benefit the children and young people he works with, in September Mikey commenced a three-year Certificate in Theology with Crosslands Seminary (with an option to do a fourth year making it a Masters in Theology). We make a contribution to the costs of this and release him a day a week for his studies.

Schools work

Our vicar, curate and youth worker visited all the local infant and junior schools regularly for assemblies. Alongside the vicar, they also hosted church visits around both St. Saviour's and St. Mary's in Ecclesfield, which gives a valuable chance to tell the story of Jesus using the church building.

Charitable giving

A total of £1,200 was given to our four mission partners: the work of the Oatridges, SAT7, Leprosy Mission and St Saviours Foodbank.

Achievements and performance

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average attendance rate of 79%. The Standing Committee (Development Team) met between meetings, and their deliberations were received by the full PCC where necessary.

Financial review

Total receipts were £120,624 of which £107,668 was the main giving from the congregation (planned giving, collections and one-off giving). Giving to the General Fund was up by £6,553 compared with the previous year. Regular giving by the congregation to the restricted Youth Worker fund was £509 more than in 2022.

Of the expenditure £83,590 (see below regarding apportionment of Parish Centre Income and Expenditure) represents unrestricted (general) funds.

The Parish Centre has now little spare capacity and has a number of regular bookings. Expenditure was tightly controlled in 2023, and there was a profit of £2,032. The income and expenditure for the Parish Centre is split between the church charitable activities and the availability for rental income on a 60/40 basis, based on an analysis of availability and excluding the cost of running the church office.

A review of the structure of the Parish Centre highlighted the need for a number of repairs. The balance at the beginning of 2022 was £3,758 in the PC Hidden Gem account. Of this £2,387 was spent in 2022.

In considering the accounts the General Fund and Parish Centre Fund need to be considered together.

£21,314 was transferred between the General Fund and the restricted funds in the year, most of this was for the Youth Worker Fund, £19,905, to cover the extra cost of this restricted fund.

£55,000 was paid towards the Diocesan Common Fund, which largely provides stipends, housing for the clergy and all central support of the parish and its clergy (e.g. Church House and the various Diocesan departments like the Parish Support Team). The Parish remains committed to paying its full contribution in terms of supporting ordained ministry across our region, and this is a good contribution for a church of our size in a community such as ours.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £2,716. This means that the total balance carried forward at 31 December 2023 was £241,195.

Staffing

At the end of June 2023 Jim Crossley's curacy with us came to an end, so we very sadly said goodbye to Jim and Sonia, Maisie and Ted. They brought so much to our life and witness and will be sorely missed. Over the summer we were delighted to welcome a new member of our clergy team: Revd. Christine Low, who has lived in the parish for some years but because of family links had until then been involved at St. John's Owlerton. We have been delighted to welcome Chris and her husband John, not just on Sundays but in many areas of our life together.

Reserves policy

As a charity we aim to have a cash balance of between 5% and 10% of annual income. Currently this is not being achieved but income against expenditure is monitored monthly and any remedial action taken to remedy any cash flow or unexpected changes to income or expenditure.

Restricted reserves are to be carried forward as they represent monies received in advance of expenditure for restricted purposes.

Going Concern

The charities income is predominantly from contributions from individual church members (94% of total income) and the number of members has stayed consistent over the last 10 years and the church continues to attract new members to replace those who have moved away or died. The PCC closely monitors the charities expenditure has reviewed the structural condition of its building in 2022 to mitigate against any major repairs. There are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The charity is a public benefit entity. The Diocese of Sheffield strategy review 2019 confirms that the Diocese supports the church's ongoing ministry and discussions would occur with the Diocese if any material uncertainties occur.

Future plans

There is much to be grateful for as we look back on 2023. It was a year of much change, in particular in:

- **Growing numbers and ministry:** during the year several individuals and families joined us; others came to follow Christ for the first time.

- **Mission Area & new leadership:** our relationship with St. Saviour's High Green as a united Mission Area continued to deepen, not least as we trained and commissioned 4 new Focal Ministers, to work alongside our clergy and wardens, with responsibilities for overseeing particular aspects of our life and ministry: Sylvia Charles (pastoral care); Andrew Dickinson (Cells, training & nurture); John Harpur (evangelism); and Lisa Lenton (youth & children's).

In July the PCCs of our Mission Area (Chapelton & High Green) had a very inspiring day at Oughtibridge led by the Ven. Bob Jackson, retired Archdeacon and church growth consultant. They focussed on discerning what our vision goals should be as a Mission Area over the next few years. After further work on these by our Focal Ministry Team in November, in January 2024 both PCCs adopted these as our priorities for 2024-27:

1

Growing younger

- uniting to reach young adults, children & youth

2

Growing new believers

- going out to our communities in joyful, growing witness

3

Growing partnership

- working together for more effective worship, welcome & witness

4

Growing premises

- improving them for church & community

Without neglecting all our existing work, we believe these are the most pressing areas for our attention. We will use these four goals to direct and review our ongoing work. We do so very aware that none of them will happen or be any good without God's blessing. So please pray for these four priorities, as well as all the Lord's work among us. As the prophet reminds us:

*Not by [human] might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.
(Zechariah 4:6)*

Approved by the PCC on 18th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Revd Canon Richard Stordy
(Chairman)

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity

St John's Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131768

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:

Date:

23/10/2024

Name:

Jennifer Copley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

N/A for this engagement

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ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated Funds Note 14 £	Restrictive funds Note 13 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from</u>						
Donations and legacies	2	99,068	-	8,600	107,668	102,110
Investments	3	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable	4a	952	-	1,492	2,444	6,940
Activity for generating income	4a	-	7,170	-	7,170	6,202
Other	4b, 5	3,342	-	-	3,342	2,029
Total income		103,362	7,170	10,092	120,624	110,412
<u>Expenditure</u>						
	6					
Charitable expenses		83,240	-	34,612	117,852	111,207
Costs of raising Funds		-	5,138	-	5,138	4,641
Losses on fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Governance		350	-	-	350	300
Total resources expended		83,590	5,138	34,612	123,340	116,124
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		19,772	2,032	(24,520)	(2,716)	(5,712)
Transfers between funds General and Youth		(21,314)	-	21,314	-	-
Net movement in funds 13,14		(1,542)	2,032	(3,206)	(2,716)	(5,712)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		119,387	119,945	4,579	243,911	194,624
Fund balances at 31 December 2022						
13,14,15b		117,845	121,977	1,373	241,195	188,912

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		244,376	247,181
	10,15a		
Current assets			
Debtors	11	7,382	6,489
Cash at bank and in hand		8,723	5,053
Total		16,105	11,543
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	19,286	14,812
Net current assets less liabilities		(3,181)	(3,270)
Total assets less current liabilities		241,195	243,911
Income funds			
Restricted income funds	13	1,373	4,579
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	14	121,977	119,945
General fund	15a	117,845	119,387
		241,195	243,911

60% of the Parish Centre has been moved to the General Fund as a result of the proportion used on church activities as opposed to rentals, note 14
The Parish Centre was revalued in December 2022. The value increased by £55,000 and is included in the Designated Fund.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27 March 2023

Revd Canon Richard Stordy (Chairman)
Trustee

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement. This excludes the balance at 31 December 2022 was £4,510 (2021 £5,192). Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when there is a legal obligation committing the charity to pay out

All expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.5 Taxation

St John's Parochial Church Council is a registered charity and its activities are not subject to taxation.

1.6 Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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:

Property	1% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33% or 10% straight line
Office Equipment	33%
Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.	

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted /Designated funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	99,068	8,600	107,668	102,110
Legacies	-	-	-	-
<i>Total</i>	99,068	8,600	107,668	102,110

3 Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	-	-

4a Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted 2023 funds	Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	952	-	1,492	2,444	71
Activities for generating income	-	7,170	-	7,170	
The comparative amounts for 2022 are	71	6,202	-	6,273	

4b Activities for generating income

	Unrestricted funds	Designate funds	Restricted 2021 funds	Total 2021	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	
Parish Centre rentals	3,342	-	-	3,342	6,202

5 Other income and expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2022
				£	£
Funeral fees	-	-	-	-	-
Other	3,342	-	-	3,342	1,376
Total	3,342	-	-	3,342	653
					2,029

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Expenditure on raising funds	-	5,138	-	5,138	4,617
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	34,247	83,605	-	117,852	111,207
Governance		350		350	300
Total	34,247	89,093	-	123,340	116,124

Other costs includes the
Common Fund paid to
Sheffield Diocese

55,000 55,000

7 Grants payable

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
No Grants were made in 2023 or 2022	0	0
	0	0

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but the Vicar was reimbursed a total of £1,507 (2022: £1,950) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage.

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Charitable objectives	3	3

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages ,salaries and pensions	34,247	25,904
Other benefits	1,953	1,953

Included within the number of staff are 2 (2021 – 2) part time employees.

NI Salary costs for 2023 were £nil due to employers NI allowance.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

A NEST pension scheme has been set up in 2023, with one member.

The pension costs charged to the SOFA in the year are contributions payable of £630 (2022: £105).

Costs do not include the Vicar and Curates who are employed by the Diocese of Sheffield.

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Parish Centre	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1/1/23	245,000	5,039	250,039
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31/12/23	245,000	5,039	250,039
Depreciation			
At 1/1/23	-	2,859	2,859
Charge for the year	2,450	354	2,804
Revaluation	-	-	-
At 31/12/23	2,450	3,213	5,663
Net Book Value			
At 31/12/23	242,550	1,826	244,376
At 31/12/22	245,000	2,180	247,180

The Parish Centre asset has in the past been fully included in the Designated account. However, from 1 January 2019 the proportion of usage (60%) for church activities has been put into the General account. The remainder will remain in the Designated account for use for generating income from rentals.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

11 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	7,382	6,489
Prepayments and accrued income		-
	7,382	6,489

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	19,286	15,871
	19,286	15,871

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Movement in funds Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Newton Hall	-	1,155	3,595	2,440	-
Church weekend away 2023	821	1,492	1,282	(1,031)	-
Youth Worker Fund	-	7,445	27,350	19,905	-
Hidden Gem	3,758	-	2,387	-	1,371
Total	4,579	10,092	34,614	21,314	1,371

Newton Hall fund – specific donations received to pay rent of Newton Hall
Youth Worker Fund – grants and donations received to employ a full-time youth worker
Hidden Gem - specific donations received to pay for repairs to Parish Centre.
Weekend away-- specific donations received to pay for church weekend away

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £		
Music Group	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Centre	117,533	7,170	5,139	-	119,564
Ministry Development	2,414	-	-	-	2,414
	119,947	7,170	5,139	-	121,978

The Parish Centre fund is used to run the Centre which is a base for the Parish office, the Youth Work, Bumps and Babies and Toddlers and Wednesday Friends groups. There are also rooms available to hire by the community. This balance in this fund is made up of a proportion of the asset and a negative cash balance as shown in note 15a

The Ministry Development is a fund set aside for future developments in ministry and its use is at the discretion of the PCC.

15a Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	114,855	129,521	-	244,376
Current assets	22,291	(7,545)	1,359	8,764
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19,286	-	-	19,286
	117,860	121,976	1,359	241,195

Comparative totals for 2022 were: Tangible assets, £247,181, current assets, £11,542, creditors amounts falling due within one year £14,812.

Cash in hand includes £1,059 in Agency accounts. Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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15b Apportionment of assets

From 1 January 2019 the Parish Centre asset has been apportioned between the Unrestricted fund and the Designated Fund on the basis of a 60%/40% split between church activity usage and rental availability

16 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year end.

17 Capital commitments

There were no commitments at the year end.

18 Related party transactions

The Vicar was reimbursed a total of £1,950 (2022: £1,950) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage. The Vicar's employment costs are paid by the Diocese of Sheffield and are met from our (and other Church of England churches) contribution to the Common Fund.

The Common Fund to the Diocese of Sheffield was £55,000 (2022: £55,000).

The outstanding balance with related parties at 31 December 2023 is £15,000 to the diocese for the common fund, which was paid in 2024.

Accounts



**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPELTOWN
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Charity Registration No. 1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Address	St John's Parish Centre 21 Housley Park Chapelton Sheffield S35 2UE
Clergy	Revd Canon Richard Stordy – incumbent Revd David Whitehead - associate minister Revd Jim Crossley - curate
Independent Examiner	Jennifer Copley
Bankers	Virgin Money Sheffield S6 2LY
Charity Number	1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Ex Officio Members of the PCC

Clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to the Parish	Revd Canon Richard Stordy – Vicar - Chairman Revd David Whitehead – Associate Minister Revd Jim Crossley - Curate
Lay Workers	Mr Mikey Gilmour – Youth worker (from April 2022)
Church Wardens	Mr John Boldock Mrs Shirley Dickinson (from May 2022) Mrs Barbara Rodgers (until May 2022)
Readers	Mr Ian Watson

Standard Representatives

Mr Sam Bacon	(until May 2022)
Mrs Georgina Battey	
Mr Stephen Battey	(until May 2022)
Mrs Ann Boldock	
Mrs Sylvia Charles.	(until May 2022)
Mrs Anne Whitehead	(Deanery Synod Representative from May 2022)
Mr Andrew Dickinson	(Deanery Synod Representative)
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer)
Miss Amber Lenton	(from May 2022)
Mrs Helen Ruddlesdin	
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Nicky Wareing	
Mrs Val Wilson	

Officers of the PCC

Secretary	Mrs Pat Smith
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Catherine Jackson
Giving Secretary	Mrs Monica Sharp
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Fiona Battey

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

Structure, governance and management

St. John's church is based at the Parish Centre, 21, Housley Park, Chapeltown, Sheffield. Due to the legal closure of its building in 2003, the congregation meets for worship both at the Parish Centre and at the Newton Hall on Cowley Lane in Chapeltown. St. John's is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

The PCC has enjoyed charitable status since 23 September 2009 (Charity number 1131768).

The PCC has up-to-date policies which are regularly reviewed: a Safeguarding Children Policy (updated and approved in May 2022), covering all issues relating to the safeguarding children and young people, a Vulnerable Adults Policy, a Health & Safety Policy (both updated and approved in July 2018) and a Domestic Abuse Policy (approved in November 2019).

The trustees who served during the year were:

Revd Canon Richard Stordy	(Chairman)
Revd David Whitehead	Associate minister
Revd Jim Crossley	Curate
Mr Sam Bacon	
Mrs Georgina Battey	
Mr Stephen Battey	
Mrs Ann Boldock	
Mrs Sylvia Charles	
Miss Amber Lenton	
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer)
Mrs Barbara Rodgers	
Mrs Helen Ruddlesdin	
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Pat Smith	(Secretary)
Mrs Nicky Wareing	
Mr Ian Watson	
Mrs Val Wilson	

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

New trustees are welcomed and receive training in their duties and responsibilities at their first PCC meeting after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting each year. They also receive a leaflet published by the Diocese of Sheffield on the responsibilities of Trustees. At each PCC meeting any further questions or issues are dealt with as they arise.

