



PARISH OF ST ALBAN'S, BROADHEATH

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Notice is given of a Meeting of Parishioners, at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, on Sunday, 14 May 2023, in St Alban's Church, and on Zoom, starting at 12 noon.

A warm invitation is given to everybody to our Annual Meeting, although only those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote in the elections. We look forward to a time together which will inform and encourage us all.

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ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, BROADHEATH

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 15 MAY 2022 IN CHURCH AND ON ZOOM

The Vicar chaired the meeting in the presence of 30 parishioners (in church and via Zoom). He opened in prayer.

A. MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. Minutes of Previous Year's Meeting

It was proposed by Mr Jarvis, seconded by Ms Widdicombe and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of 16 May 2021 be accepted and signed as a true record.

2. Election of Churchwardens

Two nominations had been received – Mrs Esme Hammer and Miss Ros Prescott. They had both been proposed and seconded and were duly elected.

B. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

2. Minutes of the Previous Year's Meeting

It was proposed by Mr Palmer, seconded by Mr Ingham and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of 16 May 2021 be accepted and signed as a true record.

3. Electoral Roll Report

Mr Palmer had revised the Electoral Roll. There are now 86 members, 47 reside in the parish and 39 outside the parish boundaries. The Roll reopens at the end of this meeting for anyone who is eligible and wishes to be added. Mr Palmer was thanked for his work maintaining our Electoral Roll.

4. Reports from the Parochial Church Council

4.1. Churchwarden

Mrs Hammer presented the Warden's report. She drew attention to the fact that the Quinquennial Inspection of the Church was due later in the year which might result in considerable costs for any work required to be done. She mentioned that although it is no longer a requirement for Sidespeople to be appointed at the APCM, it would be good to have a Welcome Team to greet people.

4.2. PCC Secretary

Mrs Nixon presented the PCC Secretary's report. This gave an overview of the proceedings of the PCC meetings and of various church activities. It had been good to see the reopening of the Toddler Group and the Café, to see children in church for the Christingle and the Experience Easter event, and to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the completion of the Church extension and the re-ordering of the Church.

4.3. PCC Treasurer

Mr Jarvis presented the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021. The figures contained a comparison with the previous year. However, it was difficult to compare two unusual years with the buildings being closed for parts of 2020 and 2021. Our income showed an increase of around £7,500 with expenditure staying approximately the same. Legacies of £8,000 were received and we were paying a reduced amount of parish share. Mr Jarvis pointed out that we have two ageing buildings to maintain and we face increased costs, particularly the utility bills, and a Quinquennial Inspection of the church later in the year, with jobs still outstanding from the previous Quinquennial Inspection. We were very grateful to all who give generously but we must look to increasing our income and the best way was by increasing the numbers in our congregation. It was also noted that we had failed to tithe our income for the past few years.

4.4. Deanery Synod

Mrs Hammer presented the Deanery Synod report. This outlined the purpose of Deanery Synods and a summary of the meetings held over the past year. She commented that there was a lot of information on the Diocesan website.

4.5. Additional Reports

The Vicar expressed his appreciation to all those who had provided these reports and he suggested that if anyone had any questions or comments about them, they speak to the various people who had provided them.

The Vicar thanked Mrs Hammer and Mrs Nixon for their work over the last year and for the presentation of the formal reports required at this meeting, and Mr Jarvis for looking after our accounts over the last year.

It was proposed by Mr Johnson, seconded by Mrs Bradley and agreed that the reports from the Churchwarden, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod representative be accepted and also that the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 be accepted and approved.

5. Safeguarding Policy

Mrs Nixon read out the Safeguarding Policy as it is a requirement that this be done at each Annual Meeting. There is a copy on the notice board at the back of church. She commented that safeguarding is the responsibility of each one of us, not just the Safeguarding Officers. Awareness training is available via the Diocesan website. Any safeguarding concerns should be discussed with our Safeguarding Officers - Mrs Nixon and Miss Prescott.

6. Elections

6.1. Members of the Parochial Church Council

One nomination had been received – Mrs S E Cooke. She had been proposed and seconded and was duly elected.

