

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH

Registered Charity 1132562

## Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2022

### *Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926 - 2022*



Eternal God, our heavenly Father,  
we bless your holy name  
for all that you have given us  
in and through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks:  
for her love of family and her gift of friendship;  
for her devotion to this nation  
and the nations of the Commonwealth;  
for her grace, dignity and courtesy;  
and for her generosity and love of life.

We praise you for:  
the courage that she showed in testing times;  
the depth of her Christian faith;  
and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.  
Accept our thanks and praise, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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*The Rainbow Garden*

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## **Annual Report for 2022**

### **Introduction from the Vicar, Fr Simon Vivian**

Welcome to this report on the life and ministry in 2022 of Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth.

Whilst the last few months of 2021 saw so many organisations - including Great St Mary's - begin to find their feet again after the depths of the Covid-19 pandemic and its successive lockdowns, 2022 has been a year in which, in most areas of our church life - as this report testifies - we've been able to worship, live, and play far more freely again at Great St Mary's. As a result, the church's commitment to God, to one another, and to the wider community of Sawbridgeworth has been evident once again.

As well as our regular services, for which congregation numbers have remained steady, highlights for me must include the newly-established monthly Mustard Seed gathering and tea for younger members of our community, the St George's Parade and service attended by



the town's many uniformed organisations and brigades, a confirmation course followed by a confirmation service presided over by Bishop Alan of St Albans, a parish weekend to the Anglican Shrine in Walsingham, a civic service in honour of our town's mayor, a parish lunch and service to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, our patronal service and lunch to which we welcomed Bev Jullien - Chief Executive of Mothers' Union - as our guest speaker, the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and service, and the good attendance at our various Advent and Christmas services by young and old alike.



During Lent, we also held a series of Wednesday evening presentations exploring the history and structure of the Eucharist.

These were joyful services and events. However, 2022 also saw the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The church played a key role in marking the moment: tolling its bells at the appropriate times, ensuring the community had the opportunity to spend time in the church mourning The Queen's death (several hundred candles were lit in prayer by individuals), and holding a civic service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the long life and reign of Her Late Majesty. (It was a coincidence that the annual parish away day was going to be a visit to Windsor Castle with a guided tour of St George's Chapel. The date fell within the nine days of national mourning, so had to be postponed until January 2023, when we had the privilege of seeing Her Late Majesty's gravestone in the Chapel.)



More widely than our worship, the church's life and fellowship increased dramatically through 2022 from the situation during the pandemic. In addition to the parish lunches already mentioned and our monthly Mothers' Union talks, the church's Outreach Committee has been very active. It organised a wonderful flower, bridal, and sculpture festival in early July, which saw hundreds pass through the church and



its grounds to admire the various displays of flowers, beautiful wedding dresses (one from each decade of the 20th century), and, outside in the churchyard and of particular interest to the younger members of our community, sculptures made from naturally occurring materials such as stone and wood, much of which was gathered from around the churchyard.

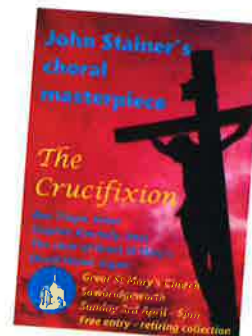
This was also the moment when the new Rainbow Garden was coming into full bloom (see page 2). Planted by children attending one of the Mustard Seed gatherings earlier in the year, the bow-shaped bed in the churchyard, reflecting on the pandemic emblem and reminding of the beauty of God's earth, has brought joy to so many passing through the churchyard, and satisfaction to those who have so diligently tended to it.

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The Outreach Committee was also at the heart of our beetle drive evening ('Beetles and Bubbly') in October and our Festival of Light in early December. This, on the day of the town's switching on of the Christmas lights, saw the church filled with candlelight. Having liaised with our local schools and uniformed organisations, we also received hundreds of creatively-made lanterns crafted by the children specially for the event. Around 1,300 people passed through the church doors to take in the magical scene.

But joy in 2022 wasn't only to be found in the stillness of candlelight. It was also to be found in the beauty of the many imaginative flower arrangements, the sound of the church bells frequently ringing out across the town, and in the sound of our church choir. All demand our thanks for bringing colour and emotion to our worship and church this past year. In addition to their regular music-making, highlights for the choir must include their performance, in the run up to Holy Week and Easter, of John Stainer's oratorio 'The Crucifixion', and their sweet serenading of our congregations during our Advent and Christmas carol services.



Whilst it would be wrong to highlight specific names, a number of people have been key to keeping the church moving forward this past year. They know who they are, and our thanks goes out to each one of them - not least to those who oversee the general maintenance of our buildings, brought about the church car park's new automatic entry bollard system, have been negotiating the handing over the maintenance of the churchyard to the town council, and overseeing the selection of our Charities of the Year. However, it's worth noting by name our new Parish Administrator - Angela Kenny - who has, in her first year with us, made such a difference to the smooth running of the church - not least in terms of the hire bookings for our two church halls. Angela also became our PCC Secretary.