The PCC member who served during the year and is not a trustee of the charity was Mr Mikey Gilmour (Youth worker).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our trustee meetings the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The activities of our church provide tangible benefits to many in our community, and in particular by

1. The provision of weekly public worship open to all.
2. Pastoral work, including visits to the bereaved and the sick.
3. Teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, courses, special events and our cell groups.
4. Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
5. The provision of a youth group in a locality which has no other significant youth work of any kind.
6. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Objectives and activities

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, Rick Stordy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in accordance with the Church's vision statement:

**St. John's is a church here for God, here for you,
aiming to grow UP towards God, IN with each other and, OUT to others**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The PCC has responsibility for running costs and maintenance for the Parish Centre, which was used for a weekly communion service on a Sunday morning, a midweek communion on the first Wednesday of each month, the *Element* youth group, the Bumps & Babies and St. John's Tots groups and *Wednesday Friends* who use the Parish Centre each week and contribute to the Parish Centre income. There were a number of occasional or less regular users, including the Nigerian Anglican Church who met at the Parish Centre on Sunday mornings. The church office is also based at the Parish Centre.

Electoral Roll & Sunday worship

There was a very small increase on the Electoral Roll from 129 to 131, of whom 33 are non-residents in the parish.

In common with many congregations, our average Sunday attendance has not quite recovered to pre-pandemic levels, at 87 adults and 13 children (compare our 2019 figures: 109 adults and 15 children). However this may reflect not so much a loss of regulars as the fact that the St. Saviour's 9.30am congregation is now consistently attended by a number who were part of our former 8am congregation, and more occasionally by a handful of folks from our former 10.30am congregation.

Our worship was led by a team of clergy, our youth worker, reader and other preachers, and our music group. All of them gave of their time and skills with great generosity.

Christian teaching and learning

The heart of our spiritual diet is the reading of Scripture and preaching each Sunday. The year saw several sermon series:

- *The spreading flame: sermons on Acts* (January-April);
- *Incomparable: discovering our awesome God* (May-July, on the character and attributes of God);
- *The Lion roars: the message of the prophet Amos* (August);
- *Mr Motivator: the message of Hebrews* (September-November);
- we ended the year with a short series called *Why Sundays?*, looking at some of the central practices in our worship (hearing the Bible, singing and sharing communion).

Audio recordings of all these are available online on our website and this resource is regularly used by those who miss any particular Sunday.

Our Lent course was for a second year shared with St. Saviour's, and this time actually in their building. We used a course from Tearfund, *Christianity and Climate Change*, which combined short

videos, Bible study and discussion. Numbers were a little lower than in previous years, but those who came found the course both informative and challenging.

Marriage, identity and sexuality

In May we held two study evenings jointly with St. Saviour's entitled *Engaging with LLF*. This was for PCC members (but opened up to both congregations) and part of a wider process in the Church of England called 'Living in Love & Faith', exploring Christian teaching relating to marriage, identity and sexuality. There was a mixture of video input, Bible study, personal testimony and discussion. These evenings informed a more formal response by our PCC in July 2022, in which we committed to be a people of grace *and* truth: *grace*, in warmly welcoming those who identify as LGBTI+; and *truth*, in joyfully living by the traditional teaching about marriage and sexuality given by Christ and the Bible.

Cell groups & Christian discipleship

Alongside weekly Sunday worship, our cell groups continued to be the other side of the coin in our core activities. At year's end, there were 76 people involved in these, meeting in 9 groups. The groups meet weekly, at different venues, times and days of the week, with a threefold aim:

1. To build up Christian disciples
2. To develop new leaders
3. To reach out in evangelistic witness

A particular encouragement during the year was the formation of a new Cell group aimed at young adults (those in their late teens and twenties).

Beyond Cells, a new development this year was a special weekend away for men, at a youth hostel in Snowdonia in June. 22 of our men had a wonderful time with a mixture of walks and activities, fellowship and Bible teaching. We have no doubt it will be repeated before long!

Pastoral care

Our vicar, retired clergy and licensed Pastoral Worker visited members of the congregation and wider parish regularly. Over the year, the clergy visited the bereaved and conducted 17 funerals, the same number as in 2021. 9 of these were funerals for High Green. Our clergy, sometimes assisted by one or two volunteers also conduct a monthly service in one of the care homes in the Parish, which is well-received and attracting healthy numbers.

In April we trained and established a new Home Communion team of volunteers, who are now responsible for regularly taking communion to those who are housebound. This has been very well received by those who enjoy its ministry.

Mothers' Union

We have a committed and active Mothers' Union group, which promotes and supports family life. The group has 22 members (and 2 'Friends of MU'). Members visited the sick and the housebound; helped at the annual Memorial Service for the bereaved; and sent cards and gifts to baptism families.

Witness & serving our community

We offered the community a range of opportunities to discover the Christian faith and to see a Christian community in action by:

1. Enquirers' group: we had a really encouraging start to 2022 using a new 3-week course, *Hope Explored*. It's a useful additional resource for evangelism - it feels a lot easier inviting people to a course for just 3 weeks, rather than the 8 weeks or more for others. The presentation and content is excellent, and we were encouraged to have a good mix of both youth and adults on the course, with several taking good steps forward in faith.
2. Work with young families: Bumps 'n' Babies and Tots reach over 40 children and their families, offering practical friendship and Christian witness. We have had some further contact with these

families, as well as those we meet through Baptism ministry – with special events like *Who Let The Dads Out* on the weekend of Mothering Sunday.

3. Running popular social occasions, like the Parish Quiz in March; and the regular Wednesday night football evening, which attracts a good number of non-church players.
4. Putting on popular events at the high points of the Christian year, for instance: the Good Friday Open Air witness; and at Christmas time, a very popular Carols in the Pub at Wetherspoons (featuring the Silver Prize Band, a Christmas quiz and short Christmas message).
5. Wednesday Friends: this group for the over-60s, offers a weekly gathering for friendship and support, with an unobtrusive but distinctly Christian presence. It has now grown considerably and consistently welcomes new members.
6. Foodbank: our involvement in the St. Saviour's Foodbank remains steady, with a number helping with the weekly deliveries.
7. Asylum seekers: the summer saw the opening of a local hotel, Staindrop Lodge, as a residential centre being used by the Home Office for asylum seekers. Several families found their way to us on Sundays, including a number exploring faith and seeking baptism. With the advice and support of other churches more experienced in this ministry, we ran a baptism course on the basics of Christian belief, in Farsi. We then had the joy in December of baptising a number by immersion. Practical support was offered in several ways to these families, though we still have much to learn. It's also clear how short-term such ministry will be: all those we baptised in December had moved to other parts of the country by early 2023.
8. Pastoral care: our Pastoral Worker and clergy continued to visit those in particular need. An added blessing for St. John's regulars is the fact that David Whitehead, our Associate Minister, is one of the hospital chaplains and therefore is a familiar and friendly face for any of our number who finds themselves in hospital.
9. Sunday worship: week by week, we still regularly welcome visitors who are enquiring about faith or looking for a church.
10. The daily witness of the whole congregation: though unseen, we see continually the faithful witness of our church members in their streets, schools and workplaces, being salt and light for Christ.

Youth work

The youth work never stands still! In January our previous youth worker finished his time working for us (though we're delighted still to have him in the congregation). Jim our curate kindly and ably led the work until in late April, when our new youth worker, Mikey Gilmour started work. Mikey has very quickly settled in, ably assisted by Jim and our wonderful team of volunteers.

With a combination of leafleting by Jim and Mikey, personal invitation by the teenagers themselves, and the arrival of asylum seeker families, a number of new faces joined *Element*. By the year's end we were seeing about 13 regulars at *Element*, with 22 'on the books'; and 4 at *D:Group* each Sunday (the latter group said goodbye to 3 regulars in the summer, as they left for University). We were excited to see a number of new leaders joining the team, as well as existing younger leaders growing in their gifts; for instance, in giving the Bible talk for the first time.

A number of teens from *Element* attended the Connect houseparty in August, which we organise along with the youth teams of three other Sheffield churches (Oughtibridge Parish church, Christ Church Walkley and Christ Church Endcliffe). It was a very inspiring time for the young people, and gave them a real taste of being part of a something bigger along with other teenagers.

Schools work

Our curate and youth worker visited all the local infant and junior schools regularly for assemblies. Alongside the vicar, they also hosted church visits around St. Mary's in Ecclesfield, which gives a valuable chance to tell the story of Jesus using the church building.

Charitable giving

A total of £1,200 was given to our four mission partners: the work of the Oatridges, SATS7, Leprosy Mission and St Saviours Foodbank.

Achievements and performance

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average attendance rate of 84%. The Standing Committee (Development Team) met between meetings, and their deliberations were received by the full PCC where necessary.

Financial review

Total receipts were £110,412 of which £102,110 was the main giving from the congregation (planned giving, collections and one-off giving). Giving to the General Fund was up by £305 compared with the previous year. Regular giving by the congregation to the restricted Youth Worker fund was £1,082 less than in 2021. So overall regular giving by the congregation decreased by £777.

Of the expenditure £88,853 (see below regarding apportionment of Parish Centre Income and Expenditure) represents unrestricted (general) funds.

The Parish Centre has now little spare capacity and has a number of regular bookings. Expenditure was tightly controlled in 2022, and there was a profit of £1,749. The income and expenditure for the Parish Centre is split between the church charitable activities and the availability for rental income on a 60/40 basis, based on an analysis of availability and excluding the cost of running the church office.

A review of the structure of the Parish Centre highlighted the need for a number of repairs. The balance at the beginning of 2022 was £4,869 in the PC Hidden Gem account. Of this £1,110 was spent in 2022.

In considering the accounts the General Fund and Parish Centre Fund need to be considered together.

£11,746 was transferred from the General Fund to the restricted Youth Worker Fund to cover the cost deficits in this restricted fund.

£55,000 was paid towards the Diocesan Common Fund, which largely provides stipends, housing for the clergy and all central support of the parish and its clergy (e.g. Church House and the various Diocesan departments like the Parish Support Team). The Parish remains committed to paying its full contribution in terms of supporting ordained ministry across our region, and this is a good contribution for a church of our size in a community such as ours.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £5,712. This means that the total balance carried forward at 31 December 2022 was £188,912.

Staffing

At the end of January 2022 Michael Hannaford finished as our youth worker, and found new work as a teaching assistant in a Sheffield school. On 25th April 2022 our new youth worker, Mikey Gilmour, started work.

Reserves policy

As a charity we aim to have a cash balance of between 5% and 10% of annual income. Currently this is not being achieved but income against expenditure is monitored monthly and any remedial action taken to remedy any cash flow or unexpected changes to income or expenditure.

Restricted reserves are to be carried forward as they represent monies received in advance of expenditure for restricted purposes.

Going Concern

The charities income is predominantly from contributions from individual church members (94% of total income) and the number of members has stayed consistent over the last 10 years and the church continues to attract new members to replace those who have moved away or died. The PCC closely monitors the charities expenditure has reviewed the structural condition of its building in 2022 to mitigate against any major repairs. There are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The charity is a public benefit entity. The Diocese of Sheffield strategy review 2019 confirms that the Diocese supports the church's ongoing ministry and discussions would occur with the Diocese if any material uncertainties occur.

Future plans

There is much to be grateful for as we look back on 2022. It was a year of much change, in particular in the following areas:

- **Growth in numbers and ministry:** during the year several new individuals and families started to worship with us; others came to follow Christ for the first time; and a whole new area of ministry amongst asylum seekers was launched and generously supported by members of the church family.
- **A new pattern of Sunday worship:** this saw some significant changes, with our 8am Holy Communion service sadly coming to an end, and our main service at the Newton Hall moving from a 10.30am to an 11am start. Though this was costly for many, by the end of the year we seemed to have adapted to them remarkably well.
- **Mission Area partnership:** our relationship with St. Saviour's High Green as a united Mission Area continued to deepen, not just in shared worship (particularly at Holy Week, Easter and Christmas), but also through the work of the St. Saviour's Foodbank.
- **Shared leadership:** after much prayer and planning, in May, our vicar started work as Oversight Minister across Chapeltown and High Green, a post into which he was formally licensed by the Bishop of Sheffield in October. Inevitably this has meant more of his time being devoted to ministry and mission in High Green. It is still very much a learning curve both for us as a church family and for the vicar.

In the light of all these, as we look ahead into 2023 and beyond, there are three major challenges which we need to engage with both as a church and PCC:

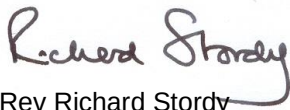
1. **Leadership:** for the good of our mission (and the wellbeing of our clergy), the appointment of the vicar as Oversight Minister will demand that we find new leadership to develop our life and witness as a church. It will mean finding new leaders from among our church family, to work alongside our vicar, and taking responsibility for aspects of our mission. The Diocese is encouraging us to develop 3 or 4 'focal ministers' (lay leaders) to work in a team alongside the wardens and vicar.
2. **Mission:** as we've emerged from Covid and worked towards new leadership structures, inevitably both our PCC and vicar have had less time and energy to review our current strategic priorities. In God's grace and providence we have still grown, but there's still a need to keep our eye on the ball in terms of the call of Jesus to make disciples. For this reason our PCC Awayday in July will focus on 'Mission Action Planning', looking at our strategy for mission and growth over the next few years.
3. **Unity:** our bonds of fellowship both within our church family and with the wider church have been tested by the discussions about marriage and sexuality going on in the Church of England. This will get even harder in the future, as some bishops nationally are pressing for the blessing of same-sex unions. Along with many churches in our Diocese, our PCC wants

us to remain a welcoming and friendly church, at the same time as being faithful to what the church through the generations and across the world has taught is God's way. This reflects the views of many, but not all, in our church family. Negotiating these discussions and making decisions in a loving and godly way will not be easy.

We would do well to heed the challenge of Mordecai to Queen Esther: 'who knows but that you have come to your [current] position for such a time as this?'. He was able to see the situation that way, because he was confident that God's 'relief and deliverance... will arise' (Esther 4:13-14).

That points us to the way ahead: to look to our unchanging and faithful God. In times of challenge, he keeps his promise and is well able to strengthen and deliver his people. So we will cheerfully trust in Him!

Approved by the PCC on 27th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Richard Stordy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'S' at the end.