6.2. Deanery Synod Representatives

There were no nominations for the one remaining vacancy.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

8. Vicar's Address

The Vicar praised God for all He had done for us at St Alban's to enable us to carry out His ministry in Broadheath over the year despite the challenges that we had to face following the Pandemic. In addition, he thanked everyone for their fellowship and appreciated all who had supported him over the past year.

He was grateful that we had been able to organise various activities: the re-opening of the Toddler Group and the Café, a successful barbeque was held, which the Archdeacon came along to, we held a Christingle service in church led by Bishop Sam, we celebrated the 21st anniversary of the completion of the church extension and reordering of the church, attended by Bishop Mark, and children from two local primary schools attended our Experience Easter event.

In September 2019 the PCC held an Away Day and came up with priorities – youth work, church plant/presence at community events, preparation of a welcome pack. In addition, other growth areas could be teaching and discipleship, prayer, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Despite the pandemic slowing down the work, these priorities remained and progress had been made. The Vicar reminded the meeting of the story of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in John, chapter 4. Jesus spoke to the woman about the gift of living water. We too can draw upon that living water. The Vicar encouraged the congregation to draw close to Jesus, who is always faithful.

The meeting closed with prayer.

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

AGENDA ITEM 3 - ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

The Electoral Roll has been revised this April. This year there are 79 members on the Roll, this time comprised of 47 (59.6%) members resident in the Parish and 32 (40.53%) members resident outside the Parish boundaries.

Since the last Electoral Roll was produced in 2022

1 new member (in the Parish) has been added
4 members have died
5 members have moved away

John D Palmer
Electoral Roll Officer

AGENDA ITEM 4 - REPORTS FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

4.1. CHURCHWARDENS - Attached

4.2. PCC SECRETARY - Attached

4.3. PCC TREASURER - ACCOUNTS - See separate sheets

4.4.. DEANERY SYNOD - Attached

4.5. ADDITIONAL REPORTS - Attached

4.1. CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT MAY 2022-MAY 2023

BUILDINGS

Thankfully, the church building has required no major structural work during the past year to keep it weatherproof and upright. However, there have been some issues which have needed addressing.

AV System

As the AV system is aged and in urgent need of an upgrade an application has been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Board for permission to remove the existing screens and projectors and to install a replacement system. We are grateful to Martin Odenrode for his expertise in drawing up the plans and estimating the costing for the proposed upgrade. The cost will be covered by part of a grant we received from All Churches Trust.

Internal Lighting

Changing defunct bulbs in the high-level lighting presents a challenge in terms of access, and with several needing replacing in the west end of the church Daud and a team of willing assistants and appropriate equipment put aside any fear of heights and installed LED bulbs.

This has made a great improvement in terms of lighting and, we hope, in terms of energy saving.

Quinquennial Inspection

Our architect, Mark Pearce, conducted the QI in February. Although we have yet to receive his full report, he has informed us that he found no major issues to be resolved urgently.

Guttering

Gutters had their annual clearing in February.

GROUNDS

Our gardener, Martin, has continued to maintain the grassed area, hedging and borders. There continues to be some concern over the size of some of the trees, most of which have tree preservation orders on them. Research into approved maintenance of them is ongoing.

The deteriorating state of the car park remains a major problem, especially in wet weather. Unfortunately, given the state of our finances, it is proving difficult to find an affordable effective solution.

There are so many people in this church family who give their time, energy and prayer that it is impossible to name everyone. To you all, we give our heartfelt thanks.

Esme Hammer
Ros Prescott

4.2. PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Parochial Church Council has met on six occasions since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting last May, initially the meetings were via Zoom but are now being held in church.

A variety of subjects has been discussed. In particular, our financial situation with concern over the increasing energy prices; reports from the small team appointed to think about the future of our buildings; youth work; safeguarding.

The PCC had a talk from Sean Augustin, Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, about pastoral visiting. At present, pastoral visiting in our parish is being undertaken by the Clergy only until a trained Pastoral Team is in place.

