



All Saints' Church

Branksome Park, Poole,
Dorset, BH13 7BP

ANNUAL MEETING 2023

Date & Time: 21st May 4pm

Location: All Saints' Church

ANNUAL REPORT – 2022

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Chairman's Review and Reflection for 2023

Michael Steen - Churchwarden

2022 was another unusual year as the after-effects of Covid restricted many of our activities, including limited communion, reduced house-groups and tea parties.

For most of the year we were without a vicar due to sabbaticals and sickness. Finally, Rev. Boyle resigned, effective early November. The PCC wishes to thank him and Sarah for their contribution and wish them well for the future.

As a result, the PCC and Churchwardens were closely involved with keeping the church running normally and we particularly wish to thank Dale Edy, John Parker, Anne Burton and Emma Barton for their outstanding efforts.

The resilience of All Saints' and the dedication of the congregation is evident in the continuity of its many activities.

We are also grateful to Archdeacon Antony, Rev. Stuart Timbrell, Rev. Canon Lucy Holt, and several other ordained ministers who have made it possible for us to maintain most of our services during the year.

We have a full complement of PCC members who enthusiastically consider church matters and make timely decisions in a spirit of co-operation.

We look forward to a vibrant 2023 with increased attendances at worship, house-groups and many other activities, and hopefully a new vicar.



Michael Steen

Review of the Parochial Church Council decisions and actions in 2022 and how we met our objectives

2022 was a difficult year as our vicar was on sabbatical from December 2021- April 2022 and many of our loyal volunteers and employed staff left the church. However, we did keep the church doors open and the following is a list of our achievements: -

Faith & Fellowship

Our Older People's Ministry continues to flourish with the help of a dedicated team who meet once a month for our *Faith and Fellowship* coffee mornings – where we enjoy reflections on faith, prayer and spiritual discussions.

Office Staffing

Whilst all the office staff resigned in May 2022, the team was slowly rebuilt by ex-members and a new co-ordinator which has resulted in one specialist for all services and general enquiries, one specialist for funerals and another for weddings and baptisms which means excellent cover across the year to cover sickness and holidays etc for what is an extremely busy office.

Wednesday Prayers

With so much turmoil over the past 12 months, a few faithful gatherers have continued to support Dale, our Families Pastor, who took on the Wednesday prayers responsibility when our incumbent left.

Café Church

With the stop start nature of the year, one initiative that has been received well is our new Café Church. This is held in the church hall, with tables and chairs of various zones for people to gather including a games area and a craft area for the children. Creating this informal space for local people, that are unsure of the more traditional environments of church or even preconceived ideas of religion, has fulfilled our desire that our doors be wide open for anyone to join in.

LPA Pastoral Support Group formed

A Pastoral Support Group was formed, consisting of members from the congregation who support the LPAs on accompanied visits: we are very grateful for all for their help.

The group make phone calls and visits to residential homes, hospitals and care homes were requested alongside regular visits to 5 residential homes, offering friendship and Holy Communion services.

Outreach to the local Community

Our Families Pastor Dale started creating an events diary for all in the parish. His events include Movie Night, Annual Pub Quiz, Pancakes outside the Church, and Café Church and these are open to members of the public as well as church members.

Improved Worship Outside

During Covid it was decided to further utilise the wonderful outside space on the lower lawn of the vicarage for inclusive events. We have now built a stage and have enjoyed outside worship, a barn dance and at the Fete it was also used for a brass band.

We hope to encourage use of this facility for all, as we progress out of interregnum.

Maintaining the Church building in line with the Diocesan Quinquennial reports

With the quinquennial inspection due in the autumn of 2023, preparations have started to ensure all church fabric, goods and ornaments are in good working order. There is a rolling programme of routine maintenance, overseen monthly by the Verger and Churchwardens.

Every five years, a detailed inspection of the fabric of the building, inside and out, is carried out by a highly qualified architect.

The next inspection will be carried out during this coming October.

At the last inspection, it was found that various repairs to the windows were required, as well as to the cross above the porch.

Also, several areas of exterior stonework were found to be deteriorating, likely due to the salt air. These have been attended to by qualified stonemasons and glaziers.

Deanery Synod

Poole and North Dorset Deanery Synod Report – Janet Morris

Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery Synod Anglican churches in Poole and North Bournemouth meet three times a year to discuss a variety of topics. The meetings are usually hosted by a local church who open the meeting with prayer and worship and talk a little about their own church and parish. Here is a brief summary of the meetings held in 2022:

15th February 2022 St. Peter's Church, Parkstone

A presentation was given of the Draft Deanery Plan. David Price talked about God being a God of abundance and that we are all part of the corporate whole within the Deanery and beyond, and that collaboration is at the heart of the Deanery plan. The objectives were outlined as follows: * Pursue deep partnerships between churches * Develop shared resources across multiple churches * Resource new form of "pioneer ministry" * Expand expertise at Deanery level. The Deanery Plan was approved at the June meeting.

8th June 2022 St George's Church, Oakdale

The theme of the meeting was "Mixed Ecology Church" within which God is moving in unexpected and new ways. Lucy Bolster, Pioneer Minister at Turlin Moor, talked about her work as leader of Reconnect. There are four re-connect hubs which are geographically based groups involved in a variety of community-based projects. Rachael Peck and Lucy Whiteway talked about their work with SMILE. This is a community project supported by local charity Faithworks. Smile provides support, activities and friendship to lone parent families. Mark Hay spoke about Resound, which is youth work taking place within the Deanery. Matt Simpson and his team from Lytchett, talked about Forest Church. He described the way in which their Forest Church project had developed as an outdoor gathering, generating a keen interest in the environment. Gatherings include a woodland location, a fire, food, prayers and games.

6th October 2022 Christ Church Creekmoor

The theme of the meeting was mission. Steve Inglis, Mission Co-ordinator for the diocese, introduced a series of discussion groups inspired by the following questions: Recall a time when you experienced WONDER. Where is God at work and how do we join in? Mission is like building fires - the conditions are all important.

I have only included a brief summary of the three meetings last year. If anyone would like to know more about any of the topics, please contact me and I will try and give more information.



Janet Morris

Electoral Roll 2022-23 – Tom Tobin

In the past year responsibility for the upkeep of the parish Electoral Roll passed from Mike Steen to Tom Tobin (April 2022).

