

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FLACKWELL HEATH

England & Wales · Charity number 1132634

Details

Other names	CHRIST CHURCH FLACKWELL HEATH PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-11-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£241,960	£197,305	-	-
2023-12-31	£224,245	£174,881	-	-
2022-12-31	£160,918	£202,132	-	-
2021-12-31	£134,600	£152,281	-	-
2020-12-31	£253,660	£156,085	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
The Revd James Dwyer	Chair	2021-09-16
Chris Broadbent		2024-03-17
Deborah Fox		2019-11-14
Helen Louise Broadbent		2026-03-22
KEELY ALEXIS HAMMOND		2024-03-17
Karen Christie		2023-03-26
Neil Favager		2023-03-26
Paul Churchouse		2024-03-17
Rebecca Hawes		2023-03-26
Rev Gill Taylor		2023-07-01
Samuel James Simpson		2023-03-26
Susan Elisabeth Simpson		1995-01-01
Susan Jane Darbyshire		2025-04-06
TIM FRANKLIN		

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Christ Church Flackwell Heath

Annual Report 2024

Background

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Flackwell Heath has the responsibility, as stated in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, of co-operating with the Vicar, Revd James Dwyer, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath. Christ Church is a Registered Charity, as required under Charity Law, with a Charity Registration number of 1132634.

Parochial Church Council

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. In addition, members may be co-opted as necessary. During 2024 the following served as PCC members:

Ex officio members:

Chair: Revd James Dwyer

Curate: Revd Gill Taylor

Associate Minister: Revd Martin Courtney

Licensed Lay Ministers: Sue Simpson (*Vice Chair*) and Debbie Fox-Webb

Churchwardens: Karen Christie and Phil Simpson

Deanery Synod Representatives: Neil Bourhill, Neil Favager, Richard Chalmers and Rebecca Hawes

Elected members:

It was agreed in the APCM in 2004 that the PCC should consist of seven elected members, in addition to ex-officio and co-opted members, and be elected on a three-year rolling retirement. In 2024 the terms of office were amended to state that members elected from that date must take one year off after each three-year term, after which they are permitted to return to PCC. During 2024 elected members were:

Denise Herschel (until March 2024), Sylvia Bourhill (until March 2024), Reg Jaycock (until March 2024), Chris Broadbent (from 2024 APCM), Keely Hammond (from 2024 APCM), Paul Churchouse (from 2024 APCM), Meg Scullion (from 2024 APCM), Tim Franklin (from 2022 APCM), Sammy Simpson (from 2023 APCM), and Phil Bellamy (from 2023 APCM).

PCC Committees

In 2024 the PCC had six committees:

1. The Standing Committee is required by law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
2. The Missions Committee coordinates links with the mission partners that the Church supports. It advises the PCC on mission giving.
3. The Fabric Committee oversees the maintenance of the Church, Church Centre, and grounds.
4. The Finance Subcommittee was formed in 2023 in response to our financial situation with the remit of stabilising our giving and providing analysis and oversight of church finances.
5. The Eco Subcommittee was formed in 2024 to help take forward our endeavours as a church to improve our eco footprint and become a carbon neutral church.
6. The Children, Youth and Families Subcommittee was formed in 2024 to help us strategically support our work with children, young people, and their families.

The PCC met six times during 2024, with the Standing Committee meeting five times. PCC members were commissioned on 21st April 2024 and, apart from the normal business life of the church, there was a regular focus on mission and agenda items on Safeguarding and GDPR compliance.

Church attendance in 2024

Church attendance remained stable throughout 2024, with gentle growth and a significant increase in attendance at our Christmas services. The 9am service saw an average weekly attendance of around 40-45 adults, the 10.30am of around 80-90 adults and 10-15 children and youth, and the 6.30pm a range of attendance, reflecting the varied service pattern. Average Sunday attendance across all three services is therefore around 140 people. The introduction of a second weekly communion service has led to more regular attendance, with around 15-18 people attending on average. Messy Church sees on average 45 children and their carers attend once a month.

Numbers of Occasional Offices remained low, reflecting a concerning wider trend at a national level. In 2024 we held:

- 8 baptisms

- 1 wedding
- 19 funerals in which Christ Church clergy and LLMs were involved, either at Christ Church or local crematoriums

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll declared at the Annual Meeting in 2024 was 194 people, a decrease of three compared with that declared in 2023 (197). During 2024 three people were removed and three people were added. The Christ Church Electoral Roll stands, as of 1st February 2024, at 194 (122 residents and 72 non-residents).

Jackie Chalmers, Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding

Throughout 2024 the PCC complied with the requirements imposed by the code under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. Our safeguarding culture and processes were carefully managed by Denise Herschel, our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Review of the Year

As a year, 2024 saw Christ Church continue to see gentle growth, both spiritual and numerical. As a church we continued to sense God's call for us to grow deeper with one another, with Him, and with the community we serve, and this is reflected in some of the story of the year as told below. This review cannot capture everything, but is a snapshot of the year.