A letter was received from the Bishop of Birkenhead concerning safeguarding training and DBS checks. It is now a requirement for those serving on the PCC to have an enhanced DBS check and also for all PCC members to do the Basic and Foundation levels of safeguarding training followed by the session on awareness of domestic abuse.

Our services are taking place in Church but continue to be offered on Zoom which is much appreciated by all who cannot attend in person. Members of the Nigerian Church are using the Church building on Sunday afternoons led by the Revd Christian Obichukwu.

This year has been a year of hello and goodbye to our clergy. The Revd Tom Ryan joined us in July for three years as a curate-in-training. After his first service, we held a welcome lunch in the Church Hall. In January, it was sad to say goodbye to the Revd Lisa Redfern as she left to become Associate Minister at St Paul's Church in Sale. Again, after her final service, we held a farewell lunch and presented her with a cheque and gifts.

The Vicar took a sabbatical between 1 September and 30 November 2022. In his absence, we were very grateful to our Clergy and to our Reader for covering all our services and for the additional work they took on. Thanks are also due to Mr Eric Prince for chairing the PCC in the Vicar's absence and to others who helped in so many ways.

We appointed an additional paid children's worker – Mrs Sarah Thomason – and she is undertaking the Sunday morning work with Sunday Club. Alex Stewart continues to do five hours work with us, three hours in Broadheath Primary School and two hours with the Sunday evening Impact Group.

A special service was held in June to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and also the end of Thy Kingdom Come, with tea, coffee and cake served after the service. We marked the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II with a special service, a book of condolence was available for people to sign and the church open for prayer.

At Christmas, it was good to be able to hold Christingle services in church for approximately 300 children from Broadheath Primary School. At Easter, we again hosted an Experience Easter event, again inviting children from Broadheath Primary School to this. Thank you to all who helped out with these events because without their help it would not be possible to hold them.

A community barbeque was again held in August. The Salvation Army received the donated toys from our Toy Service, where our guest speaker was Major John Bishton from the Salvation Army.

The PCC has complied with the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Three members of the PCC are due to retire this year. In addition, there are two further vacancies, making a total of five. There are three vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives.

June Nixon, PCC Secretary

4.4. PROCEEDINGS OF BOWDON DEANERY SYNOD MAY 2022-2023

Deaneries are small geographical divisions of the Diocese, within which parishes are grouped under the care of a Rural Dean. The Deanery Synod consists of all clergy licensed within the deanery, plus elected lay members from each of its parishes. It meets three times a year with the aim of listening to and supporting each other in mission, fostering a sense of community among parishes and generally to promote in the Deanery the whole mission of the Church of England, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

St. Alban's is entitled to elect three members for a three-year term. Currently they are Rachel Bradley, Esme Hammer and Chinyere Obichukwu. Elections are due to take place at this year's APCM.

There have been three meetings during the past 12 months:

24th May 2022 at St. Margaret's, Dunham

Rev. Beverley Jameson, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, spoke of the highlights and challenges involved in joining with other denominations to promote a Christian presence within the Diocese of Chester.

6th October 2022 at St. Mary's, Partington

Rev. Timothy Hupfield, Diocesan Healing Adviser, gave an overview of his approach to the role. He explained his definition of healing as: "Moving towards the wholeness of all things and between all things – achieved through God, by God, with God."

18th January 2023 at St. Mary Magdalene, Ashton-on-Mersey

Bishop Sam addressed the meeting, reflecting on the season of Epiphany and the gifts for the infant Jesus – what God gives in abundance lasts for eternity. Like the wise men we are to lay down our riches and recognise where our true treasure lies.

Other issues discussed during the year included Everyday Faith updates – the initiative which seeks to encourage Christians to live out their faith Monday to Saturday in the places they find themselves and with the people they meet; the progress of the Diocesan Vision and Strategy 'Casting the Net'; and the requirements regarding obligatory safeguarding training for all PCC members and others who work with children and vulnerable adults.