From that time there have been significant fluctuations in the numbers of people who, whilst registered on the Electoral Roll, left the church: some permanently and others temporarily.

This was due, in the main, to uncertainty over the tenure of the vicar. Now, in an interregnum, there are encouraging signs of recovery.

At the last count, the Electoral Roll stood at 187 (minus 4 from 2021-22) but as explained above this may not accurately account for numbers. However, as we approach the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and, as good practice, I will ensure that everyone is aware of the Electoral Roll and invited to refresh as needed.

The Electoral Roll is subject to strict Data Protection rules.

Should anyone wish to make an enquiry please contact Tom Tobin (Safeguarding - Electoral Roll - PCC)



Tom Tobin

APCM Report on the Fabric, Goods & Ornaments of the Church – Michael Steen

The Churchwardens are pleased to confirm that the fabric, ornaments and goods of the church are regularly checked and inspected. This was most recently carried out on February 28th, 2023, as part of the Archdeacon's Visitation.

The silver, plate, brass and wooden items were all found to be present and in good order.

Items checked included all the Communion silver together with the travelling Communion sets used when Communion is taken away from the church.

The fabric of the building is covered as part of the Quinquennial Inspection Report which can be found in the earlier part of this annual report.



Michael Steen

Financial Review for the year ending 2022 – Richard Bone

Valuation

Assets brought forward 01/01/22 = £1,345,471

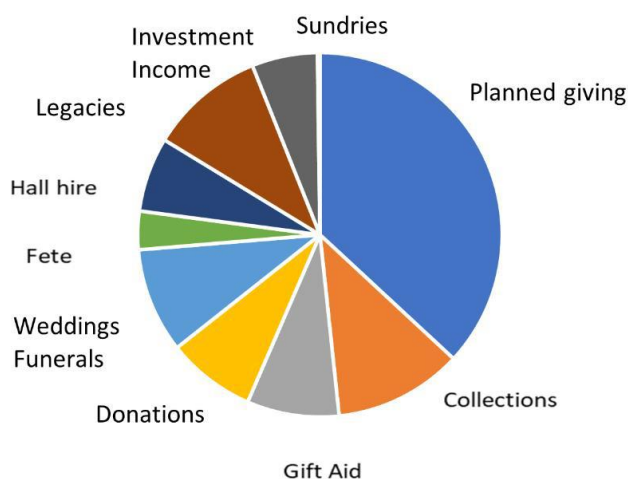
Assets carried forward 31/12/22 = £1,095,344

INCOME

2022 Total Incoming Resources at £154,736 (a reduction of £75,142 on 2021) included £16,141 gifted through legacies compared with a 2021 figure of just over £87,000. Therefore, what initially might look like a large reduction in income for 2022 effectively amounts to a reduction of £4,237 (3%) net of legacy income.

Analysis of income: -

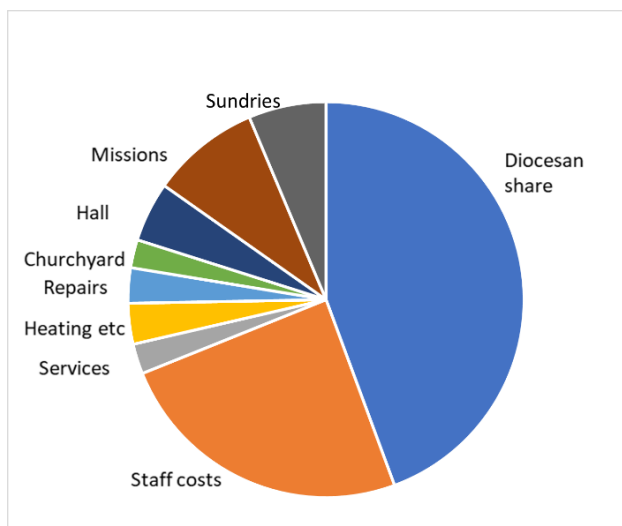
Planned giving	£58,185	37.61%
Collections	£18,000	11.64%
Donations	£12,900	8.34%
Gift Aid	£12,390	8.00%
Weddings & funerals	£14,704	9.50%
Fete / fund raising	£2,395	1.55%
Hall hire	£10,438	6.75%
Legacies	£16,141	10.44%
Investment income	£9,194	5.95%
Sundries	£343	0.22%
	£154,736	



EXPENDITURE

2022 Total expenditure at £257,048 increased by £43,607. The PCC decided at the start of the year to donate £20,000 of the 2021 surplus to the Christian Aid appeals for Afghanistan and Ukraine. Allowing for this donation, the increased spend of £23,607 (11%) is attributable to increases in the Diocesan Share (£5,050), staff costs (£13,992) and £4,565 accounted for by swings and roundabouts across all the other areas of expenditure.

Diocesan Share & Fees	£115,381	44.90%
Staff costs	£63,795	24.81%
Services, musicians, license	£6,400	2.50%
Heating, lighting, water	£8,650	3.35%
Repairs & renewals	£7,500	2.93%
Churchyard & gardens	£5,975	2.33%
Hall	£12,701	4.94%
Missions	£23,111	8.99%
Sundries (under £5K each)	£13,535	5.25%
	£257,048	



A detailed breakdown of all income and expenditure together with details of restricted and endowment funds can be found in the annual accounts.

SUMMARY

The Annual Financial Statement shows an overall decrease in assets of £250,037. This is made up of a decrease in the value of invested funds of £147,814 and a deficit in income / expenditure of £102,312. Investment fund wealth management advice always carries the warning that the value of investments can fall as well as rise. In 2021, they rose; in 2022 the market has fallen back, and the value of our investments reflect that. 2021 showed an increase in value of £171,341; 2022 has shown the value dropping back by £147,814.

Therefore, the value of the funds remains up on the original investment. No money has been withdrawn from any fund.

In terms of income / expenditure (i.e., net of investment values), the combined effect of a decrease in income and an increase in mission giving and general expenditure has resulted in an annual deficit of £102,312 or if viewed net of mission giving (being the 2021 surplus) £82,312. This was anticipated at the start of the year and was briefly touched on at the 2022 AGM.