Sadly, however, we bid a fond farewell in July to another one of those key people. After 12 faithful and committed years, our organist David Wood retired. With presentations from the PCC and community, we wished him and his wife Kathy every blessing as they moved to the east coast. Meanwhile, at the end of the year, we appointed a new quinquennial inspector - architect Jeremy Lander. We look forward to working with Jeremy - not least on the Re-Imagining 2025 project which is beginning to draw up plans for the reordering of our resources so as to improve our facilities, making them more flexible and user-friendly for the 21st century.

Further detail about some of these projects may be found in the following report which I, along with our wonderful churchwarden Anthony, commend to you. Even so, such a report can still only sketch out a broad outline of our church's activities. Even less can it give you a sense of what it means to belong to the Great St Mary's community. It's been a joy to be the Vicar of Sawbridgeworth this past year and to be able to minister, alongside our Associate Minister Revd Debbie Hore and Lay Minister Diana Kitson, to a church family with such great depths of care and concern. Long may it continue to live out its strapline: 'Passion for Christ - Compassion for all'.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr Simon*



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### **Aim and purpose**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sawbridgeworth ("the PCC") is registered as a separate charity, number 1132562. The members of the PCC have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The primary object of the PCC is to promote the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It fulfils this responsibility through periodic meetings and a range of other activities.

### **Our church community**

As at the end of 2022, there were 112 people entered on the church Electoral Roll, 20 of whom were not resident within the parish. We were pleased to welcome new regular worshippers and visitors. We hold in our prayers those who no longer worship with us regularly or who moved away during 2022.

During 2022 we baptised 14 children and married two couples. We wish them joy and love on life's journey. We conducted 16 funerals (11 in the church) and five interments. Our dear friends are remembered with love and we continue to keep their families in our prayers.

***A big thank you to our Ministry team for their pastoral work, to our Pastoral volunteers and others who support people in times of need.***

### **Mission and giving**



It is PCC policy to give 10% of regular committed stewardship (plus tax recoverable) to other charitable causes, of which 60% is allocated to overseas causes and 40% to U.K. causes. Details of the amounts given in 2022 from 2021 stewardship income are detailed in note 10 to the financial statements. Charities supported in this way were Shiksha Rath, Five Talents, the Holy Trinity Night Shelter Bishop's Stortford and Streets2Homes.

In addition, whenever possible throughout the year, the PCC made collections and undertook fundraising for specific causes. Details of payments made are also detailed in note 10.

*Shiksha Rath runs a Christian Outreach project in New Delhi to help children from deprived areas access education as a route out of poverty.*

### **Outreach**

A regular Friday email offers thoughts, prayers, information on our week's services, and notices. The Great St Mary's Facebook group includes both members of our worshipping community and others who live in Sawbridgeworth and beyond. Also, we have a regular full-page article in the Sawbridgeworth Flyer.

Volunteers continued to do a splendid job organising collections of food to support the Harlow Foodbank, whose existing and new customers needed their services more than ever. These collections were enhanced at harvest time with donations from Spellbrook Primary School - our church school - who brought their offerings to their own harvest service.



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**Spellbrook CofE Primary School**

*Pupils and staff from Spellbrook School attending their Christmas service at Great St Mary's*



Spellbrook School is our voluntary controlled Church of England primary school. It is legally owned by the trustees of its Church of England foundation but is controlled by Hertfordshire Local Education Authority which has full financial responsibility for its maintenance. The school's mission is to provide the best education for each child within the context of a caring Christian community. Great St Mary's Church is represented on its governing body and fosters links between the school, the church and the local community. The Incumbent is, *ex officio*, a foundation governor and the Diocese, in liaison with the PCC, appoints a second foundation governor. However, of just as great an importance is the week-by-week connection between the church and the school, with the ministry team leading a weekly collective worship in school, frequently leading classes on religious or ethical topics, attending school events such as remembrance ceremonies, concerts and nativity plays, and writing a pause for thought for the weekly school newsletter.

**First Aid**



In March, our First Aid Officer, Debbie Cubitt arranged for members of Great St Mary's congregation, together with others from the local community, to have First Aid training.

Both Church House and the Parish Hall now have defibrillators, which also provide cover for activities in the church – with thanks to generous donors.

**Fundraising**

Section 162a of the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to make a statement regarding fundraising activities. We confirm that all solicitations are managed internally, without involvement of commercial participators, professional fundraisers or third parties. The day-to-day management of all income generation is delegated to the Vicar, Churchwardens and appointed officials (see pages 11 and 12). Although the Charity is not required to be bound by any regulatory scheme, the Charity complies with the relevant codes of practice. We have received no complaints in relation to fundraising activities (2021: none).

***Additional financial support was received, with thanks, from Sawbridgeworth Ecclesiastical Charity, the Church Commissioners, the Forebury Estate, the Diocese of St Albans and others.***

**Plans for future periods**

We shall continue to build our worship, faith, pastoral, outreach and social activities, seeking to provide for all generations and needs. Working with our newly-appointed church architect, the Re-imagining 2025 Project Group will develop proposals for our church building, to make it fit for purpose for the 21st century and accessible for all. The Friends of Great St Mary's have commissioned a report on restoration work needed on church monuments, and we shall undertake important repair and refurbishment work to our other buildings. In all our activities, we will seek to reduce our carbon emissions and consider other environmental impacts.