January 2024 started gently after a busy Christmas in 2023, giving us a chance as a church to rest and take a breath before Lent, which began only a few weeks into the New Year. We took the opportunity of a quieter few weeks to redesign the Link, the church newsletter. Prompted by the prayer of one of our church family, we started to pray for a doubling of children and young people in our church.

Lent began on the 14th **February** and as well as Ash Wednesday, we marked the opening of our Lent Prayer Room, which picked up on the gardens theme we looked at in our sermon series. Our Lent Course was LICC's *On Purpose*, five sessions helping us to think about what it means to live purposeful lives wherever we are. Along with the wider Diocese, we were shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Bishop Alan.

In **March** we held our APCM, giving thanks for the past year and looking ahead into the year to come. In particular we spoke about our need to invest in our work with children and families, and announced that thanks to funding from the Diocese of Oxford, we were able to advertise

for a Children's Minister later in the year. Many from the church family joined the celebrations at the wedding of Rachel Franklin to Chris Entwisle. Our Holy Week and Easter services included a Walk of Witness for the first time in some years, and our Easter Trail in partnership with the Methodist Church and Residents' Association.

In **April** we were privileged to welcome Revd Dr Ajith Kumar, General Secretary of the Church of North India, to Christ Church. He spoke at our morning services and was treated to a famous Christ Church bring and share lunch. It was a special moment for us to hear more about God's church in India. At the end of the month, around 60 members of Christ Church went to High Leigh Conference Centre for our Church Weekend Away, where we reflected on God's call to be his disciples. Those who didn't go on the weekend enjoyed a joint service at Christ Church, with God's people meeting together bound by the Spirit.

In **May** we joined others from the village in celebrating the long-awaited arrival of a new minibus for the Nancie Ross Centre, which Christ Church made a financial contribution towards. We held a preaching workshop for our preachers and enjoyed our annual Plant Sale as part of Christian Aid Week. We started a process of reviews of our Mission Partners, and the advert for our Children's Minister position was published.

In **June** we joined thousands of other Christians from across Wycombe for Love Wycombe on the Rye. Our LLMs attended the annual LLM conference, and we attended the licensing and first service of the new chapter at St Mark's Bourne End. We celebrated Gill's priesting both at her ordination service in Amersham, and then a church family lunch the Sunday after, when she had presided at her first communion.

In **July** we were again part of Heath Fest, the village music festival. We held our annual Tea Dance for those living with dementia, and welcomed Rebecca Hawes to the team as our new Children's Minister. A group from Christ Church went to New Wine, back in Shepton Mallet, and at the end of the month our service pattern changed to joint 10am services for the summer holidays. To make the church more accessible to the parish, we started keeping the building open during the week.

August was a quiet month, with some members of Christ Church helping at Lighthouse in Loudwater. Holiday Coffee Stop gave a point in the week for people in our community to come together throughout the summer.

In **September** we began our autumn sermon series, looking at Mark's Gospel, and at the end of the month welcomed Azita Jabbari to our Alpha Supper where she gave a moving and powerful talk. We were able to attend Afternoon Tea celebrations at The Cherries and Nancie Ross Centre, and held a prayer meeting for our schools. A team from Christ Church did rather well at the annual village quiz!

In **October** we celebrated Harvest, with our food collection once again being shared between One Can Trust and the Community Pantry. Some of Christ Church had an evening with two guests from India who were visiting James, and got to hear about the school system and

challenges faced by the churches there. We hosted a Deanery Confirmation Service, with 15 candidates from across the Deanery being baptised and/or confirmed. The Quinquennial inspection took place, with a comment in the feedback that we were perhaps the “best kept church in the Diocese of Oxford.” We welcomed Paulin, our Mission Partner from Albania, to our services at the end of the month, and a number of the congregation stayed for a lunch with Paulin and his wife Luli. On 31st October we hosted a Bright Party to the delight of all who attended.

In **November** Christ Church hosted BBC Radio 4’s *Any Questions* as a live broadcast, with a packed church filled with people from the community. It is believed to be the first time Radio 4 has come live from the village! Our Charities Fayre was a good opportunity to showcase local charities, and our Memorial Service was as always a moving opportunity for people to remember those they have loved and lost. Christmas began early, with Christmas on the Heath taking place on 29th November – Christ Church played a key part in the short service that takes place during the event.

December saw us engage in a whole host of Christmas events, both inside and outside the church. The weather didn’t stop us, and we saw an encouraging number of people encounter the Christmas story. We had new opportunities to be part of Christmas celebrations in the village, including at The Cherries and Nancie Ross Centre, and welcomed schools into church as well as sharing the Christmas story in assemblies.