Clergy and lay changes and appointments:

Rural Dean – Revd. Clair Jaquiss' term of office ended in November. Revd. Andrew Knight was appointed to succeed her in November, with Revd. Daud Gill as assistant rural dean.

St. Mary Bowdon - Revd. Ian Rumsey, retired in July

St. Alban, Broadheath – Revd. Tom Ryan, joined as curate in training from July

St. Mary Partington - Revd Lucy Brewster, formerly curate there, is now Director of Foxhill

St. George Altrincham - Revd. Claire Corley was inducted in September

St. Paul's, Sale - Revd. Lisa Redfern appointed Associate Minister from February

Lay Chair – having been appointed lay chair of Diocesan Synod, Julie Withers stood down as lay chair of Deanery Synod. Esme Hammer was appointed in her place.

N.B. There is much more information on news of events, courses, retreats etc. throughout the Diocese on its website. The twice monthly Diocesan bulletin is also a useful source and there are details on how to join its mailing list on the website.

Esme Hammer

4.5. ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Children's and Young People's Ministry

Toddler Group

The Toddlers group is made up of 6 volunteers (Sarah, Dianne, Meg, Helen, Georgina and Daud) and takes place every Tuesday at 10.30-12 noon. We keep term time in line with Broadheath Primary School so local parents can easily follow the pattern and we don't get the older siblings attending. There are several regular families now attending each week, some parents, and some grandparents.

Each week begins with a free play session where the volunteers chat to families and play with children building relationships with the community. We have a craft table that Stamford Brook Preschool resource and run, this is in line with the planning. Sarah sends the planning over each half term. This is followed by refreshments for parents and children. At 11.30 the parents and children help tidy away the toys and get ready for a story and singing time. The story time is scheme of work called 'See and Know', this is planned half termly and delivered each week consistently, beginning with a welcome song, then a planned Bible story/theme from the Bible such as Creation and then finishing with praise and Nursery Rhymes. Sarah leads this session. The use of the mic really helps with the noise level in the hall.

This year Sarah has set up a parent WhatsApp group, to send out reminders etc. Parents opt into this if they wish.

We have a large group of regular families that attend and newcomers visit frequently, numbers are fairly consistent now. Due to volunteers on maternity leave, we asked the parents if they could help with the set up and pack down for the group. We have a regular couple that support us every week. We hope that this continues. It has been lovely to develop relationships with the new families and the community. We intend to nurture these further and begin

encouraging them into church family activities and services. We have a new grandparent and granddaughter attending church and they are now coming along to Toddlers regularly now too.

At Christmas 22, a few of the toddler families came to the Nativity church service. Sarah provided a craft area and activities for different age groups. Families were keen to take part and enjoyed the participation in the service. Over Easter we had other Toddler families attend and a craft area and activities were provided. Bags were also made up and provided for children to take away with them to complete over Holy Week. In Summer 22 we ran a Toddlers session in the church due to the heat in the hall. The church provided a cool and calm environment, and everyone had a lot of fun! Just before Easter Sarah took the Toddlers group over to the church for the Easter Egg hunt, this provided another opportunity to come into the building and not feel any pressure. Parents engaged and looked around and asked about the building. We are going to continue to advertise family services in toddlers, bring the group into church once each term just to visit the space and have fun.

Sarah has created a prayer tree corner with topical children's Bible stories, leaflets and dates for upcoming services. It also provides an opportunity to ask for prayer anonymously by using the notelets and hanging a request on the tree. If Daud is present he will use them to pray for, or Meg takes them to the prayer group.

The group are supportive of each other and there is a real mix of people within the group. It's a real blessing to be a part of.

Sarah Thomason

Sunday Club Update April 23

The leaders are planning each week using the scripture union resources Bubbles, Splash and Xstream. I create the rota for each term, and planning out the sessions covered so there is a theme and flow through the sessions. Children enjoy the range of activities and engage with the different elements. It enables cross over activities between the large age gaps (however this is still a big challenge for the group). Numbers are beginning to increase. We are beginning to see regular attendance of some families again. Two adults are always present, if an adult is absent, children are either kept at the table at the back of church or a parent is asked to support.