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## **Financial Review**

In 2022, donations, grants, fundraising and hall hire income improved from the previous year, but the PCC's finances were impacted by significant expenditure on the estate, increases in energy costs and the filling of a staff vacancy. Despite ongoing efforts to cut costs and delays to other planned project work on the estate, there was **a loss of £68,426 on day-to-day income and expenditure** and **a net outflow of £7,726** from the restricted fund, largely due to relevant expenditure on the estate. The position would have been worse had it not been for the commitment of our church community and generosity of other donors and grant-making bodies.

Also, at the end of the year, our investments with CCLA had fallen in value by £160,153, of which £40,000 was due to a redemption in early December to meet the deficit and outstanding expected works. Investment income held up well at £26,151. Overall, therefore, there was **a net decrease in our total funds of £170,154**.

The investment policy is considered at regular intervals by the Stewardship & Finance Committee and the PCC. Both investment funds are actively managed, allowing CCLA to anticipate or respond to market developments. The PCC did not consider necessary any change in investment policy or investments during 2022.

## **Going Concern**

Looking forward to 2023, the relationship between income and expenditure continues to be a major concern, with **a predicted deficit of over £100,000** excluding any capital gain or loss. Moreover, when investments are redeemed to help fund expenditure, not only is capital reduced but also income from those investments.

The PCC believes it is financially viable for the next 12 months, even with the ongoing pressure of significant expenditure needed on the estate. The general unrestricted reserves balance remains above the appropriate level of reserves and is sufficient for activities to be maintained for 12 months.

## **Reserves policy**

The accounting rules under which the financial statements are prepared require funds to be analysed between those that, on the one hand, are restricted to specific purposes and those that, on the other hand, are unrestricted. Restricted funds comprise special collections and other fundraising activity for specific causes, together with fundraising and grants for certain fabric and insurance costs, and for the repair and maintenance of certain graves.

Unrestricted funds comprise all other funds, which may be designated for various purposes. The PCC has designated three unrestricted funds:

- a property capital fund, which at all times equals the balance sheet value of the properties
- a legacy capital fund, being the accumulation of legacies received
- a general fund containing the balance

The PCC considers that the amount of reserves necessary to ensure the work of the church continues at present levels is around £200,000 – this amounts to approximately 12 months of recurring expenditure, excluding mission giving and payments to specific causes. As the unrestricted general fund stood at £342,033 at 31 December 2022 (see page 15; £504,461 at the end of 2021), there was an excess of just over £140,000, which is held to finance working capital and capital projects. Restricted funds at 31 December 2022 had fallen to £57 (2021: £7,783).

## **Risk Management**

The PCC recognises that in areas relating to health and safety, the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the security of physical and financial assets, IT systems and data protection, there is always a potential threat. We reviewed all our risk management and related policies during 2022.

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**Structure, governance and management**

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 stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC met seven times in 2022, all meetings were conducted in person, and average attendance was 70%. In addition to routine business (which included regular Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Financial reports), major items of business included:

- Work of the Re-imagining 2025 Project Group
- Agreeing recipients of mission giving from 2021 stewardship
- Receiving the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2021
- Adopting resolutions confirming the PCC's commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030, and to identifying and addressing wider environmental impacts across all its activities and through its committees, on an ongoing basis
- Formalising the closure of the churchyard for burials by applying for representations to be made by the Ministry of Justice for an Order in Council to discontinue burials in Church of England churchyards (Section 1 Burial Act 1853) and handing over maintenance to the Town or County Council
- Installation and commissioning of new car park controls
- A code of conduct for volunteers regarding safeguarding and other matters

**Safeguarding**

The PCC complied with its duty under section 5 of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016* to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In July 2022, we reviewed our Safeguarding Policy and safeguarding information on the church website.

**Data protection**

The PCC complied with the requirements of the *General Data Protection Regulation*. In July 2022, we reviewed our Data Protection and Records Management Policy, and the Data Privacy Notice on the church website.

**The PCC's responsibilities**

The PCC is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The PCC is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the financial activities of the PCC for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the PCC members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper books and accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC, and that enable it to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The PCC members confirm that, so far as they are aware, there is no relevant information of which the PCC's independent examiners are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as PCC



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members to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the PCC's independent examiners are aware of that information.

**PCC Committees**

The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar, Churchwarden(s), Associate Priest, main Committee Chairs and the Treasurer. It has the power to act on behalf of the PCC for issues that need urgent attention between PCC meetings. It did not meet in 2022.

Much of the PCC's business is achieved by delegating certain responsibilities to the following committees, whose terms of reference were reviewed by the PCC in June 2022:

**Fabric & Churchyard Committee**

*Chair: Peter Clark*

This Committee, in collaboration with the Vicar and Churchwardens, has oversight of the maintenance, repair and improvement of the church building, St Mary's Lodge, the Parish Hall, Church House, and the other church-owned land and buildings. It oversees the activities of the monthly Churchyard Working Party, which maintains the churchyard and associated grounds.