Rev Richard Stordy
(Chairman)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity

St John's Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131768

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Jennifer Copley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

N/A for this examination – but CIPFA member

Address:

6, S63 8GZ

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restrictive funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Notes	£	Note 14 £	Note 13 £	£	£
<u>Income and endowments from</u>						
Donations and legacies	2	92,515	12	9,583	102,110	102,887
Investments	3	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable	4a	71	-	-	71	6,940
Activity for generating income	4a	-	6,202	-	6,202	3,080
Other	4b, 5	1,877	152	-	2,029	1,206
Total income		94,463	6,366	9,583	110,412	114,113
<u>Expenditure</u>						
	6					
Charitable expenses		88,553	-	22,654	111,207	114,806
Costs of raising Funds		-	4,617	-	4,617	4,641
Losses on fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Governance		300	-	-	300	300
Total resources expended		88,853	4,617	22,654	116,124	119,747
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		5,610	1,749	(13,071)	(5,712)	(5,634)
Transfers between funds General and Youth		(11,746)	-	11,746	-	-
Net movement in funds 13,14		(6,136)	1,749	(1,325)	(5,712)	(5,634)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		125,523	63,197	5,904	194,624	200,258
Fund balances at 31 December 2022						
13,14,15b		119,387	64,946	4,579	188,912	194,624

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		247,181	192,535
	10,15a		
Current assets			
Debtors	11	6,489	2,678
Cash at bank and in hand		5,053	5,521
Total		11,543	8,199
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	14,812	6,110
Net current assets less liabilities		(3,270)	2,089
Total assets less current liabilities		243,911	194,624
Income funds			
Restricted income funds	13	4,579	5,904
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	14	119,945	63,198
General fund	15a	119,387	125,522
		243,911	194,624

60% of the Parish Centre has been moved to the General Fund as a result of the proportion used on church activities as opposed to rentals, note 14
The Parish Centre was revalued in December 2022. The value increased by £55,000 and is included in the Designated Fund.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27 March 2023

Rev Richard Stordy (Chairman)
Trustee

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement. This excludes the balance at 31 December 2022 was £4,510 (2021 £5,192). Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when there is a legal obligation committing the charity to pay out

All expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.5 Taxation

St John's Parochial Church Council is a registered charity and its activities are not subject to taxation.

1.6 Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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:

Property	1% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33% or 10% straight line
Office Equipment	33%
Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.	

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted /Designated funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations	92,515	9,595	102,110	101,887
Legacies	-	-	-	1,000
<i>Total</i>	92,515	9,595	102,110	102,887

3 Investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Interest receivable	-	-

4a Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted 2022 funds £	Total £	2021 Total £
Charitable activities	71	-	-	71	10,020
The comparative amounts for 2021 are	1,305	3,080	5,635	10,020	

4b Activities for generating income

	Unrestricted funds £	Designate funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2021 Total
Parish Centre rentals		6,202	-	6,202	720

5 Other income and expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total £	2021 £
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	486
Funeral fees	1,376	-	-	1,376	
Other	501	152	-	653	720
Total	1,877	152	-	2,029	1,206

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Expenditure on raising funds	-	4,617	-	4,617	4,641
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	27,857	83,350	-	111,207	114,806
Governance		300		300	300
Total	27,857	88,267	-	116,124	119,747

Other costs includes the
Common Fund paid to
Sheffield Diocese

55,000 55,000

7 Grants payable

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants to institutions:		
No Grants were made in 2022 or 2021	0	0
	0	0

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but the Vicar was reimbursed a total of £1,950 (2021: £2,262) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage.

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Charitable objectives	3	3

Employment costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages ,salaries and pensions	25,904	31,771
Other benefits	1,953	

Included within the number of staff are 2 (2021 – 2) part time employees.

NI Salary costs for 2022 were £nil due to employers NI allowance.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

A NEST pension scheme has been set up in 2023, with one member.

The pension costs charged to the SOFA in the year are contributions payable of £105 (2021: £1,992).
(These are the total costs including the employees' contributions).

Costs do not include the Vicar and Curates who are employed by the Diocese of Sheffield.

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Parish Centre	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1/1/22	250,000	5,039	255,039
Additions/reval	(5,000)	-	(5,000)
Disposal	-	-	-
At 31/12/22	245,000	5,039	250,039
Depreciation			
At 1/1/22	60,000	2,505	62,505
Charge for the year	-	354	354
Revaluation	(60,000)	-	(60,000)
At 31/12/22	-	2,859	2,859
Net Book Value			
At 31/12/22	245,000	2,180	247,180
At 31/12/21	190,000	2,535	192,535

The agreed estimated cost of the Parish Centre was brought into the accounts from 1 January 2012 as a functional asset on the basis of cost less 23 years depreciation from the opening date of 15 October 1997. The Parish Centre asset has in the past been fully included in the Designated account. However, from 1 January 2019 the proportion of usage (60%) for church activities has been put into the General account. The remainder will remain in the Designated account for use for generating income from

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

11 Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	6,489	2,678
Prepayments and accrued income		-
	6,489	2,678

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	15,871	6,110
	15,871	6,110

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Movement in funds Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Newton Hall	215	2,295	2,946	436	-
Church weekend away 2022	821	-	-	-	821
Youth Worker Fund	-	7,291	18,601	11,310	-
Hidden Gem	4,868	-	1,110	-	3,758
Total	5,904	9,586	22,657	11,746	4,579

Newton Hall fund – specific donations received to pay rent of Newton Hall
 Youth Worker Fund – grants and donations received to employ a full-time youth worker
 Hidden Gem- specific donations received to pay for repairs to Parish Centre.
 Weekend away-- specific donations received to pay for church weekend away

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14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£		
Music Group	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Centre	60,783	6,366	4,619	-	62,530
Ministry Development	2,414	-	-	-	2,414
	63,197	6,366	4,619	-	64,944

The Parish Centre fund is used to run the Centre which is a base for the Parish office, the Youth Work, Bumps and Babies and Toddlers and Wednesday Friends groups. There are also rooms available to hire by the community. This balance in this fund is made up of a proportion of the asset and a negative cash balance as shown in note 15a

The Ministry Development is a fund set aside for future developments in ministry and its use is at the discretion of the PCC.

15a Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	116,181	131,000		247,181
Current assets	18,018	(11,055)	4,579	11,542
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14,812	-		14,812
	119,387	119,945	4,579	243,911

Comparative totals for 2021 were: Tangible assets, £192,535, current assets, £8,199, creditors amounts falling due within one year £6,110.

Cash in hand includes £1,059 in Agency accounts. Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

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15b Apportionment of assets

From 1 January 2019 the Parish Centre asset has been apportioned between the Unrestricted fund and the Designated Fund on the basis of a 60%/40% split between church activity usage and rental availability

16 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year end.

17 Capital commitments

There were no commitments at the year end.

18 Related party transactions

The Vicar was reimbursed a total of £1,950 (2021: £2,262) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage. The Vicar's employment costs are paid by the Diocese of Sheffield and are met from our (and other Church of England churches) contribution to the Common Fund.

The Common Fund to the Diocese of Sheffield was £55,000 (2021: £50,000).

The outstanding balance with related parties at 31 December 2022 is £10,000 to the diocese for the common fund, which was paid in 2023.

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ST JOHN'S

CHAPELTOWN

**Annual Parochial
& Vestry Meeting 2022**

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**St John's Chapeltown
Minutes of Annual Vestry Meeting
Sunday 23rd May 2021, 11.45am**

Present:

Rick Stordy – Chair Pat Smith – Secretary Sam Bacon Fiona Battey Paul Battey John Boldock Jim Crossley Carmen Franklin Michael Hannaford	Andy Mumford Barbara Rodgers Paul Ruddlesdin Helen Ruddlesdin Paul Smith Frank Snow Gail Stordy Anne Whitehead David Whitehead	VIA ZOOM Georgina Battey Stephen Battey Rod Belt Sian Belt Lisa Lenton Brian Salt Shirley Salt Monica Sharp Alan Smith Eileen Smith Nicky Wareing Val Wilson Christine Woodcock
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Apologies:

Ann Beech Colin Beech Ron Boot Margaret Bryan Peter Bryan Andrew Dickinson Shirley Dickinson Sally Hall	Emma Harpur John Harpur Catherine Jackson Ruth Langan Brenda Smith Ian Watson Lindsey Watson Andy Woodcock
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1. Opening Prayer

After his initial welcome Rick Stordy opened the meeting in prayer

2. Apologies for Absence

As above.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 18th October 2020

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Fiona Battey seconded by Sam Bacon. They were approved.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Election of Churchwardens

Before electing this year's churchwardens Rick thanked the existing churchwardens - Barbara has served for 5 years and John is in his first year. Rick thanked them not only for all their hard work on Sunday mornings but also all their day to day effort throughout the week, for their thoughtfulness and prayerful support. This will be Barbara's 6th year as church warden and after this year she will stand down. It would be good to be praying about who might serve from next April.

Churchwardens were nominated for the coming year.

- John Boldock: proposed by Helen Ruddlesdin, seconded by Gail Stordy
- Barbara Rodgers: proposed by Sally Hall, seconded by Pat Smith

As there were no other nominations, Rick declared both duly elected, and prayed for them both. They will be sworn in at Sheffield Cathedral on Thursday 1st July, please remember them in your prayers.

6. Any other business

None.

**St John's Chapeltown
Minutes of Annual Parochial Meeting
Sunday 23rd May 2021**

Present:
As Annual Vestry

1. Apologies for Absence
As Annual Vestry

2. Minutes of Annual meeting of 18th October 2020

These were approved as a true record. (Proposed :Monica Sharp, seconded : Nicky Wareing).

3. Matters arising
None.

4. Elections and appointment of independent examiner

Rick expressed his thanks to all members of the PCC who have served through the past year and have managed to keep meeting via zoom. Particular thanks were given to Steve Battey who has completed 3 years on PCC.

There were 5 vacancies for PCC members and 3 nominees. The nominees were:

- Nicky Wareing: proposed John Boldock, seconded Anne Beech
- Steve Battey: Proposed by Sam Bacon seconded by Rob Lenton
- Shirley Dickinson: Proposed by Michal Lipka, seconded by Frank SNow

There being no other nominations, these three were duly declared elected.

There was 1 nomination for Deanery Synod. The nominee was :

- Andrew Dickinson : proposed by Michal Lipka, seconded by Frank Snow

There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

The first meeting of the new PCC will be on Monday 14th June via Zoom.

There is a PCC Awayday on Saturday 3rd July which it is hoped will be in person.

Jennifer Copley has agreed to continue as independent examiner. She was elected after being proposed by Andy Mumford and seconded by Gail Stordy.

In addition there are two Deputy Churchwardens who are available to help and support the Churchwardens. Geoff Newbould and Rob Lenton have carried out this role and have agreed to continue this year. Thanks were expressed to Geoff and to Rob.

Prayers were said for all those elected.

6. Finance

The figures have been audited and approved by the independent examiner and the PCC.

Treasurers report to APCM:

It's been a very strange year for us all and what a time to start a new role as Church Treasurer?

I've found it difficult, a bit isolated, not got my head fully round it and to be honest, I've stumbled through trying to put numbers together, present them to the PCC without any quality answers to the issues and then formulate the accounts.

So point number one for the last year you have had a Treasurer that's been low quality and inconsistent!

However point number two is that we have a congregation that has been high quality and consistent, with their giving. Throughout the turbulence and unknowns of the year we have generally seen stability in offerings. So on behalf of the church, thank you, thank you, thank you.

There is a wider team involved in the finance activities and I would also like to extend my thanks to them and absolutely honestly, I would not have lasted two minutes without them.

To the accounts, the headlines are

- That we have survived the year, with an almost break even position.
- Giving has been inevitably been adversely affected but we already know the impact of the pressures of the last year on personal and family finances.
- We have been able to offset the shortfall in income by cutting costs, for example the costs associated with this place. However, we have had to reduce our contribution to the diocese by £5k, out of £60k.

I asked for questions or comments in advance and thank you for bearing with me in that. There was just one point about the allocation of funds between general fund and youth worker fund. Sometimes when gifts and donations come in the giver requests that they are used for a certain purpose, for example youth work. We have to account for the cash in that way. It's called a Restricted Fund in charity accounts. So in conclusion, the church has stepped up to the mark in terms of quality and consistency in giving which means that we can move onwards with the vision and all of us share and contribute to the achievement of our 2021 objectives and beyond.

Rick thanked all who help in the finance team. Particular thanks were expressed to George Birkinshaw who has been on the finance team for about 20 years. His book keeping is meticulous. He has decided that now is the time for him to stand down. Rick will visit him this week with a card and gift as an expression of our thanks to him. Chris Woodcock has kindly agreed to take on George's role.

Thanks also expressed to Steve Brook who is still working hard behind the scenes and to Monica Sharp, Ron Boot and Alan Smith. Thanks also to Andy for his work as a treasurer and taking on this role at such a difficult time

7. Electoral Roll

Fiona Battey reported that there were 131 Church members on the electoral roll last year and this year there are 129. She was thanked for all the hard work she puts into keeping this and for agreeing to do it next year

8. Fabric, congregational ministries, groups and organisations

There were no formal presentations as all written reports were in the Reports Booklet 2019 which was circulated prior to the meeting.

Church Fabric – The Terrier lists all property belonging to St John's and is kept at the Parish Centre. It was present at the meeting if anyone wanted to see it. It hasn't changed since last year

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Centre Management Team in particular Brian Salt who goes in regularly, Steve Brook for his help with decorating. Also thanks to those who have been involved in maintaining the parish centre gardens Nicky Warring, Alan Irvine, and Jemimah Lipka.

Ministries

Rick thanked everyone who is involved in running ministries and groups within the church some of these groups have managed to keep going despite Covid limitations. Thanks were expressed to Colin Beech and Monica Sharp who serve on the Newton Hall committee. Thanks were also given to the many people who serve during our Sunday Morning worship including those who lead prayers, read, welcome, and those who help with the children's work. Thanks to those who lead worship faithfully every Sunday

Thanks were expressed to both readers, in particular to Paul Ruddlesdin as he has decided to stand down after 32 years as a reader. We have all valued his service in leading and preaching. He will be presented with a gift during a church service once we are back to something more normal!

Thanks also to other clergy Lewis Atkinson and Jane Truman who help with services.

Thanks were also given to church staff –

- David Whitehead, who is also very busy working at the hospital and has been able to spend time with church members who had to stay in hospital when Rick was unable to
- Jim Crossley who is still looking forward to meeting those church members he has not yet met. His advice is invaluable and church members have benefitted from his pastoral skills
- Michael Hannaford who has had to cope with all the changes of last year and has, at times been quite isolated due to covid restrictions. Despite these restrictions we have seen new faces join youth work
- Thanks were given to Fiona Battey she has adapted to different ways of working and taken all the changes in her stride

9. Vicar's Remarks

A written report was passed round and Rick spoke to this. (Attached to these minutes).

10. Any questions or comments

There were no question but thanks were expressed to Rick for all that he does by Fiona Battey on behalf of us all

The meeting closed with the Grace.

VICAR'S REPORT 2021

What's a marathon like?

Much as I enjoy running, I've never run a marathon. So until recently, if you'd asked me, 'What it's like, running a marathon', I'd have said, 'I've no idea'.

But if you ask me today, I think I'd say, 'We all know a bit about that'. That's because by now, in May 2021, we have all been through a marathon of sorts.