AAW services are seeing more attendance, and families have been asked to take the readings and prayers, encouraging the whole family, rather than just the child. I feel the children feel more supported, and part of something with their family. The children have been seated in front of the font, but as our numbers have increased we will move to the front left. It gives a sense of being involved in the service, without being in the way, but still being seen and involved.

We are really short on volunteers at the moment, so it's a lot to ask of the current volunteers. During half term I am attending other churches to develop my own spirituality. It's also a great opportunity to see how other churches run their children's groups. We have links between Toddlers and Sunday club too. We are hoping to see this grow.

Sarah Thomason

Young People - Impact Youth Report

In the summer of 2022, we ran multiple trips out. We did:

Breakfast and Games: but no children attended

Pitch and Putt: 2 children attended

Mini Golf: 3 children

Rock climbing: 3 children

Litter Picking: 5 children

Bowling: 7 children

The aim of this was to increase numbers for the next academic year. We kept contact with the parents to promote Impact on Sunday nights as we connected with five children we had never seen before outside of school. We also went into classes at school and sent flyers to parents to promote Impact several times. However, numbers remained inconsistent even while relationships in the school grew.

Following the Christmas of 2022 there was a meeting where the volunteers and I aimed to make Impact a much more structured space for the youth rather than a drop-in session. This included: group games, structured discussion using trusted resources and having young people help with tidy up.

On the weeks we have run since returning, there has always been a session. This is an improvement on last year when a few sessions were cancelled due to no attendance. The average attendance this year has been 4 (excluding junior leaders it is 3). On 26/2 where there was only 1 child, the child was keen to be there even with no other children and enjoyed the entire session. The same thing occurred on 19/3 with a child who was new to Impact. Every session has included discussions around faith and allowed children to ask questions or for guidance and advice. We have used the free NUA resource (A faith-based video session that prompts discussion time) to facilitate this.

With regards to work in school, the teaching that has happened at Broadheath Primary, which is a multi-faith school, has been less explicit. Aside from assemblies the only teaching I can give is more by way of delivering information rather than nurturing personal faith in school. But it has been well received by the young people and engagement seems to be growing. My aim is to continue to support the least, the last and the lost in school providing support pastorally to empower these young people to grow.

Looking at the overview of Impact the situation has improved, although minorly in numbers and average attendance but majorly in structure and teaching. The missing part from the last term has been the desired increased number rather than the small one last term. While seemingly minimal this is still an improvement from last year which saw much more regular non attended sessions. Also, when you consider many youth groups across the country are reporting decline, this is better than the situation nationally. At CPAS training it was said that having access to any youth post-COVID puts you in the minority of 16,000 CofE churches. Along with this I have been humbled by every volunteer at Impact in their enthusiasm to teach the Good News to the children.

The aim this summer is to provide one large, planned event to impact the young people more and provide those memory making moments that I'm sure many still have from their youth. We are currently investigating the viability of a one

day residential in the church hall. Discussion is also happening on how to step-up church partnership and gain even more space to share the Christian faith with children.

We will continue to invest more effort to continue trips and events each half term to build the experience young people are having and reaffirming the positive attitude towards Christians and church led groups. We are also actively encouraging young people to invite friends to join us and will continue to do so as peer to peer advertising is incredibly effective with the age groups we have.

Alex Stewart

Finance Team and Planned Giving

The Finance Team meets regularly to review the church's finances and its members are the Vicar, Church Treasurer, a warden, June Nixon and Peter Johnson. Beth Cooke has taken over the role of Church Treasurer and we thank her for this and for the work she has put in this year.

Thank you to all who have continued to support the mission and life of St Alban's Church over this year by your generous giving. Regular giving is very helpful whether by standing order or numbered envelopes. It is very important that the income increases as we are gradually using up our reserves. Please consider whether you can join the planned giving scheme or increase your giving.