Delays caused by the pandemic continued in 2022 to frustrate, as contractors had backlogs of work, and specialist heritage experts and materials were in short supply. However, progress was made in all areas of maintenance of the church buildings and churchyard. The church building had minor works done, including a minor refurbishment of the organ. A number of incidents of vandalism occurred and damage repaired. Dr David Carrington, one of the UK's leading experts, inspected all the church monuments and provided the Friends of Great St Mary's with a prioritised list of work. The Friends proposed, and the PCC accepted, funding investigation of three monuments. Skillworks has been contracted to do the work in 2023.

A major project during the year was the installation and commissioning of car parking controls using automatic bollards for entry and exit. Church House had a dishwasher and a sound system installed. Following discovery of rotten timbers in its roof in 2021, further work was done in 2022 to scope exactly what is needed to be done to this Grade II Listed Building. Work is expected to commence in 2023.



The magnificent mature beech tree between the Churchyard and the Old Vicarage was rescued from being felled. After considerable research and ultrasound scans, the tree was judiciously re-shaped, which should allow many more years of life. Sadly, a large weeping willow seems to have succumbed to the very hot summer drought, and a small cedar was badly damaged by a gale and had to be felled and replaced.

Four fine hardwood memorial benches, donated by families, were installed around the churchyard and are enjoyed by many passers-by.



The churchyard, although closed for burials, had not been through the formality of applying to the Ministry of Justice for closure. After taking advice from the Diocese, the application process was agreed, the decision to close was confirmed by the PCC and the paperwork submission is under way. It is expected that handover

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of responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard to the Town Council will take place in 2024. Interments and burials in family plots will still be permitted, and the PCC and the Faculty processes will protect the quiet enjoyment of the churchyard and respect for those buried there.

***With special thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers in the Churchyard Working Party and our hard-working hall caretaker.***

**Outreach Committee**

*Chair: Val Bright*

This Committee promotes the engagement of the church with the community at local, diocesan and national levels. It develops and has oversight of a policy of nurture for all ages of the church family. It has general oversight of the Ministry of welcome within Great St Mary's.

The Committee met six times in 2022 and co-ordinated a large program of outreach and social events, including a pancake parish breakfast, Beetle Drive, Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving party, patronal festival lunch party, the flower, bridal, and sculpture festival, and the Festival of Light.

**Stewardship & Finance Committee**

*Chair: Paul Bard until 22 May 2022; Julie Patterson from 26 September 2022*

This Committee has oversight of the PCC's finances and stewardship activities. To fulfil this responsibility, it monitors both incoming and outgoing resources, as well as monitoring the deployment of the net assets, including investment policy and performance. It provides advice and support to the Treasurer, who reports regularly to the PCC on the financial position, financial controls and all matters impacting the PCC's finances.

The Committee met three times via Zoom in 2022. At each meeting, the Committee received a report from the Treasurer on the PCC's financial position. It also reviewed the draft Annual Report & Financial Statements 2021, monitored actual income and expenditure against the 2022 forecast approved by the PCC in December 2021, and considered whether and when a significant drawdown from investments was needed. At the end of the year, it considered the provisional outcome for 2022 and a draft forecast for 2023, which were presented to the PCC in December 2022.

The Committee reviewed and made recommendations to the PCC on property valuations, the hall hire agreement, discretionary fees and other rates to be applied in 2023, and on revisions to bank signatories. It also reviewed relevant PCC policies, and noted that the Treasurer had compiled a financial procedures manual.

***With considerable thanks to the outgoing Chair, the Treasurer and the Stewardship Recorder.***

**Re-imagining 2025 Project Group ("RI25PG")**

*Co-Chairs: Sarah Vickers & Nick Heslop*

RI25PG met eight times in 2022. Initially, it drew up a "should/would/could" list of things Great St. Mary's requires to meet the needs of parishioners and local community, including accessibility, toilets, catering facilities, improved vestry and storage, and space specifically for children. The list was reviewed throughout the year and a draft vision report was prepared for the PCC. The group also adopted the PCC's commitment to aim to meet the Church of England's net zero carbon policy by 2030.

Members of St Albans' Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and a Bristol church architect visited the church on separate occasions, and answered questions from group members about re-ordering and re-imagining church buildings. The DAC members were very positive about the work Peter Clark has been leading to maintain the building, and about changes possible within the current church footprint. Sarah and some other

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group members visited numerous churches that have added facilities and made other improvements. All these visits provided very useful input to the Group's discussions.

To ascertain parishioner and local community views on how the church building and churchyard might be used and developed, we carried out an online and paper survey, with the help of the Town Council. We had over 240 responses and it was pleasing to note the majority of respondents believe that the church is an important part of our community, even though, 40% of respondents had not been inside the church building in the past year. 85% of respondents said the church building could be used for community events and over 50% of respondents wanted the church to be used for art/craft activities, historical talks or exhibitions and plays or performances.