A marathon of change

What I mean is, it's been a tough 14 months, which has stretched us all in many ways. It's been a huge time of change. Change which has been rapid, unannounced, uninvited, and unwelcome. It's left a lot [maybe most?] of us perplexed, some struggling, many fatigued. Nothing prepared us for this, and so we've had to respond and adapt, sometimes alone and often without our usual human contact and support. Our minds and bodies have been shocked and pulled this way and that.

Changes we're facing

If that weren't enough, as we move into the 'new normal', as a church we face a triple whammy of challenges:

1. **Learning the lessons of Covid:** during the pandemic, we have lost some things, but gained others. The world around us has changed, and perhaps we have changed too. As we look back on it, all sorts of questions come up: What do we want to return to from before? What do we keep of what we've learned, and the new things we've tried?
2. **Partnering with St. Saviour's:** our good friends at High Green have shared with us in worship; we have shared more in the ministry of their Foodbank. And after two years without a vicar, they really need leadership! Before this all started, we'd already said: 'maybe our vicar can help'. So again, that poses challenges for both churches: can we learn more and work more effectively together? If we share our overall leader, what does that mean if we're to keep healthy? What new growth do we need to see; and what old growth needs pruning?
3. **Keeping the main thing the main thing:** making Jesus known – all that he's done, all he has for us, all he demands of us – is the main thing, what Paul calls 'of first importance' [1 Corinthians 15:3]. Right now, as we leave behind the worst of the pandemic, a number of opportunities have come our way. For instance, how to use our online presence [which has led to new folks coming to Christ]? Or: how to respond to approaches from our community to work with families and children? Or others who want to grow the support for those with dementia? There are so many good things and people knocking

at our door right now, but we can't do them all. In the midst of all those ideas, which will most helpfully make Jesus known, without burning us out?

No rush

All of which is to say is that now is not a time to rush into anything. We've been through a huge time of change; we face yet more change. Perhaps the worst step would throw ourselves back into activity and the old 'normal' too quickly. We need time and space to reflect on what's happened and what lies ahead.

A call to quiet waters

Which is why from today, I am calling for us to enter a time of listening, reflection and prayer for the next three months or so. Over these summer months, to help us do that, as individuals and as a church family, we'll be

- first, sharing **3 reflection sheets**, which we will send out over a few weeks, for personal study, and discussion with friends and in Cell groups. These conversations will help us collect and deepen our own thoughts, and inform our next plans.
- second, holding **3 open afternoons or evenings**, both in person and via Zoom to share and develop our thoughts as a community; and
- third, running **an Awayday** for both St. Saviour's PCC and our own, on Saturday 3rd July.



Underlying all this is that best-known and loveliest of Psalms: Psalm 23. There, we are shown our Good Shepherd, who not only guides in right paths and protects in dark valleys, but sometimes makes his sheep lie down, and leads them beside quiet waters. It's my prayer that over the next few months we have that sort of time: to be still, to rest and be refreshed, and to listen afresh to the voice of Christ, our Shepherd.

Friends, can I urge you: please don't rush into the new normal. Instead, pause. Be still. Listen: to your heart, to others, most of all to the Lord – and join me in praying that this might be a precious time of renewal and guidance as we look ahead.

Rick Stordy
23rd May 2021



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPELTOWN
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity Registration No. 1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Address	St John's Parish Centre 21 Housley Park Chapelton Sheffield S35 2UE
Clergy	Revd Richard Stordy – incumbent Revd David Whitehead –curate Revd Jim Crossley
Independent Examiner	Jennifer Copley
Bankers	Virgin Money Sheffield S6 2LY
Charity Number	1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Ex Officio Members of the PCC

Clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to the Parish	Revd Richard Stordy – Vicar - Chairman Revd David Whitehead – Curate Revd Jim Crossley -Curate
Lay Workers	Mr Michael Hannaford – Youth Minister/worker
Church Wardens	Mrs Barbara Rodgers Mr John Boldock
Readers	Mr Ian Watson Mr Paul Ruddlesdin. (until May 2021)

Standard Representatives

Mr Sam Bacon	
Mrs Georgina Battey	
Mr Stephen Battey	
Mrs Ann Boldock	
Mrs Sylvia Charles	(Deanery Synod Representative)
Mr Andrew Dickinson	(Deanery Synod Representative; from May 2021)
Mrs Shirley Dickinson.	(from May 2021)
Miss Ruth Gardiner	(until September 2021)
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer)
Mrs Helen Ruddlesdin	
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Nicky Wareing	(from May 2021)
Mrs Val Wilson	

Officers of the PCC

Secretary	Mrs Pat Smith
Safeguarding Officer	Mr Michael Hannaford
Vulnerable Adults Officer	Mrs Sylvia Charles
Giving Secretary	Mrs Monica Sharp
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Fiona Battey

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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

Structure, governance and management

St. John's church is based at the Parish Centre, 21, Housley Park, Chapeltown, Sheffield. Due to the legal closure of its building in 2003, the congregation meets for worship both at the Parish Centre and at the Newton Hall on Cowley Lane in Chapeltown. St. John's is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

The PCC has enjoyed charitable status since 23 September 2009 (Charity number 1131768).

The PCC has up-to-date policies which are regularly reviewed: a Safeguarding Children Policy (updated and approved in November 2019), covering all issues relating to the safeguarding children and young people, a Vulnerable Adults Policy, a Health & Safety Policy (both updated and approved in July 2018) and a Domestic Abuse Policy (approved in November 2019).

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rev Richard Stordy	(Chairman)
Rev David Whitehead	Curate
Rev Jim Crossley	Curate
Mr Sam Bacon	
Mr Stephen Battey	
Mrs Georgina Battey	
Mrs Ann Boldock	
Mr John Boldock	
Mrs Sylvia Charles	
Mr Andrew Dickinson	
Mrs Shirley Dickinson	
Miss Ruth Gardiner	
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer)
Mrs Barbara Rodgers	
Mrs Helen Ruddlesdin	
Mr Paul Ruddlesdin	
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Pat Smith	(Secretary)
Mrs Nicky Wareing	
Mr Ian Watson	
Mrs Val Wilson	

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

New trustees are welcomed and receive training in their duties and responsibilities at their first PCC meeting after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting each year. They also receive a leaflet published by the Diocese of Sheffield on the responsibilities of Trustees. At each PCC meeting any further questions or issues are dealt with as they arise.

The PCC member who served during the year and is not a trustee of the charity was Mr Michael Hannaford (Youth Minister/worker).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our trustee meetings the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The activities of our church provide tangible benefits to many in our community, and in particular by

1. The provision of weekly public worship open to all.
2. Pastoral work, including visits to the bereaved and the sick.
3. Teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, courses, special events and our cell groups.
4. Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
5. The provision of a youth group in a locality which has no other significant youth work of any kind.
6. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Objectives and activities

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, Revd. Rick Stordy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in accordance with the Church's vision statement:

**St. John's is a church *here for God, here for you,*
aiming to grow UP towards God, IN with each other and, OUT to others**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The PCC has responsibility for running costs and maintenance for the Parish Centre, which (so far as possible during Covid-19) was used for a weekly communion service on a Sunday morning, a midweek communion on the first Wednesday of each month, the *Element* and *ElementPLUS* youth groups, the Bumps & Babies and St. John's Tots groups and *Wednesday Friends* who use the Parish Centre each week and contribute to the Parish Centre income. There were a number of occasional or less regular users, including the Nigerian Anglican Church who met at the Parish Centre on Sunday mornings, after our 8am Communion. The church office is also based at the Parish Centre.

Impact of Covid-19

Though not as severe as in 2020, Covid-19 meant 2021 remained a very challenging year, bringing many changes to our worship, witness and life together. We had periods when we could meet in person; and periods when we could not. At one moment, we seemed to be heading back to something like normality, only to find that we were soon having to return to life with restrictions. From the end of April 2021 we returned to in-person meetings, at least on Sundays. This worship was also live-streamed online, until the end of July. The online option ceased after careful research revealed that by then we were no longer attracting many viewers who were not already committed to St. John's. We then weighed the needs of a really small number who could only watch us online against the demands this was making on a very small (but loyal) team of those who provided the live-stream. We were also keen to encourage one another to gather physically so far as possible.

Electoral Roll & Sunday worship

There was a negligible decrease on the Electoral Roll from 130 to 129, of whom 33 are non-residents in the parish.

Average Sunday attendance can only be measured from the end of April, and shows a marked decrease from pre-pandemic levels, at 71 adults and 8 children (compare our 2019 figures: 109 adults and 15 children). However, these figures reflect the fact that quite a number of the congregation were taking time to feel confident enough to return to gathered worship, and fit exactly with what churches across the country have seen. The signs from 2022 so far are that the average attendance is now beginning to return to something like normal.

Our worship, both online and in person, was led by a team of clergy, our youth minister, readers and other preachers, and our music group. All of them gave of their time and skills with great generosity. All continued to work hard and with creativity, offering online worship for the first part of the year, and then adapting to various forms of in-person gatherings.

Our children's groups, crèche and Sunday Club resumed in person in September, not only with smaller numbers, but with a much smaller team able to run them. We were extremely blessed by all our loyal volunteers who gave so much time, both in online sessions in the first part of the year, and in the in-person group that resumed in the Autumn. A particular highlight in the summer was an open-air Sunday Club Celebration in the Parish Centre garden: not only was

there glorious sunshine, but for many of the children it was their first meeting with their leaders and friends for several months.

Christian teaching and learning

The heart of our spiritual diet is the reading of Scripture and preaching each Sunday, and that kept going, whether online or in the flesh. The year saw several sermon series:

- *Origins: sermons in Genesis 1-4* (January-April) & *Genesis 5-11* (May-July);
- *Songs in the Night: Psalms for the Weary* (August);
- *Last Words: Paul's letter to the Philippians* (September-November);
- we ended the year with a short Advent series on Mark 13, *Your Kingdom Come*.

Audio recordings of all these are available online on our website and this resource is regularly used by those who miss any particular Sunday.

Our Lent course was a particular joy this year, being shared with our friends from St. Saviour's on Tuesday evenings via Zoom. We used *The Bible Course*, a wonderful video teaching resource from Bible Society which attracted really good numbers: about 60 each week.

In September, 65 of us – both adults and children – enjoyed our delayed bi-annual weekend away, held for the first time at the Hayes Conference Centre at Swanwick. Though we took slightly less folks than normal, due to Covid, a number joined us for the first time. The Bible teaching from our old friend and former curate Mike Gilbert was inspirational; the youth and children's sessions were very well received and our music group were on fine form. The feedback was very positive: the new venue was much appreciated and the icing on the cake was a wonderfully sunny weekend.

Cell groups

Alongside weekly Sunday worship, our cell groups continued to be the other side of the coin in our core activities. Throughout the year, Cell members managed to keep in contact via Zoom, telephone, WhatsApp or in similar ways. As the year progressed, most of our Cells moved from meeting on Zoom to meeting in person, either at the Parish Centre or returning to each other's homes. At year's end, there were about 70 people involved in a Cell, in one of our 8 groups.

One-to one discipleship

Much as we love to encourage each other to form intentional one-to-one partnerships, centring on friendship, Bible reading and prayer, the pandemic made developing these harder. Established partners have kept going; one or two new partnerships have formed. In all, this feels like an area we need to renew as we move to a more normal future.

Pastoral care

Our vicar, retired clergy and licensed Pastoral Worker managed to visit members of the congregation and wider parish regularly. Over the year, the clergy visited the bereaved and conducted 17 funerals, 2 less than in 2020. 5 of these were funerals for High Green.

We were delighted in the Autumn to resume conducting our monthly services in at least one of the care homes in the Parish, though initially only clergy were able to visit.

Mothers' Union

We have a committed and active Mothers' Union group, which promotes and supports family life. The group has 22 members (and 2 'Friends of MU'). Members kept in touch via letter, telephone, a WhatsApp group and Zoom from January, until September when to their huge relief normal meetings restarted.

Witness & serving our community

The pandemic continued to affect our regular evangelistic and community activities that bring people together to hear the gospel. However we still took what opportunities we could to allow others to explore Christian faith and see a Christian community in action. These included:

1. Enquirers' group: we had a most encouraging start to 2021, with our first ever *Christianity Explored* course online, via Zoom. This proved to be very fruitful, with a couple of people committing to Christ for the first time.
2. Our Monday morning *Bumps & Babies* and *St. John's Tots* resumed in September and quickly saw a good number of new parents and children joining us. Both teams worked hard to make this Covid-safe and yet enjoyable for all who came. By year's end, each group was seeing 15-16 coming each week, with even more families 'on the books'.
3. Our Christmas activities: it was a great joy to hold Christmas activities once more, though to keep everyone Covid-safe, numbers were restricted to a maximum of around 90 in each congregation. We had a special joint churches family show called 'The 12 Days of Christmas' in mid-December. We saw really encouraging numbers, including many visitors, at our Nativity, Carols by Candlelight and Christingle. We were invited once more into Wetherspoons Wagon & Horses to lead a Community Carols, along with the Chapeltown Silver Prize Band and our friends from the Methodist Church and the Christian Community Church. We gave out invitations to Christmas services, shared a brief gospel message, and it was very well-received: the staff gave us an especially warm reception.
4. Wednesday Friends: this group for the over-50s, offering a weekly gathering for friendship and support, resumed with great enthusiasm in September, and saw steady but marked growth in the numbers coming week by week.
5. The Men's Wednesday Night Football group met regularly for much of the year and continued to grow. The team invited those who were not yet Christians to a new three-week evangelistic course for the New Year 2022, *Hope Explored*.
6. Foodbank: our involvement in the St. Saviour's Foodbank remains steady, with a number helping with the weekly deliveries.
7. Pastoral care: our Pastoral Worker and clergy continued to visit those in particular need. A particular blessing over the year was the fact that one of our curates, David Whitehead, is a hospital chaplain. He was therefore able to visit church members in hospital when the regular clergy were not.
8. Community links: we were delighted to host an in-person annual Remembrance Service, though in a different format this year. There was a much smaller service at the Newton Hall, to which we welcomed the deputy Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, as well as our local MP, Miriam Cates. This was followed by a public gathering at the War Memorial in Chapeltown Park, led by our clergy.
9. Regular worship: week by week, we began to see visitors joining us once again, partly as baptism ministry resumed, and partly as newcomers joined us on Sunday mornings.
10. The daily witness of the whole congregation: though unseen, we see continually the faithful witness of our church members in their streets, schools and workplaces, being salt and light for Christ. This resulted in several new faces joining us for regular Sunday worship during the Autumn.

Youth work

The youth work went through various changes which our youth team rose to with great creativity and willingness. The year began with the youth work still online, which Michael, our youth minister, worked really hard at. They saw about 12 teenagers a week attending *Element* via Zoom, including two or three new faces. *D:Group* had a regular group of 6 or 7 meeting online. 2 of the teenagers also joined the adults for the online *Christianity Explored*. Added to this, a group of 3 teenage lads met with Michael and Jim our curate for some months to read Mark's Gospel together – even during Covid restrictions.