We have continued to pay a reduced amount to the Diocese for the parish share as our regular outgoings have continued to exceed our income. The parish share is the amount of money that Chester asks us to contribute to the overall running of the Diocese. Our funds have reduced this year and this has been exacerbated by fuel price increases and the loss of several generous regular givers. There are still outstanding actions to be done from the last 5-yearly building inspection and a new report was commissioned in 2023. Cash collections have increased since the church started meeting again in person after lockdowns.

The grant from All Churches Trust was received and along with other donations we were able to fund a youth worker in 2021 and this continued into 2022. Part of the grant was for improved visual display screens which we anticipate will be fitted in 2023.

The Gift Aid tax reclaim was a significant help again this year. If you are a tax payer and would like to take advantage of this tax efficient way of giving, please ask Peter Johnson.

Peter Johnson

Ministry Team

During 2022 the Ministry team met regularly to plan, review and develop the church's gathered worship as a congregation and in small groups to support each other through the week. Daud Gill, Tom Ryan, Esme Hammer, Rachel Bradley, Christian Obichukwu, Alan Paulley and Peter Johnson are the team members. Our aim is to make connections between the Sunday worship and the wider worship of the church body. Lisa Redfern left the church in early 2023 to take up a new post in St Paul's in Sale and we will miss her gentle discernment in the team. We welcomed Tom into the team and appreciate his input and enthusiasm for new things after he was ordained as curate at Chester cathedral.

In services we run Zoom for those who are unable to be there in person. We are grateful to the AV team of Martin Odenrode, Rob Thomason and James Cunliffe who work very hard to allow this to happen. There is a 9am communion service on the first Sunday of the month. We held a number of special services as well like Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Peter was part of the organising group for the diocesan Lay Conference which was held in 2022, delayed from 2020 and Esme attended for our parish.

In 2022 we had a sermon series in 1 Peter and this was linked in with the small groups and one on prayer and then the character of God. Daud took a sabbatical from September to the end of November and we were grateful for all those who helped to keep the services running. A social BBQ was held in the church grounds during the summer.

Daud and Alex continued their work in schools, taking some assemblies. Alex helps some individual children. Daud is chaplain at Trafford College. Peter is chaplain to the Sea Cadets.

If anyone would like to help by contributing to services you will always be welcome and we hope that gifts of service and leadership develop within St Alban's congregation. Please talk to one of us. There are opportunities and challenges ahead for our whole-life worship, gathered and scattered.

Peter Johnson

Prayer Team

Prayer Team Members: Sandra Fairclough, Daud Gill, Darlene Harrison, Tom Ryan, Gillian Shepherd, Rita Wickens, Cecilia Williams

Between April 2022 and March 2023 the team has been able to meet each Monday from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm for prayer via Zoom. We would like to thank all those people who have contacted us with requests for prayer. All requests are regarded as confidential and are confined to the group. We also include other urgent needs concerning the work, events and activities of the church, as well as local, national and international situations as appropriate.

Members of the Prayer Team are happy to pray in church with anyone who requests prayer.

Any prayer requests should be given to Daud (0161 928 4820; daudgill@hotmail.co.uk) or to another person within the team.

We would appreciate more feedback on situations for which prayer has been requested and thank those people who do keep us updated. It does encourage us to hear of an outcome or to have an update. Thank you.

Gillian Shepherd

St Alban's Community Cafe

St Alban's Community Café is open every Wednesday morning from 10am to 12midday in the Church Hall on Lindsell Road.

We seek to offer a relaxed place to meet and to share God's love with our local community. We serve a small menu of drinks and snacks at very affordable prices.

Since we have reopened following Covid we are delighted to see our numbers growing with new folk regularly attending the cafe. We also have a number of clients and staff from Ordinary Lifestyles, an organisation that supports adults with learning disabilities, coming regularly.

We have shared some Lent and Easter activities at the Café and offer the opportunity for prayer as appropriate.

If you know anyone who would like to come for a drink and a chat please encourage them.

We would love to see you there.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

The Cafe Team

St Albans Church January 2022 – December 2022

Please be advised the software used to maintain Church Accounts has changed and therefore categorisation of some receipts and spending has been amended to reflect current financial trends within the accounts. Please refer to 2021 breakdown document for full details of specific income and expenditure in the 2021 period. All subsidiary bank accounts for Toddler Group, Book stall and Café have ceased to be used and there has been no recorded use of petty cash in the time period and therefore no records have been made in this report.