In September 2022, two members left and two members joined the group, and Phase 2 of the project began. This phase is looking more closely at the other PCC-owned buildings and their viability, as well as carrying forward discussions with about the church building with the newly-appointed church architect.

### **Administrative information**

**Address:** The PCC oversees the activities of Great St Mary's church, which is situated in Church Street, Sawbridgeworth. It is part of the Diocese of St Albans within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Church House, 1 Vantorts Road, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire CM21 9AH.

**Website:** [www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk](http://www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk)

**Data privacy:** Contact the Parish Office. You can also contact the Information Commissioner's Office on 0303 123 1113 or via <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/>.

**Incumbent:** The Reverend Simon Vivian, The Vicarage, Sheering Mill Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire CM21 9ND.

**Ministry team:** The Reverend Debbie Hore, Associate Minister and Mrs Diana Kitson, Reader.

**Office staff:** Angela Kenny, Parish Administrator; PCC Secretary from 14 June 2022.

The **members of the PCC** who served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Father Simon Vivian	<i>Incumbent (Chair)</i>
Anthony Heard	<i>Churchwarden</i>
Angela Alder	<i>Until 22 May 2022; PCC Secretary until 22 May 2022</i>
Paul Bard	<i>Until 22 May 2022; Chair of Stewardship &amp; Finance Committee until 22 May 2022</i>
Valerie Bright	<i>Chair of Outreach Committee</i>
Becky Burton	
Peter Clark	<i>Health &amp; Safety Officer; Chair of Fabric &amp; Churchyard Committee</i>
Deborah Cubitt	<i>First Aid Officer</i>
Mark Hemsley	
Revd Debbie Hore	<i>Associate Minister</i>
Diana Kitson	<i>Reader, Deanery Synod Representative</i>
Kofi Otu	
Julie Patterson	<i>Appointed 22 May 2022; Chair of Stewardship &amp; Finance Committee from 26 September 2022; Treasurer</i>
Gilly Squire	<i>Appointed 22 May 2022</i>
Sarah Vickers	<i>Co-Chair of Re-imagining 2025 Project Group</i>

Among others that contribute considerable time and resources to the work of Great St Mary's, there are officers who are not members of the PCC:

Fay Clark	<i>Electoral Roll Officer and Spellbrook CoE School Foundation Governor</i>
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Nick Heslop  
Huw Lewis  
Hazel Mead

*Co-Chair of Re-imagining 2025 Project Group*  
*Stewardship Recorder*  
*Safeguarding Officer*

**Architect/surveyor:** Jeremy Lander, 77 North Street, Burwell, Cambridgeshire CB25 0BB – appointed December 2022

**Bankers:** TSB Bank plc, 88-89 High Street, Chelmsford, Essex CM21 1DX and Barclays Bank plc, 10 North Street, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2LU

**Independent Examiners:** Price Bailey LLP, Causeway House, 1 Dane Street, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3BT



*Signed*

**Fr. Simon Vivian**

Vicar of Great St Mary's, Sawbridgeworth

*Dated*

28-III-23



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**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of The Parochial  
Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sawbridgeworth**

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 14 to 23.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the members of the PCC 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do 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.



**Michael Cooper-Davis FCCA ACA**  
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**Date:** 4 April 2023

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>INCOME</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Planned giving		26,731		26,731	25,984
Other donations	2	14,555	4,820	19,375	8,748
Collections for other charities	3		5,107	5,107	2,407
Tax received/claimed	4	8,786	1,582	10,368	8,932
Grants	5		20,483	20,483	8,768
Legacies	6				
		50,072	31,992	82,064	54,839
<i>Church activities</i>					
Fees - weddings & funerals	7	6,834		6,834	9,138
Property lettings	8	36,070		36,070	20,250
Fundraising & sponsorship			5,215	5,215	347
Other		60		60	70
		42,964	5,215	48,179	29,805
<i>Investment income</i>	9	26,151		26,151	27,190
<b>Total income</b>		<b>119,187</b>	<b>37,207</b>	<b>156,394</b>	<b>111,834</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<i>Church activities</i>					
Mission & charitable giving	10	3,548	6,569	10,117	6,861
Ministry	11	75,912		75,912	77,109
Regular church services	12	9,107		9,107	8,033
Fees paid – weddings & funerals	13	4,647		4,647	6,293
Properties	14	42,101	36,638	78,739	42,331
Fundraising costs			1,726	1,726	0
Administration	15	22,724		22,724	4,897
Other	16	1,461		1,461	518
		159,500	44,933	204,433	146,042
<i>Governance</i>					
Independent examination fee		1,962		1,962	1,710
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>161,462</b>	<b>44,933</b>	<b>206,395</b>	<b>147,752</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses</b>		<b>(42,275)</b>	<b>(7,726)</b>	<b>(50,001)</b>	<b>(35,918)</b>
Divestment proceeds		40,000		40,000	50,000
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	18	(160,153)		(160,153)	46,472
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(162,428)</b>	<b>(7,726)</b>	<b>(170,154)</b>	<b>60,554</b>
Funds brought forward		1,537,078	7,783	1,544,861	1,484,307
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,374,650</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1,374,707</b>	<b>1,544,861</b>