After Easter, *Element* and *Element:PLUS* resumed, with a total of 15 teenagers coming along week by week. *D:Group* also started meeting again, with 2 new members.

A particular highlight was in August, when our young people joined the youth from several local churches (Oughtibridge Parish Church, Christ Church Endcliffe and Christ Church Walkley) for a new larger youth gathering called *Connect*,

and enjoyed a residential weekend away for 50 youngsters. We hope this will develop into holding further gatherings, both social and for teaching and worship.

By the year's end we were seeing about 19 regulars between *Element* and *Element:PLUS*, and 8 at *D:Group* each Sunday. The year also saw three of our young people decide to seek Confirmation, which would have taken place at the end of November, had it not been snowed off!

The youth work is wonderfully supported by the whole congregation, especially our volunteer team of leaders who give their time and care week by week – without them it simply would not happen.

Schools work

The vicar, youth minister and a team of volunteers kept in touch with all the local infant and junior schools during the year: for the early part of the year, we sent the schools classroom assembly videos for Easter. But by September, at least three of the four primary schools invited us back in for in-person assemblies. The children were obviously glad to see us back.

Charitable giving

A total of £122 was given to two charities, the Leprosy Mission and St Saviours Foodbank

Achievements and performance

The full PCC met 7 times during the year with an average attendance rate of 78%. Meetings were via Zoom from January until our PCC Awayday in July, after which we returned to more normal meetings. The Standing Committee (Development Team) met between meetings, and their deliberations were received by the full PCC where necessary.

Financial review

Total receipts were £114,114 of which £102,888 was the main giving from the congregation (planned giving, collections and one-off giving). Giving to the General Fund was down by £1,555 compared with the previous year. Regular giving by the congregation to the restricted Youth Worker fund was £756 less than in 2020. So overall regular giving by the congregation decreased by £2,311. This was the fourth year in which the total costs of the Youth Worker Fund were met by the congregation without any grants from outside agencies.

Of the expenditure £78,373 (see below regarding apportionment of Parish Centre Income and Expenditure) represents unrestricted (general) funds. The Church opened a savings account in 2014 in order to achieve interest on the funds in the Youth Worker restricted account. However in 2021 this account was not used owing to reduced funds and the very small interest payable.

The Parish Centre has now little spare capacity and has a number of regular bookings. There have been a number of donations but these were not sufficient to cover expenditure. Whilst expenditure was tightly controlled in 2021, there was a loss of £1,249. The income and expenditure for the Parish Centre is split between the church charitable activities and the availability for rental income on a 60/40 basis, based on an analysis of availability and excluding the cost of running the church office.

A review of the structure of the Parish Centre highlighted the need for a number of repairs and as a result of this a £9,180 which was placed in a restricted fund in 2019, 'PC-Hidden Gem' (see note 13). Of this £2,293 was spent in 2021 and was mainly spent on repointing the stone work in the spring.

In considering the accounts the General Fund and Parish Centre Fund need to be considered together.

£16,225 was transferred from the General Fund to the restricted Youth Worker Fund to cover the cost deficits in this restricted fund.

£50,000 was paid towards the Diocesan Common Fund, which largely provides stipends, housing for the clergy and all central support of the parish and its clergy (e.g. Church House and the various Diocesan departments like the Parish Support Team). This was a decrease of £1,030 from 2020. The Parish remains committed to paying its full contribution

in terms of supporting ordained ministry across our region, and this is a good contribution for a church of our size in a community such as ours.

The ongoing Covid 19 pandemic has not only caused disruption to the running of the church but has also had an adverse effect on church finances. Giving has reduced which has not all been offset by cost savings. A result of this financial hardship is the reduction in the payment to the Diocesan Common Fund.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £5,635. This means that the total balance carried forward at 31 December 2021 was £194,624.

Staffing

In July, by mutual agreement, Michael Hannaford's duties and post changed. He ceased being our youth minister, and re-started employment as a youth worker until the end of January 2022. We were delighted that as that date approached, Michael was able to move directly back into teaching. We are incredibly grateful for the hard and creative work he put into maintaining and growing our youth work during a very challenging year. In the meantime, following a recruitment process in November, the PCC appointed a new youth minister, Mikey Gilmour, who is due to start work on 25th April 2022.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to have a cash balance of between 5% and 10% of annual income. Currently this is not being achieved but income against expenditure is monitored monthly and any remedial action taken to remedy any cash flow or unexpected changes to income or expenditure.

Restricted reserves are to be carried forward as they represent monies received in advance of expenditure for restricted purposes.

Going Concern

The charities income is predominantly from contributions from individual church members (94% of total income) and the number of members has stayed consistent over the last 10 years and the church continues to attract new members to replace those who have moved away or died. The PCC closely monitors the charities expenditure has reviewed the structural condition of its building in 2019 to mitigate against any major repairs. There are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The charity is a public benefit entity. The Diocese of Sheffield strategy review 2019 confirms that the Diocese supports the church's ongoing ministry and discussions would occur with the Diocese if any material uncertainties occur.

Future plans

Two significant events led to major changes in our vision priorities over 2021 and as we look ahead. First was of course the effects of Covid-19, and all the demands that brought in adapting our life and witness through the various twists and turns of the year. Second was our growing relationship with St. Saviour's, which was strengthened by sharing online worship and our Lent course, as well as our vicar's increasing commitment to supporting the churchwardens there. This was further encouraged by our Diocese, which is asking all parishes to seek to form 'Mission Areas' in which they share in mission together, under the oversight of one clergyperson. In other words, it will no longer in future be one vicar per parish, but often one vicar overseeing several parishes.

For this reason, in July 2021 the PCC held a joint Awayday with the PCC of St. Saviour's High Green, led by the vicar and the new Associate Archdeacon, Revd. Ian Parkinson. As a result of this, a 'transition team' was set up, made up of members of both PCCs, chaired by Jim Crossley. This team sought to make practical recommendations as to our future growth together as one Mission Area. These were then considered by both PCCs, and at time of writing, the following steps have been taken:

1. A decision by our own PCC to release our vicar for support and exploring closer work with St. Saviour's.
2. A formal decision of the St. Saviour's PCC to invite our vicar to become their Oversight Minister.

3. Both PCCs, agreed a Joint Statement of Intent, on their commitment “to actively seeking God’s will on how our partnership might grow for the benefit of our communities and the glory of God.”

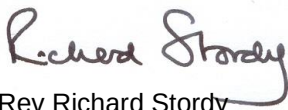
At time of writing, two further steps lie before us:

4. Both PCCs need to agree the Role Specification for the vicar as our shared Oversight Minister
5. Both PCCs to agree a change in Sunday service pattern, with a view to our vicar starting work as Oversight Minister on or about 1st May 2022.

These discussions have, understandably, taken a good deal of energy, thought and prayer on the part of our PCCs, wardens and clergy. We are encouraged by the openness and warmth of many of our friends at St. Saviour’s, and pray that this closer partnership will increase the growth and fruitfulness of both churches. For that to happen, we have three particular prayers:

- For wisdom and vision as both churches seek to call and equip a leadership team known as a ‘Focal Ministry Team’ for each parish, to work alongside the Oversight Minister.
- Not to lose our gospel focus, so in the midst of these structural changes, we do not lose sight of Jesus: knowing him and making him known in a needy world.
- And most of all: for a courageous and confident faith in the Lord, remembering that is lovingly at work in all these changes for our good and the blessing of others (Romans 8:28).

Approved by the PCC on 28 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by



Rev Richard Stordy
(Chairman)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPELTOWN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131768

Set out on pages

12-21

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date:

01/04/2022

Name:

Jennifer Copley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

N/A to this engagement

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ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restrictive funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	Notes	£	Note 14 £	Note 13 £	£	£
<u>Income and endowments from</u>						
Donations and legacies	2	91,972	250	10,665	102,887	104,284
Investments	3	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable	4a	1,305	-	5,635	6,940	3,027
Activity for generating income	4a	-	3,080	-	3,080	642
Other	4b, 5	1,206	-	-	1,206	2,371
Total income		94,483	3,330	16,300	114,113	110,324
<u>Expenditure</u>						
	6					
Charitable expenses		78,010	-	36,796	114,806	106,345
Costs of raising Funds		62	4,579	-	4,641	5,028
Losses on fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Governance		300	-	-	300	300
Total resources expended		78,372	4,579	36,796	119,747	111,673
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		16,111	(1,249)	(20,496)	(5,634)	(1,349)
Transfers between funds General and Youth		(16,208)	-	16,208	-	-
Net movement in funds 13,14		(97)	(1,249)	(4,288)	(5,634)	(1,349)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		125,620	64,446	10,192	200,258	201,607
Fund balances at 31 December 2021						
13,14,15b		125,523	63,197	5,904	194,624	200,258

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	10,15a	192,535	195,389
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,678	2,924
Cash at bank and in hand		5,521	7,359
Total		8,199	10,283
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	6,110	5,415
Net current assets less liabilities		2,089	4,868
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>194,624</u>	<u>200,258</u>
Income funds			
Restricted income funds	13	5,904	10,192
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	14	63,198	64,446
General fund	15a	125,522	125,620
		<u>194,624</u>	<u>200,258</u>

60% of the Parish Centre has been moved to the General Fund as a result of the proportion used on church activities as opposed to rentals, note 14

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 28 March 2022

Rev Richard Stordy (Chairman)
Trustee

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement. This excludes the balance at 31 December 2021 was £5,192 (2020 £4,238). Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when there is a legal obligation committing the charity to pay out

All expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.5 Taxation

St John's Parochial Church Council is a registered charity and its activities are not subject to taxation.

1.6 Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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:

Property	1% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33% or 10% straight line
Office Equipment	33%
Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.	

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted /Designated funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations	90,972	10,915	101,887	104,284
Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	-
<i>Total</i>	91,972	10,915	102,887	104,284

3 Investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest receivable	-	-

4a Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted 2021 funds £	Total £	2020 Total £
Charitable activities	1,305	3,080	5,635	10,020	3,027
The comparative amounts 2020	977	-	2,050	3,027	

4b Activities for generating income

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	2020 Total £
Parish Centre rentals	720	-	-	720	642

5 Other income and expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted 2021 Funds	£	2020 £
Insurance claim	486	-	-	486	2,371
Parish Centre rentals (as per Note 4b above)	720	-	-	720	
Total	1,206	-	-	1,206	

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Expenditure on raising funds	-	4,641	-	4,641	5,028
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	31,771	83,035	-	114,806	106,645
Governance		300		300	
Total	31,771	87,976	-	119,747	111,673
The comparative costs for 2020	Staff costs 31,451		Other costs 80,222		Total 111,673
Other costs includes the Common Fund paid to Sheffield Diocese				50,000	51,030

7 Grants payable

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants to institutions:		
No Grants were made in 2021 or 2020	0	0
	0	0

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but the Vicar was reimbursed a total of £2,262 (2020: £2,157) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage. The aggregate value of identifiable unconditional donations made by the Trustees in 2021 was £15,110 (2020: £13,360).

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Charitable objectives	3	3

Employment costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages ,salaries and pensions	31,771	31,451

Included within the number of staff are 2 (2020 – 2) part time employees.

NI Salary costs for 2021 were £nil due to employers NI allowance of £4,000.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

Chapelton St John PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the separately from this of the Employer and other participating Employers. The Church Workers Pension has a section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014

The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific and that contributions are accounted for as if the scheme were a defined contribution scheme.

The pension costs charged to the SOFA in the year are contributions payable of £1,992 (2020: £1,845). (These are the total costs including the employees' contributions).

Costs do not include the Vicar and Curates who are employed by the Diocese of Sheffield.

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Parish Centre	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1/1/21	250,000	5,039	255,039
Additions	-	-	-
Disposal	-	-	-
At 31/12/21	250,000	5,039	255,039
Depreciation			
At 1/1/21	57,500	2,150	59,650
Charge for the year	2,500	354	2,854
Disposal	-	-	-
At 31/12/21	60,000	2,504	62,504
Net Book Value			
At 31/12/21	190,000	2,535	192,535

The agreed estimated cost of the Parish Centre was brought into the accounts from 1 January 2012 as a functional asset on the basis of cost less 23 years depreciation from the opening date of 15 October 1997. The Parish Centre asset has in the past been fully included in the Designated account. However, from 1 January 2019 the proportion of usage (60%) for church activities has been put into the General account. The remainder will remain in the Designated account for use for generating income from

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

11 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	2,678	2,924
Prepayments and accrued income		-
	2,678	2,924

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	6,110	5,415
	6,110	5,415

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Movement in funds Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Newton Hall	-	2,529	2,314	-	215
Church weekend away 2021	3,013	5,635	7,827	-	821
Youth Worker Fund	17	8,136	24,361	16,208	-
Hidden Gem	7,162	-	2,294	-	4,868
Total	10,192	16,300	36,796	16,208	5,904

Newton Hall fund – specific donations received to pay rent of Newton Hall

Youth Worker Fund – grants and donations received to employ a full-time youth worker

Hidden Gem- specific donations received to pay for repairs to Parish Centre.

Weekend away-- specific donations received to pay for church weekend away

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14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£		
Music Group	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Centre	62,032	3,330	4,579	-	60,783
Ministry Development	2,414	-	-	-	2,414
	64,446	3,330	4,579	-	63,197

The Parish Centre fund is used to run the Centre which is a base for the Parish office, the Youth Work, Bumps and Babies and Toddlers and Wednesday Friends groups. There are also rooms available to hire by the community. This balance in this fund is made up of a proportion of the asset and a negative cash balance as shown in note 15a

The Ministry Development is a fund set aside for future developments in ministry and its use is at the discretion of the PCC.

15a Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designate d funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	116,336	74,876	1,323	192,535
Current assets	7,075	(9,209)	10,333	8,199
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,110)	2,469	5,751	6,110
	125,521	63,198	5,905	194,624

Comparative totals for 2020 were: Tangible assets, £195,389, current assets, £10,283, creditors amounts falling due within one year £5,415.

Cash in hand includes £5,192 in Agency accounts. Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

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15b Apportionment of assets

From 1 January 2019 the Parish Centre asset has been apportioned between the Unrestricted fund and the Designated Fund on the basis of a 60%/40% split between church activity usage and rental availability

16 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year end.

17 Capital commitments

There were no commitments at the year end.

18 Related party transactions

The Vicar was reimbursed a total of £2,262 (2020: £2,157) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage. The aggregate value of identifiable unconditional donations made by the Trustees in 2021 was £15,110 (2020: £13,360). The Vicar's employment costs are paid by the Diocese of Sheffield and are met from our (and other Church of England churches) contribution to the Common Fund.

The Common Fund to the Diocese of Sheffield was £50,000 (2020: £51,030).