The generosity of legators over the past few years has enabled All Saints to survive what has been a difficult three years. It has also enabled the PCC to plan through the difficulties as they set about rebuilding church life and getting the finances back on track.



Richard Bone - Treasurer

OTHER GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

Choir Report – Janet O'Connor

2022 started in disarray. The church was closed on 8th Jan, & there was a "discrete police presence" on 16th when the Archdeacon came. Covid's Omicron variant was spreading & Charlie Boyle was away on an extended sabbatical of 4 months. The "choir" continued to lead our singing at 11.00, usually with just 2 - 4 people, but choir numbers increased as Covid diminished, and by March, we were able to arrange practices with organist Andy Hill and prepare to sing an Easter anthem. We needed to re-learn the parts of St. Thomas Mass that we had stopped singing during Communion services because of Covid.

During the year, the choir sang at 9 funerals, three weddings and a Legal service. Sadly, one of these funerals was for John Way, our long serving organist, who passed away on 22nd June. At his funeral, the WHOLE of the choir made themselves available - everyone wanted to reflect on how much John had done for music at All Saints' and were glad to be able to sing Rutter's "The Lord bless you & keep you" in his memory. We still remember John at 11.00; we sometimes sing his arrangement of the Lord's Prayer, and at the Carol Service, one of the anthems was his setting of the Magnificat, and it ended with his Fanfare Amen.

Through parts of 2022, key details of some services were unavailable until the eleventh hour, making the choir's preparations difficult, and adding to the already heavy workload of the office staff; we do appreciate the extra time the All-Saints' office staff often spend in mitigating these issues. All our regular services did continue, and grateful thanks are due to the many people who have not simply taken the services, but have spent considerable time in preparation, to make everything as "normal" as possible.

The choir would have achieved very little of this without help, particularly from Andy Hill, whose clear advice & encouragement at our 9 practices during the year was always combined with his dry humour! All our organists have been generous with their time, and are prepared to run through anything tricky, beforehand. Thanks are due to our little group of stalwarts who kept the choir alive at the start of the year, some of whom, in February - at the request of his family - formed a "choir" to sing the "Girl Guide Taps" at the committal of a gentleman whose family had deep involvement with the Scouting movement. At that time, no one imagined that this very different choir-piece would herald such a very different sort of year!



Janet O'Connor

All Saints' Serving Team 2022 – John Crowe

The servers are the team who prepare the wafers and wine for communion, support the priest at communion and take communion to those who cannot get to church e.g., in nursing homes. As a result of COVID they have been less active in recent years. In 2022 David Butler, Kate Edwards, Carol Burden, and Jo Modley maintained a 'skeleton service' where needed.

2022 did mark the end of a long era. John Thorpe, after more than 50 years as a server at All Saints', retired from the team. He also held other roles at All Saints' during this long period of loyal service.



John Crowe

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) – Ann Bambury

LPA Team: Pip Anthony, Ann Bambury, Mary Bebo, Howard Cunningham-Smith, Tricia Darke and Kate Edwards.

Pastoral Support Team: Carol Burdon, Louise Collins, Margaret Corneby, Janet Morris and Gareth Whitcombe.

2022 was another busy year for the team as we continued to try and cover the needs of the parish by phone calls and visits to home, hospital and care homes where requested. We also regularly visit five residential homes, offering friendship and Holy Communion services.

Sadly, this year, Eva Wallace-Hadrill who had led the team with such enthusiasm moved to another parish, and Beryl Hurley, a long-standing member of our team, retired due to ill health. We thank them for their years of dedicated service and will miss them both.

A Pastoral Support Group was recently formed, consisting of members of the congregation who can support the LPAs on accompanied visits: we are very grateful for all for their help.

If we can help you, or someone you know, please speak to one of us or the Church Office. We would also love to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining our team.



**Ann Bambury
LPA Secretary**

Wednesday Morning Prayer – Dale Edy

Charles Spurgeon referred to the prayer meetings of his church as “the boiler room that provides the spiritual power behind effective ministry”.

With so much turmoil over the past 12 months, a few faithful gatherers have kept the pilot light on in our boiler room.

Asking the Holy Spirit to open the scriptures to encourage and inspire us and then to pray for our local church, and the world around us. The most common prayer being – “Let Your Kingdom come, let Your Will be done” that the Father would pour out His presence on our gatherings and we would be faithful as a community to pass on His healing balm to a hurting world.

We hold on to the words of Jesus - **“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there.”** However, I would most definitely encourage more people to come and join us in the “boiler room” on a Wednesday morning, with an expectation of what God could do!



Dale Edy

Worship Band – Lloyd Griffiths



As we emerged from the pandemic, our sung worship at the 9.30am service at All Saints settled back into a good weekly rhythm.

Regularly coordinating with Dale and the preacher for the day, to provide a contemporary and 'older song' blend to inspire us to 'give God His worth'.

The band has faithfully consisted of Steve Bamford (bass) Michael Steen (drums) Barbara Bamford (vocals, percussion, guitar) Lloyd Griffiths (vocals guitar) with added support provided by Hannah Edy (vocals keys) and Rosemary Griffiths (vocals)

We were able to worship outside on the lawn/stage a couple of times this past year and the introduction of 'Cafe Church' to the schedule meant that we were able to use the church hall for a more informal worship setting, including food.

Band personnel have also been involved in supporting the musical needs for two funerals in this past year.

We continue to serve the Lord and the church with gladness despite the ongoing challenges and we look to God for more people to be involved in the worship group in 2023 as we anticipate changes in personnel.

My heartfelt thanks and love to everyone for your encouragement and support this past year.



Lloyd Griffiths

Encounter – Barbara Bamford

Encounter was an informal time of worship, teaching, small group discussion and prayer which met on Sunday evenings in the church hall. It was a meeting when all attendees were invited to participate and contribute. This ran into difficulties, however, when a seemingly organised group of activists proclaiming, "personal freedom" refusing to follow Covid protection procedures, began to attend Encounter and church services, from December 2021 onwards.

It was felt that their message, and the attitude and behaviour of some, were not in keeping with Christian views of serving and protecting one another, especially the vulnerable.

It was deemed wise, therefore, to cease holding Encounter meetings, as its openness would have again provided a platform for this group's views.

Encounter still does not continue, because many people who supported it and worked with the team to contribute, have left the church, leaving us too low on numbers to be able to run the meetings.