The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

1. Sound system, multi-media projection system, general office equipment, laptop computer, portable projector and moveable church furnishings which are held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for their disposal
2. The PCC currently lease a photocopier and this is represented within the accounts. The photocopier remains property of the company whom it is leased from and therefore not an asset of St Albans Church.

	Assets 1 st January 2022	Assets 31 st December 2022
General Fund	32,045.56	23,074.61
CCLA	9,479.78	9,596.10
CCLA Building for mission	26.67	27.02
Church Hall Account	5,139.26	5,474.26
Petty Cash	23.41	23.41
Total Assets	46,714.68	38,195.40

	Total Funds 2022	Previous Year Total
Receipts		
• Giving	64,108.18	82,249
• Church Activities	2,193	2,490
• Other Trading Activities	15,567.50	8,140
• Investments	0	4,049
• Other Receipts	0	2,578
Total Receipts	81,868.68	99,507
Payments		
• Staff Costs	65,096.09	52,678
• Church Buildings	25,348.93	11,448
• Services	757.71	411
• Church Activities		13,184
• Administration	418	1,849
• Charitable Giving		2,099
• Fees to Diocese	0	1,411
Total Payments	91,620.73	83,082
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-9,752.05	+16,424

Net Movement in Funds 2022: -£8519.28

All assets 1st January 2022: £46,714.68

All assets 31st December 2022: £38,196.40

Represented by:

	2022	2021
Unrestricted		
• General Fund	38,196.40	43,324
Designated		
• Fabric	34	34
• Mission	1,388	1,388
• Tithe	875	875
• Vicars Discretionary Fund	299	299
Restricted		
• Alpha	552	552
• Special Collections	1,796	1,796

Balance Sheets

	2022	2021
Book Stall Bank	0	312
Lloyds Current Account	23,074.61	32,045.56
Church Hall Bank Account	5,474.26	5,139.26
Take 5 Café Bank Account	0	1,072
Toddlers Account	0	0
CCLA Account General	9,596.10	9,479.78
CCLA Account Deposit	27.02	26.67
Petty Cash	23.41	23.41
Total Current Assets	38,195.40	48,098.68

Income by type

Income	Total 2022	Total 2021
Giving		
• Gift Aid Standing Orders	42,156	43,341
• Numbered Envelope Scheme	3,180	3,402
• Cash Collections	1,705.38	1,386
• Gift Days	0	0
• One off Gift Aid Donations	1108.68	75
• Donations/Appeals	877.95	6,683
• Tax Refund on Gift Aid	12,691.07	13,335
• Legacies	1,000	8,000
• One off Grants	985.77	4,100

• Other Funds Generated	1512.01	1.925
Church Activities		
• Fees for special services	2,193	2,490
• Church Use of Hall	0	0
Other Trading Activities		
• Rent for Hall Upper Room (TY4C)	1,740	1,595
• Regular Hall Bookings	10,031.50	6,263
• Hall Party Bookings	642.50	0
• Toddler Group	453.36	30
• Take 5 Café	750.14	180
• Car Park Rental	1,950	4.045
Insurance Claims	0	2,225
Other Income (unspecified sources)	0	432
Totals	81,868.68	99,507

Expenditure By Type

Expenditure	Total 2022	Total 2021
Staff Costs		
• Parish Share	51,780	50,206
• Vicarage Council Tax	1,784.26	1,712
• Vicarage	579.43	228
• Phone/Broadband		
• Contribution to Youth Worker Wage	6,049.43	1,782
• Childrens Worker Wage	728	0
• Hall Caretaker Wage	1,903.28	1,553
• Church Cleaner Wage	1,290	1,714
• Expenses Paid to Staff and Volunteers	981.69	942
Buildings Running Costs		
• Insurance	5,508.33	5,302
• Utilities Gas	3613.55	3,098
• Utilities Electricity	2859.77	3,426
• Utilities Water	910.99	545
• Commercial Waste Removal	66.75	0
• Cleaning Supplies	233.16	194
• Grounds Maintenance	3.075	2,455
• Plumbing/Heating Maintenance and Repairs	3125.18	2,877
• Surveys	2,400	0
• Other Repairs	0	2,475