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET  
at 31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible	17	490,000	490,000
Investments	18	841,614	1,001,767
		1,331,614	1,491,767
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	19	11,331	10,773
Short term deposits	20	13,143	6,992
Cash at bank and in hand		23,768	45,752
		48,242	63,517
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors payable within one year	21	(5,149)	(10,423)
<b>Net current assets</b>		43,093	53,094
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,374,707</b>	<b>1,544,861</b>
<b>Funds</b>	22		
<i>Unrestricted</i>			
Property capital		490,000	490,000
Legacy capital		542,617	542,617
General		342,033	504,461
		1,374,650	1,537,078
<i>Restricted</i>		57	7,783
		<b>1,374,707</b>	<b>1,544,861</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



**Fr. Simon Vivian** – Vicar



**Anthony Heard** – Churchwarden

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**1. Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except that properties are included at valuation and investments are included at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

***Going concern***

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the PCC members believe that no material uncertainties exist. The PCC members have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure deficit is covered with the support of withdrawing funds from the investments, as held within unrestricted general funds, and therefore enables the PCC to continue as a going concern. A detailed commentary on its impact is detailed in the Annual Report on page 7.

***Funds***

- *Unrestricted designated funds*

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the PCC for specific purposes. The property capital fund is represented by the value of property held. The legacy capital fund is the aggregate of legacies received and is represented by assets held for future major capital projects.

- *Unrestricted general funds*

Unrestricted funds are those funds which can be used for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

- *Restricted funds*

Restricted funds arise where collections are made or fundraising undertaken for specific causes, or where income is subject to specific conditions imposed by donors or grant-making organisations.

***Incoming resources***

- *Stewardship, service collections and donations*

Amounts are recognised when received; at which point income tax recoverable is accounted for.

- *Other voluntary income*

Grants and legacies are recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

- *Church fees*

Wedding and funeral fees are recognised when the event occurs.



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- *Property lettings*  
Rental income from the letting of premises is recognised when due.
- *Investment income, fundraising and sponsorship*  
Income is recognised when received.

***Gifts in kind***

Assets donated to the PCC are included in the financial records at valuation at the date of gift.

***Resources expended***

Amounts are recognised when payable and include irrecoverable VAT. All costs have been directly allocated to the relevant activity and fund.

***Tangible fixed assets***

- *Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings*  
Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the financial statements under the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings that require a faculty for their disposal as they are considered by the PCC as inalienable property.
- *Other real estate*  
Given the unusual nature and features of the freehold properties, the properties are held at residual value based on valuations by Wright & Co, a local estate agent, in November 2010 (note 17). Thus, no depreciation has been charged.
- *Fixtures and fittings*  
Items costing up to £10,000 are written off in the period in which the assets are acquired.

***Investments***

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses arising from movements in market values during the year are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

***Stock***

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

***Debtors***

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement value before any trade discounts due.

***Cash at bank***

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar accounts.

***Creditors***

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at the settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts.

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***Financial instruments***

The Charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date. All financial instruments of the charity are measured at cost.

Financial assets include the bank balances, trade debtors and other debtors, but exclude prepayments and taxation.

Financial liabilities include trade creditors, other creditors, accruals and deferred income, but exclude social security and other taxes due.

***Key Source of Judgement and Estimate Uncertainty***

No significant judgements, accounting policies or assumptions have been made by the PCC in applying the Charity's accounting policies.

***Transactions involving members of the PCC and connected persons***

Members of the PCC are obliged to declare any interest in any proposed transaction that involves them or connected persons, and to withdraw from any discussions and not participate in any vote taken. Any transactions undertaken by or on behalf of the PCC and involving members of the PCC and/or connected persons are detailed in notes 11 and 23.

**2. Donations, other than planned giving**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Donations under Gift Aid (unrestricted)	3,221	5,350
Other donations (unrestricted)	2,609	1,046
Collections in church services (unrestricted)	1,813	1,602
Donations towards specified expenditure (unrestricted)	6,912	500
Donations towards restricted expenditure	4,820	250
	<u>19,375</u>	<u>8,748</u>

There were no large donations under Gift Aid (unrestricted) (2021: two donations of £1,250 each including tax recoverable). There were two large donations towards restricted expenditure, totalling £4,375 including tax recoverable (2021: nil). Unrestricted donations totalled £14,555 (2021: £8,499) and restricted £4,820 (2021: £250).

**3. Collections for other specific causes (restricted)**

The figure of £5,107 (2021: £2,407) comprised £1,033 (2021: £720) of giving under Gift Aid and £4,074 (2021: £1,687) of other giving. (See also Note 10).

**4. Tax received/claimed**

Tax recoverable on giving under Gift Aid in 2022 is estimated at £8,369 (2021: £8,114 estimated; £8,124 received). £1,592 was received under the small donations scheme for the tax year 2021/22 (2020/21: £517), of which £690 was recognised as claimable in 2021, and a further £1,299 has been recognised as claimable in 2022. Of total tax received or claimed, £8,786 was in relation to unrestricted funds (2021: £8,500) and £1,582 restricted (2021: £432).