There is still an interest in Encounter however, and as we rebuild the church and pray for a new vicar, it is hoped that, in the future, we may be able to return to this type of meeting.



Barbara Bamford

Older People's Ministry – Kate Edwards

Our Older People's Ministry continues to flourish with the help of a dedicated team who supply leadership, coffee and cake! This year we celebrated *International Older People's Day* with a special church service followed by a Sherry party - which was well attended.

Halfway through the year we asked people to contribute a favourite prayer - or one they had written themselves - to a *Faith and Fellowship* Prayer Booklet which we then produced to be handed out in Church.

We also meet once a month for our *Faith and Fellowship* coffee mornings – where we enjoy some reflections on faith, prayer and spiritual discussions.



Kate Edwards

Homegroups – Anne Burton

There are currently four home groups running, two daytime ones and two evening ones. Home Groups are a wonderful way of connecting with others in the church and making friends in a way that you would not necessarily be able to, just by coming to normal Sunday services.

They provide an opportunity to study the bible in more depth in a small group and they offer the opportunity for prayer, debate and discussion, to learn from one another and share testimonies in a safe and non-judgemental environment.

Many people find them an essential part of their Christian life and journey.

Stella and Gareth Whitcombe run a lively group which meets on a Wednesday evening.

Stella writes: "Our wonderful Home Group has ten very active members who meet every Wednesday evening.

In 2022 we did an extended study of the Book of Matthew - all 28 chapters, from which we learned a lot. Prior to that we completed the study of Luke that we had started in 2021. For these studies, we used material from *The Gospel Coalition*, and *The Enduring Word*, amongst other study materials.

Members of the group also took on co-ordinating Eco Church donations for recycling. The group also ran the BBQ and Pimm's stands at the annual Church Fete. During the summer months we have held our sessions outside on the clifftop with picnics and barbecues. For 2023 we have gone back to watching *The Chosen* and will continue our Eco Church initiatives – as well as enjoying social times together."

Suzie Myatt, whose group meets on Tuesday mornings writes:

"We are a group of 13, meeting each week in a member's home with an option to zoom if preferred (one of our members moved away but can still join us which is great!).

After coffee and a chat, we spend some time in prayer for the group, the church and other topics before starting our Bible study. We have studied books from the Bible and covered a variety of topics over the years and we are currently completing a Life Builder study about the Holy Spirit. In 2022, we followed a study about Jesus, *Jesus the Reason* and then completed the online 24-7 Prayer Course. We intend to follow a Lent course in 2023 to be decided".

Steve Bamford whose group meets on Monday evening writes:

"Over the last year we have studied together on subjects such as *Worshipping God* and *Decisions – Seeking God's Guidance*, interspersed with watching episodes of *The Chosen* and occasional social evenings. We are just starting a Lent Study Course, taking us up until Easter, based on the film *Chocolat*. Recognising Lent as a chance to embrace change and renewal, the study leads us into looking at the daily challenge of growing, giving and getting real with life".

Groups meet weekly or fortnightly. There are no hard and fast rules as to how a group should be run, and this gives the group the freedom to study whatever they choose. Some groups have set leaders and others share the leading. There is a wealth of resources available to Home Groups, both online and in the Vestry.

Going forward we would like to see more groups forming and there is help available for anyone wishing to explore this.



Anne Burton

Children, Youth & Families Pastor – Dale Edy

Families, Children and Youth

Wow what a year we had as a local church! With a disheartening start to the year with almost all our young families we had started to gather leaving, in the space of two weeks, we continued to persevere, despite the challenges put against us.

We opened the church on Shrove Tuesday for a flipping good pancake time. It was a wet and icy day but with a jovial team we invited in people walking by and anyone who fancied a pancake or a warm environment.



This was a good reminder that the church is welcoming and open to all.

It was great to connect with a wider network of people involved with youth in the BCP area, and I was able to take a small contingent of young people to the RESOUND gatherings where they enjoyed a great night of connecting with a large group of young people - worshipping and having fun.

With the stop start nature of the year, one initiative that has been received well is our new Café Church. We use the church hall, setup tables and chairs with various zones for people to gather including a games area and a craft area for the children. There is something significant when people eat together, it lets our guard down and opens us up to be vulnerable to each other as well as to what God is doing. Creating this informal space for people, who are unsure of the more traditional environments of church or even preconceived ideas of religion, it is our desire that the doors be wide open for anyone to come as you are, but as you meet Jesus, you won't stay as you are.



Another great aspect of the Cafe Church is the intergenerational concept, having everyone altogether for the service – especially when families are so busy during the week. If we can offer an opportunity for them to slow down, be together and explore what it means to follow Jesus – what a privilege!

A big thank you to the amazing team that has enabled this to take place, with the setting up, packing down, food provision, worship, crafts and much more – without these servant hearted souls it would not be possible at all.

With the approach of the end of the year we had a fantastic Movie Night with additional children not connected to our church coming along and many of them joining us for the Christingle services. The Christingles were a great success with more than 150 people attending each service. The team setup refreshments outside of the church which created a great atmosphere of people staying behind with a real sense of joy in the air. I would hope the seeds sown at these opportunities will allow for there to be much fruit in a harvest for the next generation at All Saints.

Teddies & Toddlers Group – Dale Edy



Our Teddies and Toddler group gathers on a Monday afternoon, in a fantastic space with a feel of Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium. With the amazing assistance of Jackie Poppit, (the baby whisperer), it has been a privilege to create a venue for the



community to find a haven, a support base and a friendly gathering place, as parents navigate their way through the murky waters of parenting. It is wonderful to witness friendships blossoming, sharing of toys, encouragement and tips given.

None of this would be possible without a good cup of tea to chat over.

A big thank you to Sheila Jackson and her outstanding squad of hospitality helpers, that fill little tummies and ensure a cup of something warm is always present.

We have a lovely core of faithful attendees, made up of parents and grandparents. We hope to see further fruit as the community engages with this space and that it will pave the way for many to join the All-Saints family.



Dale Edy

All Saints' Mother's Union Tea Party - Diana Alcroft



Held in the hall on the 2nd Wednesday each month.

For all retired people for a chat & to enjoy a delicious homemade tea.

A huge thank you to all our dedicated, loyal volunteers for their continued support & our faithful guests.