• Window Cleaning	400	0
Services		
• Organist Costs	380	120
• Music Costs	220	212
• Service Consumables and Resources	157.71	305
• Miscellaneous	0	79
Fees to Diocese		
• Wedding and funeral fees	0	1,411
Charitable Giving		
• Missionary Societies	0	1,454
• Relief Organisations	0	25
• Home Missionary	0	570
• Secular Charities	0	50
Administration		
• Bank Charges	0	217
• Church Phone	0	31
• Admin Expenses	0	31
• Other		366
Other		
• Organ Servicing	190	0
• Photocopier Rental	228	0
• Accumulated one off costs (accounted for in invoices)	3,156.20	0
	91,620.73	83,082

St Albans Church January 2022 – December 2022

Please be advised the software used to maintain Church Accounts has changed and therefore categorisation of some receipts and spending has been amended to reflect current financial trends within the accounts. Please refer to 2021 breakdown document for full details of specific income and expenditure in the 2021 period. All subsidiary bank accounts for Toddler Group, Book stall and Café have ceased to be used and there has been no recorded use of petty cash in the time period and therefore no records have been made in this report.

The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

1. Sound system, multi-media projection system, general office equipment, laptop computer, portable projector and moveable church furnishings which are held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for their disposal
2. The PCC currently lease a photocopier and this is represented within the accounts. The photocopier remains property of the company whom it is leased from and therefore not an asset of St Albans Church.

	Assets 1 st January 2022	Assets 31 st December 2022
General Fund	32,045.56	23,074.61
CCLA	9,479.78	9,596.10
CCLA Building for mission	26.67	27.02
Church Hall Account	5,139.26	5,474.26
Petty Cash	23.41	23.41
Total Assets	46,714.68	38,195.40

	Total Funds 2022	Previous Year Total
Receipts		
• Giving	64,108.18	82,249
• Church Activities	2,193	2,490
• Other Trading Activities	15,567.50	8,140
• Investments	0	4,049
• Other Receipts	0	2,578
Total Receipts	81,868.68	99,507
Payments		
• Staff Costs	65,096.09	52,678
• Church Buildings	25,348.93	11,448
• Services	757.71	411
• Church Activities		13,184
• Administration	418	1,849
• Charitable Giving		2,099
• Fees to Diocese	0	1,411
Total Payments	91,620.73	83,082
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-9,752.05	+16,424

Net Movement in Funds 2022: -£8519.28

All assets 1st January 2022: £46,714.68

All assets 31st December 2022: £38,196.40

Represented by:

	2022	2021
Unrestricted		
• General Fund	38,196.40	43,324
Designated		
• Fabric	34	34
• Mission	1,388	1,388
• Tithe	875	875
• Vicars Discretionary Fund	299	299
Restricted		
• Alpha	552	552
• Special Collections	1,796	1,796

Balance Sheets

	2022	2021
Book Stall Bank	0	312
Lloyds Current Account	23,074.61	32,045.56
Church Hall Bank Account	5,474.26	5,139.26
Take 5 Café Bank Account	0	1,072
Toddlers Account	0	0
CCLA Account General	9,596.10	9,479.78
CCLA Account Deposit	27.02	26.67
Petty Cash	23.41	23.41
Total Current Assets	38,195.40	48,098.68

Income by type

Income	Total 2022	Total 2021
Giving		
• Gift Aid Standing Orders	42,156	43,341
• Numbered Envelope Scheme	3,180	3,402
• Cash Collections	1,705.38	1,386
• Gift Days	0	0
• One off Gift Aid Donations	1108.68	75
• Donations/Appeals	877.95	6,683
• Tax Refund on Gift Aid	12,691.07	13,335
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