There were no outstanding balances with related parties at 31 December 2021.

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DEANERY SYNOD

Ecclesfield Deanery Synod meetings 2021

There were three meetings during the course of 2021 as detailed below: -

Joint meeting with Hallam Deanery Synod on 18 March via Zoom

Jane Doran presented a summary of the results of a survey that had been presented to parishes beforehand. People had been asked to submit their hopes, concerns and questions.

Ian Parkinson, the Associate Archdeacon: Transition enabler, explained that stipendiary clergy will become Oversight Ministers overseeing 'Mission Areas' (comprising two or more parishes). A major part of their role will be to motivate and equip the church members in their area and a priority will be to develop a new type of leadership, called Focal Ministers, within each of the congregations that they are responsible for.

Christine Gore, the Director of Formation for Ministry gave a presentation in which she outlined in more detail the principles behind the plans to create the above-mentioned Focal Ministers. She went on to explain how focal ministers should be selected, trained and supported in their ministry.

Meeting held at Christ Church, Pitsmoor on 20 July

Dr Cathy Rhodes delivered a presentation entitled 'Eco Church and Net Zero in Sheffield Diocese: overview and next steps.' Members of the Synod were encouraged to ask their PCCs to consider some or all of 13 different possible courses of action. These centred around becoming better informed and taking various forms of local action.

Joint meeting with Hallam Deanery Synod on 30 November

Bishop Pete gave a presentation entitled 'Vision and Strategy Update' in which he described the process of transition to the new pattern of working (see above), which has been necessitated by what has previously been described as 'The Four Headed Beast': - declining attendance, lack of money, aging and unsuitable church buildings and aging congregations. He explained how a grant of £5m is being used to make various 5-year appointments of people whose role is facilitate this transition. We heard three very encouraging reports from our local area describing how the process has been working out. There was a question-and-answer session in which some concerns were raised and possible ways forward suggested.

Andrew Dickinson

MUSIC GROUP

Over the last year, we have continued to provide music on a Sunday morning and at occasional other event. Despite covid restrictions this has been a little bit more of a "normal" year. We were joined this year by Sonia Crossley on keyboard, and that has been a great blessing both musically, and to the group as a whole. I am sure you will agree that this brings an added dimension to the music on a Sunday morning.

Some of the group have been involved in weddings this year led by Steve Battey. Firstly in August with the wedding of Tim Gardiner & Millie, and then in October with Liam & Kathryn. It was great to hear them at those services, and also some new songs too.

Steve Battey also continues to help with leading music on some Sunday services and that is a great help to me, giving me a break from leading every week.

I would like to thank everyone in the team for their help and support this year, and of course the many members of our congregation who take the time to say thank you, that is very much appreciated.

We are always open to new people, so if anyone is interested please come and have a chat.

Paul Battey

MOTHER'S UNION

Many of our meetings in 2021 were once again cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. In August we held a well supported Coffee Day in memory of Kathleen Marsden who was one of our Members. The money raised went to support the work of Mothers' Union overseas and locally. We also held a pampering evening organised by the Body Shop which was also well attended and very enjoyable.

Would you like to learn to knit or crochet? Then come along and join us at Craft and Chat on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the Parish Centre from 10.00 - 12.00. Cost: £1 includes coffee and cake. We would love to see you.

Judith Thompson

PARISH CENTRE COMMITTEE

Well, we are almost there!

Our Parish Centre is no longer quiet.

A few groups have returned, and Monday mornings are alive with the noise of children playing. We are getting more bookings so perhaps we can say a fond farewell to Zoom.

By the time of this APCM we should have had a couple of trees pollarded with a couple more to be done next spring. We have started changing the lights to LED with the hope it will eventually save money on the electricity bill

A cleaning party took place between Christmas and New Year (socially distance and no booze) to clean out the central heating radiators, evidently they should have been cleaned yearly but it looks like they hadn't been done for a very long time. It has improved the heating a little but with still having to well ventilate the rooms we are still losing heat out of the doors and windows.

Our thanks go to a dedicated group of people who are looking after the Parish Centre Garden, it looks great. We are however looking to cut the grass ourselves at a saving of approx. £700 per year but so far, no volunteers. Our thanks also go to Alan who opens and locks the Parish Centre before and after non church groups use the building

With the help of an amazing management team we will continue to look after our Parish Centre so it continues to be a good place for worship fellowship and fun.

Barbara Rodgers

PRAYER CHAIN

This year we have had many varied prayer requests.

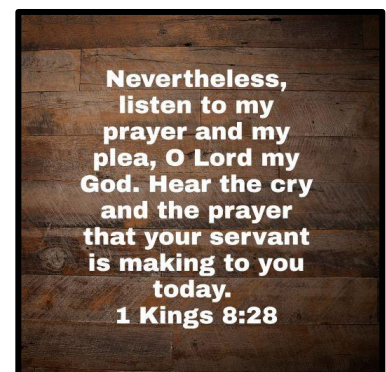
Some good, some bad (in our eyes) but that's the point isn't it?
Our answered by God in the way he wants not the way we want, which can be hard.

We also need to remember that the prayer chain isn't an opportunity to keep up to date with gossip but a privilege to bring our requests to God.

If you aren't on the prayer chain and would like to be please contact me 07814 918972 and I'll get you added.

Thank you for all your prayers and keep going.

Fee Battey



READER'S REPORT

This has been an odd year due to COVID . Details as follows :

St Johns Chapeltown
Preached 5 times (3 online)
Led: 8 times (3 online)

St Leonards Wortley
Led and Preached 3 times

Sheffield Central Housechurch
Preached 4 times

I have attended 4 Diocesan training sessions including the Readers Diocesan AGM with Bishop Sophie and other topics on prayer , Preaching and Poetry and Future of Readers in the Diocese.

I have also attended 5 PCCS and 3 preaching meetings within the parish. (incidentally, since 1987 I have attended around 300 PCC meetings No dropping PCC after 6 years for Readers!)

I have also completed Safeguarding Training to Standard 3 (Reader requirement) and have recently updated my DBS check for 3 more years. I note I have 4 years left on my current Reader licence before renewal and 7 years to go before I retire as a Reader .

In 2022 I will be concentrating my preaching and leading on the Chapeltown/High Green mission Area

Ian Watson

ST JOHN'S RAMBLERS

Boots squelching, rivulets of water running, sleet falling, wind rustling, twigs snapped, branches broken, angled trees, streams racing and thundering, hats on, cagoule pulled tight, gloves wet, underwear a little damp; thoughts racing, heart pumping, body exhilarated, joy filled, hope and life renewed, expectations heightened as our bodies fight against the elements.

Descending, we leave the high lands behind. We enjoy the green and grey of the woods, its shade, the dampness, the trees jostling for the heavens, snaking their roots across the path to trip the unwary. Downward we go, ever closer to the valley. Those green meadows beckon.

Meanwhile, every sinew and fibre of our body flushes with energy, adrenalin, vigour and strength. Fear is there, even anxiousness, so is assurance and steadfastness when your foot is placed down assuredly. Those conflicting emotions manifest themselves with every step during the tricky elements of the route. Sometimes our emotions abate, calm is restored. Then, another expanse of mud, ice or rocks protrude awkwardly, or a swollen stream needs to be crossed? Anxiety raised. Our thoughts interrupt. Is God here? Of course, he is. Here he dwells. Even in the chaos and aftermath of a storm, the obstacles that confront us, the sun and the heat, God resides.

Our heavenly Father lives and thrives at the heart and centre of the rambling group. Our darkest thoughts are shared, the heartbreak of loss, the brokenness of health, of illness, even of loneliness,

our hopes and fears, our vulnerabilities. We listen, we discuss, we pray, we grumble, we laugh, jokes are shared, politics reviewed, friendships forged.

The hills are walked, the sun burns us, animals startled us, plants intrigue us, rain cools us, the wind buffets, trails are blazed, bodies are refreshed.

In April 2021, we were able to resume our circumnavigation of Sheffield that had been interrupted in the previous twelve months. From April onwards we have walked from Midhopestones onto Linacre Reservoir, near Chesterfield, via Bolsterstone, High Bradfield, Moscar, Bamford Edge, Hathersage and Longshaw. Occasionally we dallied to explore some areas a little deeper. This coming year we will walk up the eastern flank of Sheffield.

For our weekend away we went to Much Wenlock, Shropshire to spend time on Long Mynd and Wenlock Edge. In December, we joined with the T-walkers for a Christmas meal together at The Plough, Lower Bradfield, where twenty-four enjoyed communion and friendship.

Andrew Woodcock

T-WALKS

Between May and October 2021, we walked every fortnight then once a month until the years end. As Delta waned and Omicron flourished the group continued to fellowship together. The walks have been a respite for a couple of hours in the great outdoors, then gathering for chat, comradeship and food in the garden of a nearby café or hostelry near the end of the walk. Inside, when the temperature cooled.

Over those eight months thirty individuals have participated in the thirteen organised walks, an average of twelve per walk.

Those who have especially relished the fellowship are the widowed, widower and divorced. That companionship with others, it being a valued part of their social life. The walks provide togetherness, wellbeing, a place to belong, an absence of loneliness for a few hours. Indeed, that is the case for all, even the couples. An opportunity to recharge batteries, to be enlivened, our bodies and minds stimulated. To enjoy peace and calm. A few hours away from a pandemic obsessed world.

The walks usually last two and a half hours, a distance of five miles is travelled and our total ascent rarely exceeds six hundred and fifty feet.

In April 2022, we will revert to walking once a fortnight every other Tuesday. If you are able, do join us.

Andrew Woodcock

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL GROUP

Wednesday football group is a group of men, and some women, who meet on a Wednesday night 8.15 to 9.15 at Concord leisure centre. The weekly group is 20 people plus 10 or so irregular people. The group includes a good mixture of Christians and non-Christian people. Recently four members of our group attended the Hope Explored course. For more information, please ask John Harpur

John Harpur

WEDNESDAY FRIENDS

Wednesday Friends for over 60's has been running for six and a half years.

We meet at 10.30am every Wednesday (including half term and holidays) in the Parish Centre. Recently numbers have grown and we now have an average of 15-19 people. We chat, drink

coffee or tea and have some very interesting and stimulating discussions on many topics ending with a short prayer acknowledging God's goodness to us

Val Wilson

YAK

The Young Adults with Kids (YAK) group has about 8 families that aim to meet once a month at one family's house for food and company. The group currently consists of families from St John's but we recognise an opportunity to invite non-church families so that it becomes an outreach group. We have had three meetings so far and all have been well attended. We have also had some families attend who have felt they could not return to church yet so it is an opportunity for them to stay in the church community

Emma Harpur

YOUTH AND CHILDRENS WORK REPORT

Ministry and Mission to Children and Young People at St John's Chapeltown

God has blessed us with many children and young people at St John's.

We have disciples of all ages within the church family. On Sundays, **Scramblers** nurtures our pre-school children, and the **Sunday Clubs** teach our 5–14-year-olds. The new **Youth Spoons** grows our 15–18-year-olds in the morning, and they gather again for **D-group** in the evening.

We also have meaningful relationships with children and young people of all ages outside the church family through the week. On Monday mornings, **Bumps and Babies** serves new mums and mums to be, and **St John's Tots** serves pre-school children and their parents at the Parish Centre. On Thursday evenings, the **Element** youth group reaches out to young people from the area between 11 and 18 years of age.

Partnership with St Saviour's High Green

As we grow our relationship with St Saviour's High Green, youth and children's work is very much on the agenda. Currently St Saviour's has no regular young members and no regular contact with children or young people outside the church. The St Saviour's PCC would like this to change. They are planning a thoroughgoing consultation within the church to discern if there is a will to invest in growing such a work in partnership with St John's.

Element

There has been substantial change in the group over the last year. Four key members of the group started college in September and have lost contact with us along with the friends, girlfriends and siblings that occasionally came with them. Four others are at a similar stage and their attendance has become irregular. One church family with two young people has also stopped coming for the time-being. As a result, numbers are down from around 25 most months to around 15.

Consequently, in October the two midweek youth groups (Element and Element Plus) combined to create a slightly fuller single group as restrictions lifted. The Youth Team met in January to discern

the way forward. We concluded that the group has gradually changed over the years from an 'outreach' formula to a 'discipleship' formula. Now is the time to return to outreach mode. On that basis we are currently recruiting a wider team to run a wider range of activities, changing the aim and reducing the length of the bible talks, and engaging the Christian young people from D-group to re-connect with Element and invite their friends from school.

Please pray for Element in outreach mode that we would attract new young people; for those joining the team; and for the young people who have moved on from Element without making a clear commitment to Jesus.

Jim Crossley

Bumps & Babies

The group reopened in September and we anxiously waited to see who would come on the first day, the babies from pre Covid would all now be too old for the group. We needn't have worried, a group of about eight Mums turned up, it was lovely to get to know the Mums and their little ones. To try and be as safe as we could we opened the group into both the lower function room and the servery with plenty of fresh air and open windows. This proved a real success and one we are continuing, the Mums with tiny babies seem to enjoy the intimacy of the smaller room.

The numbers increased each week and it was gratifying to meet and greet new Mums who were quickly bonding with each other and forming new friendship groups.

The register grew to twenty or so and we were able to hold our usual Christmas party complete with Father Christmas who gave each baby a gift.

Recently our numbers topped 21 and we are once more planning our summer trip to Cleethorpes which we are all looking forward to.

We are a team of five and between us we provide refreshments, informal chats, sing along and other activities

It is a privilege to be a part of this group.

Sylvia Charles

St John's Tots (18 months - 4years, midweek)

St John's Tots re-started in a September 2021, following over a years break due to the pandemic. The group continues to be a real encouragement for both its leaders and local parents of 2-4-year olds. We have around 40 toddlers on the register, with a regular attendance of around 18 Tots and their carers.

The Tots planning follows a 2-year plan, the termly themes of which are:

- You are loved by God / Jesus is God
- Trust in God / Trust in Jesus
- Jesus is our guide / Jesus is with us always
- Gods plan and promise
- Old Testament kings / Jesus is the true King
- Jesus is here / God is in control

Each week is based around a Bible passage, with a linked craft activity for the toddlers, songs, bubbles and a prayer to end. The parents and carers hear a two-minute thought linked to the Bible passage.

The group strives to provide an environment where the children can play, and parents can feel loved and supported whilst making new friends.

Please pray for the leading team to grow, and that the families who attend see Gods love, hear Gods word and want to find out more

Lisa Lenton

Scramblers

The last year of Scramblers has been an interesting experience - a mixture of online and in person teaching, a small number of children, changes in leadership and children.

This time last year covid meant we were videoing ourselves leading sessions so the children could watch with their parents at home.

This was quite a fun experience as a leader but not necessarily the best way for the children to engage with church. The team at the time was myself, Sally, Caroline and Michael.

Since September Scramblers has been back up and running, with myself and Sally leading. Sessions have been somewhat limited, due to leadership capacity and therefore sessions were available on the first, second and fifth Sundays.