Diana Alcroft

All Saints PCC Safeguarding 2021 – Tom Tobin

The Church of England's policy on Safeguarding is summed up in the following 6 commitments:

1. Promoting a safer environment and culture
2. Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
3. Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
4. Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
5. Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
6. Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others

All Saints' shares those commitments adhering to the principles of Safer Recruitment (e.g., references and DBS checks for employees and volunteers, including PCC members), clear signage in the church and hall, indicating who to contact if any concerns are raised, and an explicit culture of safe working practice and vigilance.

Until January 2023 the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) was Rosemary Griffiths who performed her role with exemplary professionalism. Her imminent moving from the parish necessitated a replacement and, accordingly, Tom Tobin has taken her place.

Tom was a former PSO at All Saints' but stepped down due to ill health in 2019. He returns with current DBS enhanced clearance and has already set about refreshing his Safeguarding qualifications (online) and has registered his new role with colleagues in Salisbury. As a former head of Hampshire's Child Protection Unit (South West) he has considerable experience in this field and in criminal investigations. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**



Tom Tobin

All Saints' Nursery – Stephanie Parrett

All Saints' Nursery continues to be a vibrant part of the community at All Saints' Church. We are blessed with an able and committed board of trustees who oversee the strategic direction of the Nursery as well as a dedicated, knowledgeable, and well-respected group of staff.

Together the trustees and staff provide an environment where children are nurtured and thrive. The pandemic had a huge impact on all of us but for some of our youngest children who were born during lockdown they missed out on so much very early on in their lives. We have noticed how this had an impact on their social development as well as their development of language and communication skills. The staff team have worked hard with children and their families to help them overcome this so that children start school with the skills in place that they need to succeed.

The nursery remains financially stable at a time when so many other church-based nurseries have closed, and our places are in high demand which gives us confidence for the future of our lovely nursery.

We believe the nursery has an exciting future which combines the role that it plays within the church community and in the lives of so many local families.



Stephanie Parrett

Cubs – Karen Turton - All Saints' Cubs - Highlights of 2022

Our first year of cub meetings in person in what felt like a long time, meant that we could have an actual AGM! Full attendance from parents made it a fabulous event, with hot dogs cooked by the beavers and 'hilarious' campfire skits performed by the cubs (oo ha ha, we're still laughing) ... We also introduced our new Treasurer, Bryan Tizzard who, as well as being a professional accountant is also an ex-Cub Scout.

In January, inspired by the Beijing Winter Olympics, cubs designed and constructed their own winter sport models out of scrap. In February, we were incredibly lucky to have a Puppet Theatre visit us. Cubs learned how to make puppets speak and move and the puppets, each with a cub, put on a performance, singing 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and earning the cubs a Theatre Skills badge.

Lighter spring evenings meant we could meet outdoors. Crabbing, always one of our favourite outdoor activities was top of the list. We caught 127 crabs, 3 fish and 2 shrimps!

Working on our Recycling badge, cubs spent an evening litter picking at Poole Park wearing official hi-vis jackets and litter picking grabbers.

For the rest of the summer, we were outdoors, at the beach and on the water at Poole Park, paddleboarding, kayaking and sailing, picking up some Water Sport badges on the way.

Early September and we had a fantastic Camp Day at Budden's Activity Centre. Cubs cooked their own breakfast then, after washing up, made dens – discovering two wasp nests along the way, made rafts, sailed rafts (had a swim), made fires and cooked marshmallows and Baloo's World-Famous Banana Surprise, finishing with a rousing performance of 'The Banana Song' especially for the parents. Followed a week later by Orienteering in the dark with headtorches.

Working on our Athletics badge, we tried several unusual sports; egg and spoon race, bean bag target and fencing (with a foil, not a larch lap panel). Then working on our Naturalist badge, we had a visit from Liberty's Raptor Centre and got to meet a Barn Owl, a Southern White-Faced Owl, a Kestrel and a Peregrine Falcon. We learned that native raptors are in decline in the UK and the way we can help is to provide food for them and their young - so we built bug hotels and bird feeders to support the birds through the winter.

We finished 2022 with a visit to Zetland Court's Dementia Unit. Cubs sang carols, read the Christmas Story, Ollie played his clarinet and Christmas jokes were told. The residents were delighted and had a wonderful time.

Assistant Cub Leaders:

Raksha – Karen Turton

Baloo – Anne Roberts

Bagheera – Nick Giles

Group Scout Leader:

Jacala – Hugo Parkin



Alice (DofE), Anne (Baloo), Nick (Bagheera), Me (Raksha) and Matt (DofE).



All Saints' Beaver's Colony Report - Diana Alcroft Beaver Leader (Nov'20-Feb'22)

All Saints Beaver report. Feb 22 —Feb 23

We have a thriving colony of enthusiastic beavers earning many activity badges & 9 beavers achieved their bronze award which they received at the district awards night along with Jon who received his 5 years' Service badge.

Beavers enjoyed cooking pancakes, BBQ hotdogs on the beach, planting bulbs, making gifts & cards for the elderly & housebound. Water sports in Poole Park, fun in the woods, night hikes, fencing, Birds of prey, Chinese New Year & the Queens Jubilee.

Church activities included the Summer Fete, Remembrance Parade & entertaining at the Tea Party. Instead of Christmas shoe boxes Beavers donated new/ unused toys for needy children in Poole, which were very much appreciated. Thank you to all who donated District events.

JOTT which Jon organised, a fantastic camp at Butchers Coppice in perfect weather, an energetic party at the Hamworthy club, the Carol Service (well done Barnaby being our only beaver!) and a Panto!

My thanks to our brilliant volunteer team Hugo GSL & Assistant Beaver Leader along with Jon, invaluable help from Aidan, Kinga, Lili & Lottie who completed 2 terms as part of her D of E. All giving up their time & support for FUN & adventure at All Saints Branksome Park Beaver Colony.

If parents can help with anything in 2023 it would be much appreciated.



Diana Alcroft
Beaver Leader



Stepping Stones – Daphne Anderson

Another year of enjoyable walks. 24 walks on the programme but for the first time one was cancelled due to icy roads. Walking in all conditions but usually we manage to stay dry and have a lovely time, walking, talking and of course eating. Such a great way to meet old friends and of course make new ones too. Come and join us, you'll not regret it!