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<b>5. Grants (restricted)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
The Sawbridgeworth Ecclesiastical Charity:		
- Church insurance	4,569	3,456
- Church costs	7,371	4,305
Church Commissioners	2,191	-
The Forebury Estate	3,000	-
Sawbridgeworth Town Council	-	440
Diocese of St Albans – energy grant	1,280	-
DCMS Listed Places of Worship Scheme (VAT claim)	2,044	539
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission	28	28
	<u>20,483</u>	<u>8,768</u>

**6. Legacies**

No legacies were received in 2022 (2021: nil).

**7. Fees - weddings and funerals (unrestricted)**

In accordance with normal church accounting practice, fees receivable exclude amounts due to the clergy. The fees shown comprise amounts earned by the PCC and amounts payable to the Diocese and to assistants for their participation at weddings and funerals (see also note 13).

<b>8. Property lettings (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Church House	15,109	6,916
Parish Hall	10,671	2,566
Car park	10,290	10,768
	<u>36,070</u>	<u>20,250</u>

<b>9. Investment income (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Interest on CCLA Deposit Fund	106	8
Dividends on CCLA Fixed Interest Fund investment	4,427	5,000
Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund investment	21,618	22,182
	<u>26,151</u>	<u>27,190</u>

<b>10. Mission &amp; charitable giving</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>Mission grants to organisations – unrestricted</b>		
India Touch Trust (Shiksha Rath) – <i>overseas mission giving</i>	974	1,078
Five Talents – <i>overseas mission giving</i>	974	-
Friends of the Holy Land – <i>overseas mission giving</i>	-	1,078
Bishop's Stortford Night Shelter – <i>UK mission giving</i>	650	1,000
Srreets2Home – <i>UK mission giving</i>	650	-
Afghanistan & Central Asian Association UK – <i>UK mission giving</i>	-	438
World Vision	300	300
Street Pastors	-	150
	<u>3,548</u>	<u>4,044</u>

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<b>10. Mission &amp; charitable giving (continued)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Distribution of collections for specific causes – restricted</b>		
Women's World Day of Prayer	320	-
Sawbridgeworth Scouts and Girl Guides (St George's Day Service)	121	-
Train-a-Priest Fund (Lent lunches)	311	-
Bishop's Ordinands Fund (Confirmation Service)	158	-
Christian Aid (collection tins and fundraising)	1,022	315
The Sawbridgeworth Mayor's charities:		
- HRH Duke of Edinburgh Civic Memorial Service	-	156
- Jubilee Thanksgiving Civic Service	209	-
- HRH Queen Elizabeth II Civic Memorial Service	439	-
- Annual Town Civic Service	121	259
The Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal	374	549
The Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Day Service)	407	286
The Children's Society (Advent Lunches, Christingle and Crib Service)	692	582
Crisis UK (Christmas collections)	743	534
DEC Ukraine Appeal	1,083	-
DEC Pakistan Appeal	569	-
Cancer Research (two funerals in 2021)	-	136
	<u>6,569</u>	<u>2,817</u>
<b>11. Ministry (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Diocesan parish share	72,164	72,975
Clergy expenses	3,124	3,718
Outreach	624	416
	<u>75,912</u>	<u>77,109</u>
The Vicar and non-stipendiary priest are reimbursed for expenses incurred on PCC business.		
<b>12. Regular church services (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Organists	6,318	6,108
Other costs	2,789	1,925
	<u>9,107</u>	<u>8,033</u>
<b>13. Fees paid – weddings and funerals (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Diocesan fees	3,430	4,024
Fees paid to service assistants	1,217	2,269
	<u>4,647</u>	<u>6,293</u>

The PCC retains the difference between the total of fees received and the total of fees paid.



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<b>14. Properties – maintenance, repair and utilities</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Church	15,005	6,818
Churchyard	12,806	6,358
Church House	12,133	3,498
Parish Hall	2,756	1,010
The Lodge	294	8,914
Car park	11,165	552
Utilities	17,496	11,280
Insurances	7,084	3,901
	<u>78,739</u>	<u>42,331</u>

£36,638 was in relation to restricted funds (2021: £10,897) and £42,101 unrestricted (2021: £31,434). Restricted costs comprised £10,751 (2021: £5,628) for the church, £3,650 (2021: £278) for the churchyard, £7,704 (2021: £1,316) for Church House, nil (2021: nil) for the Parish Hall, 8,684 (2021: nil) for the car park, £4,569 (2021: £3,675) for church insurances, and £1,280 for energy costs (2021: nil). The second stage payment of £2,101 for the car park bollards could not be allocated to the restricted fund as there were insufficient monies in the fund. (Our insurance policies were combined in 2021, resulting in a one-off reimbursement from the insurance provider towards the cost of insuring the two halls.)