Returning to church has been great. It's so nice to see the children and help them to learn more about God while we play, stick, draw and read stories. We follow tried and tested materials for children's work with a focus on teaching the children bible stories and how God loves them in many different ways.

We find that the children are really enjoying this experience and have settled well into the group. It's also great that their parents have an opportunity to engage with worship.

The New Year has brought a few new opportunities.

Keren will shortly be joining the team which will mean Scramblers will be available as it was pre-Covid: on all Sundays apart from the family service.

And as our church babies grow, our numbers will, as over the year they will be introduced to the group.

Sally and I would like to thank:

- Caroline and Michael for their support during covid.
- Our parents for helping out by supporting us. This ensures sessions are held in accordance with safeguarding practice.
- Keren for coming onboard.
- Our children for being excited, engaging and brilliant!

Over the next year pray for our little ones as they grow to know God more and for more little ones to join us.

Louise Potter

Sunday Club and Rooted Sundays (4-14's Sunday's) –

The Rooted Sunday's group has 3 regularly attending young people. Climbers and Explorers have 9 children regularly attending. We have been blessed recently with a few visitors to the group. Every week we study the Bible together, pray together and discuss how we can live our lives with and for God.

Our Rooted Sunday's group at present continue to support the younger Climbers and Explorers. This year we have followed the main congregation sermon series, through Genesis, Philippians and Acts and enjoyed being part of the Sunday Club Celebration and Nativity service. Please pray for this group to grow, for more volunteers and for the children to grow in their understanding God's authority and His amazing unending love.

Ann Martindale, Ruth Langan and Lisa Lenton

Accounts



**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPELTOWN
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Charity Registration No. 1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Address	St John's Parish Centre 21 Housley Park Chapelton Sheffield S35 2UE
Clergy	Revd Richard Stordy – incumbent Revd David Whitehead – curate Revd Jim Crossley – curate
Independent Examiner	Jennifer Copley
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank plc 12 Loundside Chapelton Sheffield S35 2UN
Charity Number	1131768

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Ex Officio Members of the PCC

Clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in
or licensed to the Parish

Revd Richard Stordy – Vicar - Chairman
Revd David Whitehead – Curate
Revd Jim Crossley – Curate (from September 2020)

Church Wardens

Mrs Barbara Rodgers
Mr Tony Gardiner (until October 2020)
Mr John Boldock (from October 2020)

Readers

Mr Ian Watson
Mr Paul Ruddlesdin

Standard Representatives

Mr Sam Bacon
Mrs Georgina Battey
Mr Stephen Battey
Mrs Ann Boldock
Mr Steve Brook (Treasurer until April 2020)
Mrs Sylvia Charles (Deanery Synod Representative from October 2020)
Miss Ruth Gardiner
Mrs Ruth Langan (until October 2020)
Mr Michal Lipka
Mr Andy Mumford (Treasurer from May 2020)
Mrs Helen Ruddlesdin (from October 2020)
Mrs Pat Smith
Mr Paul Smith
Mrs Val Wilson (from October 2020)
Mr Fred Winks (Deanery Synod Representative until October 2020)
Mrs Judith Winks (Deanery Synod Representative until October 2020)

Officers of the PCC

Secretary

Mrs Pat Smith

Safeguarding Officer

Mr Carl Brooks-Plunkett (until 31 August 2020)
Mr Michael Hannaford (from 1 September 2020)

Vulnerable Adults Officer

Mrs Sylvia Charles

Giving Secretary

Mrs Monica Sharp

Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Fiona Battey

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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

Structure, governance and management

St. John's church is based at the Parish Centre, 21, Housley Park, Chapeltown, Sheffield. Due to the legal closure of its building in 2003, the congregation meets for public worship both at the Parish Centre and at the Newton Hall on Cowley Lane in Chapeltown. St. John's is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

The PCC has enjoyed charitable status since 23 September 2009 (Charity number 1131768).

The PCC has up-to-date policies which are regularly reviewed: a Safeguarding Children Policy, covering all issues relating to the safeguarding children and young people, a Vulnerable Adults Policy, a Health & Safety Policy (all updated and approved in July 2018) and a Domestic Abuse Policy (approved in November 2019).

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rev Richard Stordy	(Chairman)
Rev David Whitehead	Curate
Rev Jim Crossley	Curate (from Sept 2020; Licensed Lay Worker from June)
Mr Sam Bacon	
Mr Stephen Battey	
Mrs Georgina Battey	
Mrs Ann Boldock	
Mr John Boldock	from October 2020
Mr Steve Brook	(Treasurer until April 2020)
Mrs Sylvia Charles	
Miss Ruth Gardiner	
Mr Tony Gardiner	until October 2020
Mrs Ruth Langan	until October 2020
Mr Michal Lipka	until October 2020
Mr Andy Mumford	(Treasurer from May 2020)
Mrs Barbara Rodgers	
Mrs Helen Ruddlesdin	from October 2020
Mr Paul Ruddlesdin	
Mr Paul Smith	
Mrs Pat Smith	
Mrs Val Wilson	from October 2020
Mr Ian Watson	
Mr Fred Winks	until October 2020
Mrs Judith Winks	until October 2020

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

New trustees are welcomed and receive training in their duties and responsibilities at their first PCC meeting after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) each year. They also receive a leaflet published by the Diocese of Sheffield on the responsibilities of Trustees. At each PCC meeting any further questions or issues are dealt with as they arise.

This year's APCM was postponed from April until October because of Government restrictions on public meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic, which explains why most of the changes in PCC membership did not take place until then.

The PCC members who served during the year and are not trustees of the charity were Mr Carl Brooks-Plunkett (Youth & Families Minister until August 2020) and Mr Michael Hannaford (Youth Minister from September 2020).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our trustee meetings the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The activities of our church provide tangible benefits to many in our community, and in particular by

1. The provision of weekly public worship open to all.
2. Pastoral work, including visits to the bereaved and the sick.
3. Teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, courses, special events and our cell groups.
4. Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
5. The provision of a youth group in a locality which has no other significant youth work at all.
6. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Objectives and activities

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, Revd. Rick Stordy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in accordance with the Church's vision statement:

**St. John's is a church *here for God, here for you,*
aiming to grow UP towards God, IN with each other and, OUT to others**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The PCC has responsibility for running costs and maintenance for the Parish Centre, which (until the arrival of Covid-19) was used for a weekly communion service on a Sunday morning, a midweek communion on the first Wednesday of each month, the *Rooted* and *Element* youth groups, the Bumps & Babies and St. John's Tots groups and *Wednesday Friends* who use the Parish Centre each week and contribute to the Parish Centre income. There were also a number of occasional or less regular users, including the Nigerian Anglican Church who met at the Parish Centre on Sunday mornings, after our 8am Communion. The church office is also based at the Parish Centre.

Impact of Covid-19

Before proceeding with our normal report it is worth stressing that 2020 was transformed by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, which shut down much of our national life, including the worship and activities of St. John's. Added to this, as a church family we saw a number of our dear friends go to be with the Lord. Much as they are safe with him, grief was never far away during the year.

For all that, three things are worth pointing out in all that follows:

1. **Our gratitude to God** for the gifts of technology and the internet. Being able to move worship and groups online, using such tools at YouTube, Zoom and Facebook has been a lifeline for our life and witness.
2. **Our gratitude to each other** for all those (particularly Carl our Youth and Families Minister and a small but wonderful team of our younger adults) who worked hard to develop our online presence, and to support each other as many of us learned new skills from video filming and editing to the delights of Zoom meetings.
3. **The gift of unity** which we enjoyed as a church despite being unable to meet in person for most of the year; *and* reaching different decisions as to the appropriateness of resuming public worship at the various stages of the pandemic. It was heartening to see how everyone pulled together, respected those with different views, and worked hard to make sure that

every church member was offered ways of joining in our worship, whether in person, online, by telephone or a weekly mailing.

Overall 2020 was a very challenging year indeed, and put our whole nation – as well as the church – under considerable stress. Yet through it all, as the rest of this report will show, we must highlight God's constant faithfulness and the way Christ continued to build his church.

One particular development through the pandemic was the strengthening of our prayer life, through the provision of online Morning Prayer each day from Monday to Saturday. Following the Church of England *Common Worship* liturgy, this gives half an hour's diet of Scripture, prayer and silence. Though the church staff and a handful of others have been using this for many years in the Parish Centre, this online offering reached far more people and drew in a number of new regulars. For many, it became a real spiritual support and way of keeping in touch at a time when they felt isolated and cut off from Christian fellowship.

Electoral Roll & Sunday worship

There was a small increase on the Electoral Roll from 130 to 131, of whom 33 are non-residents in the parish.

Average Sunday attendance can only be measured until mid-March, when the Covid-19 pandemic brought regular public worship to an end, apart from brief respites in October and December. Between January and March, attendance showed an increase: it was 116 (101 adults and 15 children), overall 7 more than 2019, though as it was over less than three months, it is hard to know how significant it was.

From mid-March we moved our regular Sunday worship online: initially with pre-recorded video services, moving to live-streaming on YouTube later in the year. It is very difficult to gauge just how many people were with us online week by week. The most accurate measure we have is how many YouTube views we received. These averaged 110 per week, with the highest Sunday being 238, the lowest 85, though it should be borne in mind that those represent individual devices (computers, tablets or mobiles), so the actual numbers watching were certainly higher. Into these figures needs to be factored the fact that some of the congregation from St. Saviour's High Green also joined us for much of the year, as they were unable to offer an online service. We were encouraged to find quite a number of new visitors joining our online services, but the number of these is impossible to know.

Our Sunday Club and youth work similarly moved online, with some limited periods of meeting face-to-face. By the year's end, at *Element* and *ElementPLUS* we had about 7 taking part in meetings via Zoom on a Wednesday, and 5 on a Thursday. *D:Group* on Sunday evenings saw up to 7 coming, a slight increase. Numbers were higher when the groups were able to meet in person.

Our worship was led by a team of clergy, Youth & Families minister, readers and other preachers, and our music group. All of them gave of their time and skills with great generosity – and this year coped amazingly with the demands of moving online, and short periods of Covid-safe worship in person.

Our children's groups, crèche and Sunday Club, continued online, most recently with a weekly video for Scramblers and a separate one for the main Sunday Club. We are very blessed by a small but loyal (and creative!) team of volunteers who have given so much time to ensuring the children have still had good spiritual food even when we've been unable to meet in person.

Christian teaching and learning

The heart of our spiritual diet is the reading of Scripture and preaching each Sunday. This did manage to keep going through the pandemic! The year saw several sermon series:

- *Unexpected: discovering Jesus in Mark's Gospel* (January-April);
- *Outsiders – far from home* a series in the powerful little letter of 1 Peter (May-July);
- *The Hidden God* a short summer series on the book of Esther (July-August);
- a different type of series called *The King and his Bride: God's passion for his people* tracing the theme of God's patient and passionate love as a Husband of his people through the whole Bible (September – November); and

- we ended the year with an Advent series on seasonal passages from Matthew's Gospel, *Wait for the Lord*.

Audio recordings of all these are available online on our website and this resource is regularly used by those who miss any particular Sunday.

Our Lent course in the Psalms, *Deepening Prayer* was cut short after just two Tuesday evenings.

Cell groups

Alongside weekly Sunday worship, our cell groups continued to be the other side of the coin in our core activities. As with Sunday worship, most of our Cells found other ways of meeting for much of the year: most using Skype or Zoom. For some it was harder: they managed to keep in personal and telephone contact, but were unable to be together at all. At year's end, there were still about 80 people involved in a Cell, in one of our 9 groups.

The importance of these groups to those who attend was seen in the way many members persisted, despite all the obstacles, in learning the new technology required to keep meeting with each other.

One-to one discipleship

We continue to encourage each other to form intentional one-to-one partnerships, centring on friendship, Bible reading and prayer. The goal is to help each other grow in love for Christ and in confidence in sharing the gospel. Over time, we would like to learn how we can invite those who are not yet Christians to discover Christ through the Bible, meeting one-to-one with a Christian. This was resourced in September with a really inspiring Zoom conference, *Let's Get Started in Bible Sharing* led by visiting speaker Mark Campbell. However numbers attending were only about a dozen, and the pandemic did make developing one-to-ones harder.

Pastoral care

Our vicar, retired clergy and licensed Pastoral Worker managed to visit members of the congregation and wider parish regularly. Over the year, the clergy visited the bereaved and conducted 19 funerals, 2 less than in 2019. 6 of these were funerals for High Green. Sadly Covid prevented us from conducting our monthly services in the care homes in the Parish.

Mothers' Union

We have a committed and active Mothers' Union group, which promotes and supports family life. The group has 26 members (and 1 'Friend of MU'). Obviously from March its monthly meetings ceased. After that members kept in touch via letter, telephone, a WhatsApp group and Zoom.

Witness & serving our community

The pandemic meant that any of our regular evangelistic and community activities that brought people together (like *Real Lives*, and our Monday morning *Bumps & Babies* and *St. John's Tots* groups) could not be held. However we still took what opportunities we could to allow others to explore Christian faith and see a Christian community in action. These included:

1. Our Christmas activities: one of our curates (Jim) put together an excellent *Advent walk* around local sites in Chapeltown which folks could follow in their permitted daily exercise. The walk wove together local sites and history with a Christmas message and was completed by over 500 people. We gave away over 150 *Home For Christmas CDs* for free, which contained a mixture of traditional and modern carols alongside a short evangelistic message from Roger Carswell. We also involved members from the community as well as from both St. Saviour's and St. John's in a pre-recorded online *Carols by Candlelight*, which included a rendition of 'Hark the Herald Angels sing' by a community choir. This was viewed by hundreds of people, many of whom were not regular church members.

2. Enquirers' group: thought it's slightly looking beyond 2020, by the year's end we were looking forward to a number of people of all ages coming on the *Christianity Explored* course via Zoom. We now know this proved to be very fruitful, with at least a couple of people committing to Christ for the first time.
3. One-to-ones: we were encouraged to see some beginning to offer to read a Gospel with non-Christian friends or enquirers. This in turn fed into those joining *Christianity Explored*.
4. The Men's Wednesday Night Football group met whenever possible.
5. Foodbank: our involvement in the St. Saviour's Foodbank increased, with a number helping with the weekly deliveries, and increased donations of food and other gifts.
6. Pastoral care: we saw a number of approaches to our clergy and Pastoral Worker from non-churchgoers, some with mental health issues and others with spiritual questions. Our ability to offer socially-distanced and safe visits in the Parish Centre was a real bonus.
7. Community links: we became linked in with two new networks as a result of the pandemic. First, Miriam Cates MP, who is a practising Christian, used us on a number of occasions to help individuals who were struggling and needed help with shopping or obtaining medication. We also became part of the Chapelgreen Community Hub, attending their monthly Zoom meetings and assisting at Christmas with the delivery of Christmas hampers to the housebound.
8. Regular worship: it's worth adding that more than ever, our online services connected with a number of people in the community who had not previously been actively involved in church.
9. The daily witness of the whole congregation: though unseen, we cannot forget the quiet but faithful witness of our church members on their streets, schools and workplaces, being salt and light for Christ.