Daphne Anderson



Flowers at All Saints' – Rosemary Griffiths

There have been several occasions this year when I, or other church members have been in the church building on a weekday and have found visitors popping in for a look around the church. Sometimes they are just curious visitors to the area, sometimes they have a history with the church that can go back many years.

They always comment on what an attractive building it is. The team of volunteers who arrange the flowers at All Saints' are aware how much the flowers add to the attractiveness of this beautiful worship space, and the time and creativity that goes into the arranging can be as much an act of worship as a song or a prayer. Of course, the 'high days' of the church calendar provide opportunity to really exercise that creativity.

In the past year the team has enjoyed 'saying it with flowers' for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and the 'In Loving Memory' service, and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee also provided opportunity for celebrating with red, white and blue floral offerings.

Many people come to All Saints' to mark important milestones in their lives, and flowers can make a wedding seem even more special and can somehow provide comfort as well as beauty at a funeral, and our team of volunteers have had the privilege of providing these at various times during the year.

Having been involved with the All Saints' flower-arranging team for the past couple of years I am now having to bow out due to our re-location to Wiltshire. I want to express my thanks to the rest of the team who faithfully give of their time and talents to ensure that the flowers are always looking good and are seasonally appropriate. There are no pre-requisites to being part of this lovely bunch, and the team often works in pairs, so if you have never arranged flowers before but would like to get involved, there will always be someone to come alongside and help you. Please contact the church office or just sign up on the paper rota in the church porch if you would like to join the team.



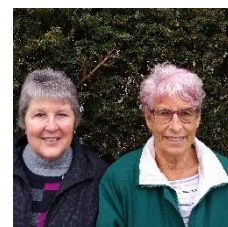
Rosemary Griffiths



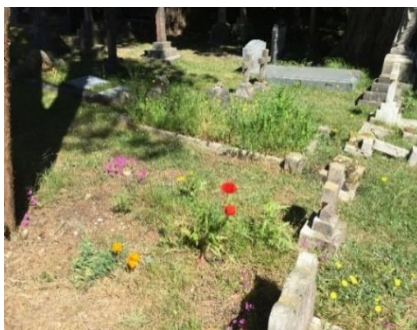
Churchyard Gardening – Val Kite & Val Lamb

We have continued clearing and re-seeding with wildflowers, some of the older graves that do not get visited any longer. We have been concentrating on those that get the most amount of light along the main path to the Bury Memorial to give planting the best chance. We begin in May trying to stop the wild garlic taking over, by removing as much of it as we can before it can seed again. We are still just a band of 3 who meet for only 1-2 hours per week, usually in the morning, and would very much like more help from anyone who has time to spare, perhaps by offering to take over a patch of the churchyard, or maybe two or three of the older graves to clear and seed. Once seeded, there is watering to do to get the seeds established and we take it in turns to do this. With the drought conditions last summer this was quite a difficult task.

Please contact the church office with any offers of help or Val Lamb, Val and Ron Kite or Trevor Meacock. We would love to hear from you.



Val Kite & Val Lamb



Memorial Garden

Huge thanks to Peter Saunders and all his helpers, including Ken & Eric, for the wonderful Peter Saunders Garden which is enjoyed by everyone throughout the All Saints' family.

We receive many compliments from visitors who come to see our beautiful Church.



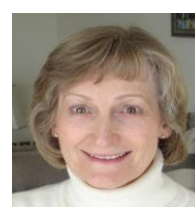
Knit and Natter Group – Pat Van Schagen and Rowena Exley

We meet on Friday afternoons from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Church Hall where an average of twelve of us enjoy a friendly chat and tea and cake! Everyone is welcome to join us with or without knitting skills as there is always someone willing to teach.

2022 was a busy year as we got back into our stride with various projects. These included knitting hats for premature babies at Poole Hospital; teddies in police uniforms which the police hand out to vulnerable children they come across in their work; a selection of items for the Autumn Fair and a regiment of soldiers for the Autumn Fair Raffle, which was very popular, and more blankets, as shown in the photo, which we are sending via Samara's Aid to the earthquake appeal in Turkey/Syria.



We are now busy planning for this year's Autumn Fair where we hope to have a colourful and productive display.



Pat Van Schagen & Rowena Exley

Sunday Morning Coffees – Romy Shephard

We have continued to provide coffees every Sunday although with a further reduced number of helpers, in particular July and August were challenging. My thanks especially to those who stepped up and gave me a break. We have since gained some new recruits, and one or two 'old hands' have come back on the Rota.

On Sundays when there is a Café Church service, we start coffees around 9am and stay open for refills throughout the service. Early arrivals for the 11.00 service are also very welcome to pop in for coffee and a chat before they go into church.



Romy Shephard



Fairtrade and ECO Church – Sarah Smales

“There is no such thing as throw away, when we throw anything away it must go somewhere.”

(Green Campaigner, Annie Leonard)

Our homegroup introduced an “Eco Calendar” to get the whole All Saints congregation to think about **the 3R’s** - Reduce, Reuse, Re-cycle – these three 'R' words are an important part of sustainable living, as they help to cut down on the amount of waste we throw away.

Over the last year we have collected bags of waste packaging for recycling projects. Your old unwanted books, discs, accessories, coins to donate to local charities to sell in their shops, and old or broken pens, coins, mobile phones, bedding, and glasses for specific projects supporting people or animals. **A big thank you to everyone.**

We are continuing to collect: -

- Empty medicine blister packs
- Clean milk bottle tops
- Stamps

Boxes are in the church foyer. We will be re-introducing the weekly Eco, watch out for it in the newsletter – please let Anne in the church office know if you have any ideas.

Each month Win on Waste collect packaging for recycling - also watch out for updates about when and where to take items.

Eco Church is a massive topic it covers: -

- Church buildings – its energy consumption and green credentials, the maintenance, and repairs.
- Looking after the church grounds and local environment, encouraging natural growth and wildlife.
- Working and sharing with the whole church community, encouraging everyone to care for God's creation.
- Our services, discussions, prayers, and the message we share.

There will be an open meeting to move this project forwards; if you have ideas, knowledge, an interest, or a little time to give, everyone is welcome! Please join us to express your care for God's world. Date to be confirmed.