<b>15. Administration (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Staff costs	13,953	88
Bookkeeping	2,121	1,035
Committee expenses	-	38
Telephone	1,129	932
Equipment	3,063	2,002
Printing	1,314	410
Office supplies	1,144	392
	<u>22,724</u>	<u>4,897</u>

The figure for staff costs in 2022 comprises £13,282 for salaries and wages (2021: nil), £477 for payroll administration (2021: nil) and £194 of training costs (2021: £88). The figure for salaries and wages in 2022 included pension costs of £885 (2021: nil).

The average number of employees during the year was one in 2022 (2021: nil). The PCC considers its key management personnel to comprise the Vicar, Churchwardens and appointed officials (see pages 11 and 12). No employees received over £60,000 remuneration during the year (2021: nil). No PCC members or other officers were remunerated for their role (2021: nil).

**16. Other expenditure (unrestricted)**

The figure for other expenditure in 2022 of £1,461 included gifts totalling £480 (2021: £59) and net bank charges of £102 (2021: £88).

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<b>17. Tangible fixed assets (unrestricted)</b>	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Valuation / Cost – <i>beginning and end of year</i>	490,000	7,899	497,899
Depreciation – <i>beginning and end of year</i>	-	(7,899)	(7,899)
Net book value - <i>beginning and end of year</i>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>490,000</u>

The amount of freehold land and buildings comprises valuations of St Mary's Lodge £335,000, the Parish Hall £45,000 and Church House £110,000, provided by local estate agent Wright & Co in November 2010 and reflecting current usage. Fixtures and fittings comprise the sound system

<b>18. Investments (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Market value at beginning of year	1,001,767	955,295
Additions/(withdrawals) at cost	(40,000)	(50,000)
Gain/(loss) on revaluation	(120,153)	96,472
Market value at end of year	<u>841,614</u>	<u>1,001,767</u>
<i>The portfolio consists of investments in:</i>		
CCLA CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund	154,059	177,937
CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund	687,555	823,830
	<u>841,614</u>	<u>1,001,767</u>

<b>19. Debtors (receivable within one year)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Tax recoverable (of which £893 restricted (2021: £432) – see note 4)	9,668	9,016
Hire fees due (unrestricted)	-	203
Undertakers (unrestricted)	1,473	1,327
Charitable donations (not banked in 2021 but included in charitable giving)	190	227
	<u>11,331</u>	<u>10,773</u>

**20. Short term deposits (unrestricted)**

These cash deposits are held with The Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit Fund, which is managed by CCLA.

<b>21. Creditors (payable within one year)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Wedding deposits (unrestricted)	200	100
Distributions of collections to specific causes (restricted)	1,957	1,235
Diocesan fees (unrestricted)	-	664
Clergy expenses (unrestricted)	1,030	-
P R Newson Ltd (unrestricted)	-	4,920
Deposits for churchyard benches (unrestricted)	-	1,794
Independent examination fee (unrestricted)	1,962	1,710
	<u>5,149</u>	<u>10,423</u>

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**22. Funds**

	Balances end-2021 £	Income in 2022 £	Expenditure in 2022 £	Fund transfers £	Balances end-2022 £
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
Property capital	490,000	-	-	-	490,000
Legacy capital	542,617	-	-	-	542,617
General	504,461	119,187	(281,615)	-	342,033
	<u>1,537,078</u>	<u>119,187</u>	<u>(281,615)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,374,650</u>
<i>Restricted</i>					
Monies for specific causes	508	6,076	(6,569)	-	15
Specific grants & fundraising	7,275	31,131	(38,364)	-	42
	<u>7,783</u>	<u>37,207</u>	<u>(44,933)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,544,861</u>	<u>156,394</u>	<u>(326,548)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,374,707</u>

For an explanation of restricted funds, see page 16.

See notes 3 and 10 second part for restricted funds comprising monies for specific causes, which included some creditors due to uncleared cheques (see note 21) and £969 in reclaimable tax (2021: £432). The end-year balance comprises £15 for other charities (2021: £508).

See notes 5 and 14 for restricted grants and restricted expenditure. In addition, there was restricted fundraising of £5,215 (2021: £401) and fundraising costs of £1,726 (2021: nil).

**Prior year funds**

	Balances end-2020 £	Income in 2021	Expenditure in 2021 £	Fund transfers £	Balances end-2021 £
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
Property capital	490,000	-	-	-	490,000
Legacy capital	542,617	-	-	-	542,617
General	442,397	196,102	(134,038)	-	504,461
	<u>1,475,014</u>	<u>196,102</u>	<u>(134,038)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,537,078</u>
<i>Restricted</i>					
Monies for specific causes	486	2,839	(2,817)	-	508
Specific grants & fundraising	8,807	9,365	(10,897)	-	7,275
	<u>9,293</u>	<u>12,204</u>	<u>(13,714)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,783</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,484,307</u>	<u>208,306</u>	<u>(147,752)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,544,861</u>

**23. Payments to PCC members and connected persons**

PCC members were reimbursed £2,473 (2021: £2,225) for purchases on behalf of the PCC, including nil restricted costs (2021: £345), and paid £420 (2021: £360) for verger services (unrestricted in both years). No other payments to PCC members and connected persons were made (2021: nil).