Youth work

The youth work went through huge changes: first, we said goodbye, with great gratitude as well as sadness, to Carl, as he moved down to London to commence training for ordained ministry in the Church of England. We were delighted to see a slight easing in the restrictions on public meetings so we could have an open air 'goodbye' event in the grounds of the Parish Centre in July.

We then were delighted to welcome Michael as our new Youth Minister. He worked hard and creatively to get to know our children and young people, even when physical meetings with them were not always possible. Mercifully in the latter months of the year, even when most other groups were unable to meet, the young people were allowed to do so, with restrictions such as wearing face masks and observing social distancing. We were encouraged to see some new faces joining us, as existing group members invited their friends. A good number of the youth group come from the community, and not from church families.

The youth work enjoys strong and practical support from the whole congregation, especially through our volunteer team of leaders who give their time and care week by week – without them it simply would not happen.

Schools work

The vicar and Youth Minister and a small team of volunteers kept in touch with all the local infant and junior schools during the year. We filmed and sent out classroom assembly videos for both the Summer and Christmas, which were much appreciated. At time of writing, we have just sent a further video round to the schools for Easter.

Charitable giving

A total of £753 (not included in the accounts) was given to two charities, the Leprosy Mission and Acorn Camps

Achievements and performance

The full PCC met 7 times during the year with an average attendance rate of 76%. After March all meetings were via Zoom. The Standing Committee (Development Team) met between meetings, and their deliberations were received by the full PCC where necessary. We're very grateful to all members who engaged with the new way of meeting and ensured we could continue to lead together.

Financial review

Total receipts were £110,324 of which £104,284 was the main giving from the congregation (planned giving, collections and one-off giving). Giving to the General Fund was down by £782 compared with the previous year. Regular giving by the congregation to the restricted Youth Worker fund was £702 less than in 2019. So overall regular giving by the congregation decreased by £1,484. This was the third year in which the total costs of the Youth Worker Fund were met by the congregation without any grants from outside agencies.

Of the expenditure £75,909 (see below regarding apportionment of Parish Centre Income and Expenditure) represents unrestricted (general) funds. The Church opened a savings account in 2014 in order to achieve interest on the funds in the Youth Worker restricted account. However in 2020 this account was not used owing to reduced funds and the very small interest payable.

The Parish Centre continues to have some spare capacity, that would benefit from regular bookings. There have been a number of donations but these were not sufficient to cover expenditure. Whilst expenditure was tightly controlled in 2020, there was a loss of £2,834. The income and expenditure for the Parish Centre is split between the church charitable activities and the availability for rental income on a 60/40 basis, based on an analysis of availability and taking into account cost of running the church office.

A review of the structure of the Parish Centre highlighted the need for a number of repairs and as a result of this a £9,180 which was placed in a restricted fund in 2019, 'PC-Hidden Gem' (see note 13). Of this £887 was spent in 2020 and £4,600 is planned to be spent on repointing the stone work in the spring 2021.

In considering the accounts the General Fund and Parish Centre Fund need to be considered together.

£18,230 was transferred from the General Fund to the restricted Youth Worker Fund to cover the cost deficits in this restricted fund.

Renewal of external signs in 2020 cost £2,032.

£51,030 was paid towards the Diocesan Common Fund, which largely provides stipends, housing for the clergy and all central support of the parish and its clergy (e.g. Church House and the various Diocesan departments like the Parish Support Team). This was a decrease of £7,900 from 2019. The Parish remains committed to paying its full contribution in terms of supporting ordained ministry across our region, and this is a good contribution for a church of our size in a community such as ours.

The ongoing Covid 19 pandemic has not only caused disruption to the running of the church but has also had an adverse effect on church finances. Giving has reduced which has not all been offset by cost savings. A result of this financial hardship is the reduction in the payment to the Diocesan Common Fund.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £1,349. However, this is made up of a surplus for the year of £1,924 in the General account and deficits for the year of £2,834 in Parish Centre account and £439 in the Restricted accounts. The total balance carried forward at 31 December 2020 was £200,258.

Staffing

Jim Crossley, our new stipendiary curate, joined us as a Licensed Lay Worker in June 2020 and was then ordained deacon in September 2020. It has been a great joy to welcome Jim and Sonia and their family as they've joined us. Carl Brooks-Plunkett, Youth & Families Minister left in August 2020. He was replaced by Michael Hannaford as Youth Minister in September 2020.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to have a reserve of between 5 and 10% of annual income. Currently this is not being achieved but income against expenditure is monitored monthly and any remedial action taken to remedy any cash flow or unexpected changes to income or expenditure.

Restricted reserves are to be carried forward as they represent monies received in advance of expenditure for restricted purposes.

Going Concern

The charities income is predominantly from contributions from individual church members (94% of total income) and the number of members has stayed consistent over the last 10 years and the church continues to attract new members to replace those who have moved away or died. The PCC closely monitors the charities expenditure has reviewed the structural condition of its building in 2019 to mitigate against any major repairs. There are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The charity is a public benefit entity. The Diocese of Sheffield strategy review 2019 confirms that the Diocese supports the church's ongoing ministry and discussions would occur with the Diocese if any material uncertainties occur.

Future plans

During the year the PCC began to review our 'Vision 2020' strategy. Much of what we envisaged in September 2019 was overturned by the pandemic, while new opportunities emerged. For this reason, in July 2021 the PCC will hold a joint Awayday with the PCC of St. Saviour's High Green, led by the vicar and the new Associate Archdeacon, Revd. Ian Parkinson. As we review our priorities for the next few years, these are the key issues that will affect our future planning:

1. **The lessons of Covid:** along with churches up and down the country, in 2020 we learnt new skills, tried new things, and discovered new opportunities. Other existing ministries had to be suspended. Two major questions in the coming months are: (1) how much of what we started should we continue, and (2) how much of what we stopped should we re-start?
2. **Our partnership with St. Saviour's:** we were already moving towards a new future, in which our vicar would become what the Diocese call an 'Oversight Minister' with responsibility for both St. John's and St. Saviour's. The pandemic threw the two churches together even more closely, as we shared in online worship. Both PCCs are very positive about future partnership; but also aware this will change some of our existing ways of operating. It will require that we grow new leaders in both churches, so that our clergy can offer oversight across a bigger area and for more people.
3. **Keeping the Gospel at the centre:** the pandemic has made it hard to keep the making of disciples high on our agenda, and has in some ways restricted our effectiveness in doing that. We are being asked some major questions about our existing life, leadership and church structures. But the love of God, the call of Christ and the fire of his Spirit mean that we cannot give all our energies to our own internal life. A former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple famously once said, 'The Church exists primarily for the sake of those who are still outside it'. But we have it on even better authority: Jesus himself taught, 'The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost' (Luke 19:10). We pray that we don't lose sight of that, and in the coming months are found walking in His footsteps. We long to see our world blessed and heaven rejoicing!

Approved by the PCC on 26 April 2021 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Richard Stordy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Rev Richard Stordy
(Chairman)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity

St John's Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131768

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:

Date:

12/4/2020

Name:

Jennifer Copley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

N/A for this examination – but CIPFA member

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ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<u>Income and endowments from</u>						
Donations and legacies	2	93,527	680	10,077	104,284	116,128
Investments	3	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activity	4a	977	0	2,050	3,027	6,892
Activity for generating income	4b	0	642	0	642	3,237
Other	5	1,559	812	0	2,371	499
Total income		96,063	2,134	12,127	110,324	126,756
<u>Expenditure</u>						
Charitable expenses	6	75,549	0	30,796	106,345	117,944
Costs of raising funds	6	60	4,968	0	5,028	5,402
Losses on fixed assets	14	0	0	0	0	0
Governance		300	0	0	300	250
Total resources expended	6	75,909	4,968	30,796	111,673	123,596
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		20,154	(2,834)	(18,669)	(1,349)	3,160
Transfers between funds Parish Centre and Youth		(18,230)	0	18,230	0	0
Net income/(expenditure) for the year						
Net movement in funds		1924	(2,834)	(439)	(1,349)	3,160
13 14		123,696	67,280	10,631	201,607	198,697
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2020						
Fund balances at 31 December 2019						
13,14,15b		125,620	64,446	10,192	200,258	201,607

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	10,15b	195,389	198,243
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,924	2,483
Cash at bank and in hand		7,359	5,106
Total		10,283	7,589
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	5,415	4,225
Net current assets less liabilities		4,868	3,364
Total assets less current liabilities		200,258	201,607
Income funds			
Restricted income funds	13	10,192	10,631
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	14,15b	64,446	67,280
General fund	4b, 15b	125,620	123,694
		200,258	201,607
60% of the costs of the Parish Centre have been moved to the General as oppose to rentals as a result of the proportion used on church activities			

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 26 April 2021

Rev Richard Stordy (Chairman)

Trustee

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement. This excludes Agency funds the balance at 31 December 2020 was £4,238 (2019 £2,433). Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when there is a legal obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

All expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.5 Taxation

St John's Parochial Church Council is a registered charity and its activities are not subject to taxation.

1.6 Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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:

Property	1% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33% or 10% straight line
Office Equipment	33%
Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.	

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations	94,207	10,077	104,284	116,128
Legacies	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	94,207	10,077	104,284	116,128

3 Investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest receivable	0	0

4a Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	977	0	2,050	3,027	6,892
The comparative amounts for 2019	3,018	0	3,874	6,892	

4b Activities for generating income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Centre rentals	0	642	0	642	3,237

5 Other income and expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 £	2019 £
Insurance claim – roof repairs	340	0	0	340	499
Interest free loan	1219	812	0	2032	0
Total	1559	812	0	2372	499

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Expenditure on raising funds	0	5,028	0	5,028	5,402
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	31,451	75,194	0	106,645	117,944
Total	<u>31,451</u>	<u>80,222</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>111,673</u>	<u>123,346</u>
The comparative costs for 2019	Staff costs	30,892	Other costs	87,052	
Other costs includes the Common Fund paid to Sheffield Diocese				51,030	58,930

7 Grants payable

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grants to institutions:		
No Grants were made in 2020 or 2019	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but the Vicar was reimbursed a total of £2,157 (2019: £1,238) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage. The aggregate value of identifiable unconditional donations made by the Trustees in 2020 was £13,360(2019: £9,144).

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020	2019
	Number	Number
Charitable objectives	3	3

Employment costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages ,salaries and pensions	31,451	30,892

Included within the number of staff are 2 (2019 – 2) part time employees.

NI Salary costs for 2020 were £nil due to employers NI allowance of £3,000.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

Chapelton St John PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from this of the Employer and other participating Employers. The Church Workers Pension Fund

has a section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014. The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and that contributions are accounted for as if the scheme were a defined contribution scheme.

The pension costs charged to the SOFA in the year are contributions payable of £1,845 (2019: £1,958). (These are the total costs including the employees contribution).

Costs do not include the Vicar and Curates who is employed by the Diocese of Sheffield.

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Parish Centre	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1/1/19	250,000	6,603	256,603
Additions	0	0	0
Disposal	0	(1,564)	(1,564)
At 31/12/20	250,000	5,039	255,039
Depreciation			
At 1/1/19	55,000	3,360	58,360
Charge for the year	2,500	354	2,854
Disposal	0	(1,564)	(1,564)
At 31/12/20	57,500	2,150	59,650
Net Book Value At 31/12/20	192,500	2,889	195,389

The agreed estimated cost of the Parish Centre was brought into the accounts from 1 January 2012 as a functional asset on the basis of cost less 23 years depreciation from the opening date of 15 October 1997. The Parish Centre asset has in the past been fully included in the Designated account. However, from 1 January 2019 the proportion of usage (60%) for church activities has been put into the General account. The remainder will remain in the Designated account for use for generating income from rentals.

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

11 Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	2,924	2,483
Prepayments and accrued income	0	0
	2,924	2,483

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	5,415	3,975
	5,415	3,975

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Movement in funds Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Newton Hall	0	1,185	1,185	0	0
Church weekend away 2020	2482	2,050	1,519	0	3,013
Youth Worker Fund	100	8,892	27,205	18,230	17
Youth Intern	0	0	0	0	0
Hidden Gem	8,049	0	887	0	7,162
Total	10,631	12,127	30,796	18,230	10,192

Newton Hall fund – specific donations received to pay rent of Newton Hall

Youth Worker Fund – grants and donations received to employ a full-time youth worker

Youth Intern Fund-grant received to cover expenses of a Youth Intern from 1 September 2018

Hidden Gem- specific donations received to pay for repairs to Parish Centre. Capital of £1,725 on o/s lights in 2019

Weekend away-- specific donations received to pay for church weekend away

ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £		
Music Group	0	0	0	0	0
Parish Centre	64,866	2,134	4,968	0	62,032
Ministry Development	2,414	0	0	0	2,414
	<u>67,280</u>	<u>2,134</u>	<u>4,968</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,446</u>

The Parish Centre fund is used to run the Centre which is a base for the Parish office, the Youth Work, Bumps and Babies and Toddlers and Wednesday Friends groups. There are also rooms available to hire by the community. This balance in this fund is made up of a proportion of the asset and a negative cash balance as shown in note 15a

The Ministry Development is a fund set aside for future developments in ministry and its use is at the discretion of the PCC.

15a Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2019 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	117,945	75,948	1,496	195,389
Current assets	5,716	(8,931)	13,498	10,283
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,957)	2,570	4,802	5,415
	<u>125,618</u>	<u>64,447</u>	<u>10,192</u>	<u>200,257</u>

Comparative totals for 2019 were: Tangible assets, £198,243, current assets, £7,589, creditors amounts falling due within one year £4,225.

Cash in hand includes £4,238 in Agency accounts. Agency funds are where the charity handles the income and expenditure of small funds on behalf of others.

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31 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

15b Apportionment of assets

From 1 January 2019 the Parish Centre asset has been apportioned between the Unrestricted fund and the Designated Fund on the basis of a 60%/40% split between church activity usage and rental availability

16 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year end.

17 Capital commitments

There were no commitments at the year end.

18 Related party transactions

The Vicar was reimbursed a total of £2,157 (2019: £1,238) for travelling expenses and expenses related to the vicarage. The aggregate value of identifiable unconditional donations made by the Trustees in 2020 was £13,360 (2019: £9,144). The Vicar's employment costs are paid by the Diocese of Sheffield and are met from our (and other Church of England churches) contribution to the Common Fund.

Carl Brooks Plunkett as a Director of CPAS Sedbergh did not receive any funds from the church accounts. The Common Fund to the Diocese of Sheffield was £51,030 (2019: £58,930).

There were no outstanding balances with related parties at 31 December 2020.