“Father God, we thank you for calling us to be instruments in the care of your handiwork, that we might help shape the future of your planet to correspond with your plan for peace, beauty and fullness”.



Sarah Smales and the Wednesday Whitcombe Homegroup

Sarah Smales

Poole Food Bank – Jill Ditum

Poole Food Bank provides help to those struggling to make ends meet. They also provide recipe bags encouraging families to cook together and over half term the Food Bank even provided Craft bags to help occupy children over the holiday! They are based at Jimmy's by St James' Church in Poole but also have four satellite in the wider area. There are links with other groups for example Shelter and Citizen's Advice so other assistance can be given where needed - in fact there is so much information on the website about their activities and linked activities there it would take up pages to repeat it all here so do read about it on the Faithworks website! Also 'bank the food' is a free app which gives details of what items are needed by the local foodbank.

The collections at All Saints' were started some years ago by Brian Burdon and Carol, at present the collections are taken to supermarket drop-off points - some supermarkets will add additional amount to the items donated.

Thank you to Lynne and Trevor Meacock for their help - and thank you to everyone who donates!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our aim is to be a welcoming, prayerful and caring church, showing God's love by serving our community and the wider world.

Our purpose is to know Jesus Christ and make him better known.

Our vision is to be a Christian family of all ages at the heart of the local community; a place of faith and hope, a place to grow in discipleship of Jesus; a springboard to mission.

2023 Objectives

These are the list of objectives that the PCC have agreed to prioritise in 2023. They are of course, subject to change or expansion when we appoint a new vicar. They are not in any order of priority: -

1. Increase volunteer hours within the church.
2. Increase church attendances.
3. Increase church giving.
4. Recruitment of band worship leader.
5. Bringing more younger people and families into church life.
6. Re-establish a bereavement support initiative.
7. Re-establish men's and women's' fellowship groups.
8. Create succession plans for key roles in the church.
9. Continue to develop Eco Church.
10. Extend older people's outreach.
11. Establish carers support group.

Report of the Parochial Church Council

This last year has been a busy one for the PCC.

Agenda items considered included:

- 1) The most appropriate way to protect the large legacy generously left by the late Cyril Jay.
- 2) We have engaged the city firm Tyndall Investment Management to manage the investments. They have provided us with an admirable service and a pleasing return.
- 3) Despite the church finances being carefully managed by our Treasurer Richard Bone, we still finished the year with a significant deficit. Richard resigned in early 2023 and Lynne Meacock kindly stepped forward to replace him. We would like to thank Richard for his hard work during difficult times and indeed we wish Lynne well as she returns to the post.
- 4) Charitable giving has been the subject of much thought and has resulted in support for Ukraine and Afghanistan. At the time of writing, additional large sums are under active consideration.

- 5) The rose window above the main doors has been overhauled by qualified tradesmen. Our sincere thanks to several generous donors. Work overseen by our Churchwarden, Michael Steen.
- 6) Careful thought has been given to the provision of administrative staffing. We are now pleased to benefit from the services of Anne Burton, Emma Barton and Hannah Edy.
- 7) The outside stage, which was erected in 2021, is now being used for band-led services and outside events including the summer fete. Thanks again to Lloyd Griffiths and Alison & Julian Pringle.
- 8) The PCC now has a full complement and actively considers church matters on behalf of the congregation.

Special thanks must go to our wonderful Verger/Sexton, John Parker. John's in-depth knowledge of the church, the churchyard and the congregation are invaluable, and we are very grateful for all the hard work he puts in year after year.

Parochial Church Council - Membership

Parochial Church Council All Saints Branksome Park Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission no. 1132583.

The PCC is required to meet not less than four times each year and from time to time appoints working groups to perform certain tasks. The Council met nine times during the year 2022. The Independent Financial Examiner since 2016 is Mr John Gunton.

All Saints' PCC bank accounts are with HSBC, Poole Road, Westbourne and Church of England Central Board of Finance - Deposit Account.

Membership Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar: Revd Charlie Boyle (Resigned Nov 2022)

Churchwardens:	Mr Michael Steen	until 2023
	Mr Philip Corneby	until 2023

Other invited members: Mr Dale Edy (Children and Young Peoples)

Mrs Eva Wallace Hadrill (Lay minister) Left the church April 2022

Mr John Parker (Verger and Sexton)

Representatives of the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Janet Morris.	until 2025
Mrs Kate Edwards	until 2023
Mrs Beryl Hurley	until 2023

Elected members:

Mrs Barbara Bamford	until 2025
Mrs Emma Barton	until 2025
Mrs Anne Burton (Secretary until April)	until 2025
Mr Richard Bone (Treasurer)	Resigned December 2022
Mrs Carol Burdon	until 2023
Mrs Kate Edwards	until 2023
Mrs Rosemary Griffiths	Resigned December 2022
Mr Sam Moore	until 2023
Mrs Caroline Nicholson	until 2025
Mr Gareth Whitcombe	until 2025
Mrs Stella Whitcombe	until 2025

Co-opted Members: Mr John Crowe from June 2022 (Secretary)

Thanks Go To.....

A tribute to those who have served All Saints' in various capacities over the year but who we have not had the opportunity to THANK properly. There are many who have served tirelessly behind the scenes in challenging roles, who have made All Saints' the Church that it is.

You know who you are and what you've done and more importantly, so does God.

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**All Saints' Church, Branksome Park,
Poole
Charity Number 1132583**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

Incumbent

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Mr John Gunton
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRANKSOME PARK**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES:	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	89,666	11,367	1,263	102,297	117,616
Activities for generating funds	5,068	11,416	-	16,485	12,879
Investment Income	720	627	8,655	10,003	9,194
From charitable activities	16,088	627	-	16,715	14,704
Other incoming resources	1,177	-	1,750	2,927	343
Total Incoming Resources	112,720	24,038	11,668	148,426	154,736
EXPENDED RESOURCES:					
Activities relating to the work of the church	210,140	10,663	3,318	224,122	233,937
Grants to charities	2,248	4,511	-	6,759	23,111
Cost of generating funds	2,744	-	-	2,744	-
Church Administration	2,945	-	-	2,945	-
Total Expended Resources	218,078	15,174	3,318	236,570	257,048
Net incoming resources	(105,357)	8,863	8,350	(88,144)	(102,312)
Unrealised losses/ gains on investments	(40,938)	1,988	27,518	(11,432)	(147,814)
Net decrease/ increase in funds	(146,295)	10,852	35,868	(99,576)	(250,126)
Total funds brought forward 1.1.2023	782,819	26,547	285,979	1,095,345	1,345,471
Total funds carried forward 31.12.2023	636,524	37,399	321,847	995,769	1,095,345

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
Voluntary Income					
	£	£		£	£
Planned Giving	47,903	-	-	47,903	58,185
Collections and other giving	11,006	9,902	-	20,908	13,486
Sum up/Dona	2,661			2,661	4,514
Donations	10,797	-	1,263	12,060	12,900
Legacies	5,000		-	5,000	16,141
Gift Aid Tax Claimable	12,300	1,465	-	13,765	12,390
Total	89,666	11,367	1,263	102,297	117,616
Activities for generating funds					
Fete	5,068	-	-	5,068	2,165
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	276
Church Hall	-	11,416	-	11,416	10,438
Total	5,068	11,416	-	16,485	12,879
Investment Income					
Investment Income	587	627	8,655	9,869	9,167
Short term deposit income	133	-	-	133	27
Total	720	627	8,655	10,003	9,194
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Wedding Fees	3,433	-	-	3,433	1,712
Funeral and Churchyard Fees	12,655	-	-	12,655	12,992
Baptism		-		-	-
Choir fees		627	-	627	-
	16,088	627	-	16,715	14,704
Other incoming resources	1,177	-	1,750	2,927	343
Total Income	112,720	24,038	11,668	148,426	154,736

RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£		£	£
Activities Directly Relating to work of the church					
Parish Share	96,270	-	-	96,270	112,159
Musicians	2,178	-	-	2,178	3,553
Verger	8,500	-	-	8,500	8,565
Parish Office staff	28,402	-	-	28,402	21,831
Children and Family Pastor	34,940	-	-	34,940	33,399
Vicar Expenses	206	-	-	206	864
Church Services	558	-	-	558	2,847
Church Insurance, Heat and Light	16,769	-	-	16,769	11,443
Repairs and Renewals	4,666	-	-	4,666	5,750
Upkeep of Churchyard	1,470	-	1,069	2,539	2,974
Church and Vestry Cleaning	2,565	-	-	2,565	2,595
Recoupment to Church Fabric Fund	1,750	-	-	1,750	1,750
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	8,002	-	-	8,002	1,743
Diocese Fees	-	-	-	-	3,222
Vicarage and gardens	-	-	2,250	2,250	3,001
Sundries	3,863	-	-	3,863	2,122
Projects					121
Church Hall		10,663	-	10,663	12,701
Total	210,140	10,663	3,318	224,122	230,640
Grants to Charities					
Missionary Charities	2,248	1,957	-	4,205	23,111
Others(See Page 6)	-	2,554	-	2,554	-
Total	2,248	4,511	-	6,759	23,111
Cost of generating funds					
Fete	2,744	-	-	2,744	
	2,744	-	-	2,744	-
Church Administration	2,945	-	-	2,945	3,297
Total	218,078	15,174	3,318	236,570	257,048

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	612,895	22,940	318,472	954,307	963,989
Current Assets					
Debtors	1,849	18	0	1,866	3,440
Short term Investments	4,293	0	0	4,293	4,160
Cash at bank and in hand	20,022	15,480	3,791	39,293	128,192
Total Current Assets	26,164	15,498	3,791	45,453	135,792
Less Creditors	2,537	1,039	416	3,992	4,437
TOTAL ASSETS less Current Liabilities	636,522	37,399	321,847	995,767	1,095,345
Represented by - Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted Funds				636,524	782,819
Restricted Funds				37,399	26,547
Endowment Funds				321,847	285,979
TOTAL FUNDS				995,769	1,095,345

Note: The assets of All Saints' Church include the Church Hall. This is not included in the Balance Sheet. The Hall Extension cost £207,000 to build in 1993.

Lynne Meacock Lynne Meacock, Treasurer, *JS* April 2024

APPROVED BY ALL SAINTS' BRANKSOME PARK PCC & SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY:

Chairman:
Rev L Steven

Lucy Ham

Member *Ane Burton* *JS* April 2024

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought Fwd 1.01.2023	Income	Expenditure	Carried Fwd 31.12.2023
	£	£	£	£
Activities Relating to the work of the church				
Choir	1,236	627		1,863
Church Hall	20,210	14,032	10,663	23,579
	21,446	14,659	10,663	25,442
Missionary Charities				
Children's Society	(500)	1,229	729	-
Faith Works	-	207	205	2
SAT 7	10	-	-	10
Beautiful Gate	1,332	348	-	1,680
Sudan Link	-	468	468	-
Christian Aid Turkey	-	556	556	-
Roots to Roots	(500)	500	-	-
	342	3,307	1,957	1,692
Other restricted funds				
Dorset Historic Churches	-	520	520	-
Church Projects	2,989	6,982	1,477	8,494
Older Persons Ministry	103			103
Operations & Events	1,391	-	-	1,391
All Saints Youth	161	-	-	161
Autumn Fair	-	557	557	-
Wildlife Group	115			115
	4,759	8,059	2,554	10,264
TOTALS	26,547	26,025	15,174	37,398

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Brought Fwd 1.01.2023	Income	Expenditure	Carried Fwd 31.12.2023
	£	£	£	£
Churchyard	66,764	8,454	1,069	74,149
Vicarage	99,245	12,265	2,250	109,261
Church Fabric	110,561	17,474	-	128,035
Freer Memorial	9,409	993	-	10,402
TOTALS	285,979	39,186	3,319	321,846

UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT

Tyndall	634,222		42,799	591,423
Yarwood	16,723	2,088	501	18,310
Maintenance fund	2,888	360	86	3,162
TOTALS	653,833	2,448	43,386	612,895

*Income includes unrealised gains on investments

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of All Saints Church,
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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention ;

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met.
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



Mr John Gunton

"Kloof House", 36 Links Road

Parkstone, Poole

Date 28th April 2024

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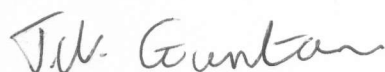
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