Throughout the year, the church Safeguarding Policy was kept up to date and overseen by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Church life

The Fabric Committee

The Church and Centre continued to benefit from a small but dedicated team of volunteers, led by the churchwardens, particularly the monthly Grounds Working Party. Energy bills continued to be carefully monitored, and a church declutter continued to keep the Church and Centre maintained and efficient. The Church and Centre continued to be cleaned to a high standard, professionally and by volunteers. In July 2024 we started keeping the church building open during the week, with steps taken to ensure the building and valuable items were secured.

Worship

Christ Church is blessed by a talented team of musicians, singers, and technical support teams, complemented by Bible Readers, intercessors, and the flower team. In person services continue to be complemented by a livestream (10.30am only), managed by some superb volunteers. Services at Christ Church continue to offer a variety of styles, both traditional and modern. A second midweek communion service was introduced in the summer, meaning there are now two midweek services each month (on first and third Thursdays).

Discipleship

Growing deeper as disciples of Jesus continued to be a key part of Christ Church's mission.

- Sue Simpson continued to coordinate home groups at Christ Church, with groups encouraged to follow a church-wide teaching pattern of using the sermon series from September-Easter, and then choosing their own subjects
- Preaching continued to be a rich source of discipleship, led by Revd James Dwyer, Revd Gill Taylor, Sue Simpson, Debbie Fox-Webb, and Helen Broadbent as well as Phil Bellamy and Cheryl Dwyer (Authorised Preachers). Series included Gardens of Scripture, Philippians, Mary's Song, and Samuel
- Sharon Howard and Bridget Wiseman continued to oversee Junior Church, supported by a fantastic team of volunteers. In July 2024 Rebecca Hawes, our Children's Minister, joined the team. Engagement within schools was grown throughout the year, with an increasing number of assemblies in school and visits to church by the children. Junior Church started moving towards following the same sermon series as used in services
- Cheryl Dwyer continued to oversee Thrive, our youth group. Members of Thrive are involved across church life, including the coffee rota, All Age Worship, and more
- Messy Church continued to flourish, meeting monthly and welcoming an average of 45 children and 24 carers each month for craft, games, Bible stories, and dinner. Messy Church is overseen by Cheryl Dwyer and Rebecca Hawes, with support from a brilliant team
- Leonie Cowlard continued to facilitate Play Café and YouNique, creating small but significant gathering spaces for families in our community
- We held a Deanery Confirmation Service in October, with 15 candidates being baptised and/or confirmed
- A Church Weekend Away in April offered the chance for 60 members of the church family to spend time together and with God, deepening faith and growing in discipleship
- A new Growing Deeper session was started by Helen Broadbent, running on the third Thursday of the month before the midweek Holy Communion service

Prayer

Overseen by Jane Franklin, prayer continued to be a core value of Christ Church, including:

- Creative ways of praying were continued, including a much-valued Prayer Room in Lent picking up on the theme of Gardens of Scripture
- Daily Prayer (Mon-Fri) was held in the Rotunda, along with monthly parish prayers online and an emergency prayer chain and team of confidential intercessors
- Community Prayer regularly gathered leaders from nine local churches to pray for one another and our area
- Prayer takes place formally and informally during the week, in services, within prayer groups, and pastorally
- Prayer meetings for local schools

Pastoral Ministry

- The Pastoral Team, under the leadership of Sue Hill, continued to provide excellent pastoral support and develop pastoral care at Christ Church. The Bereavement Visiting

Team continued to minister to those in the days after loss

- Oasis, our self-help bereavement group, continued to meet three times a month as well as for social events and holidays throughout the year. Oasis regularly welcomes new members and spent some of 2024 preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2025
- Prayer for Healing continued to be offered at the 9am service on third Sundays, and prayer ministry at the end of the 10.30am service remained a key point of prayer and support. Prayer for Healing and Anointing was introduced on second Sundays at the 10.30am service
- Fellowship (men's ministry) and Sister Act (women's ministry) met regularly throughout the year, welcoming a range of speakers from both within and outside the church

Outreach and Evangelism

- The Flackwell Heath Community Pantry continued to be well resourced by donations from the church family and wider village
- We provided 45 School Starter Packs to families with children starting at Carrington and Juniper Hill Schools in September
- Coffee Stop continued as a registered Warm Space, providing a place of comfort for those struggling with the cost of living. Coffee Stop remained a key part of Christ Church's outreach in the community, running weekly during term time and on Wednesdays during school holidays (including the Christmas break)
- Play Café and You-Nique provided regular contact points for families in the wider community, and offered a safe space
- Alpha courses were run in partnership with Flackwell Heath Methodist Church
- Christ Church members were involved with local ministries, including One Can Trust, Wycombe 24/7 Prayer, Wycombe Youth for Christ and Wycombe Homeless Connection. Christ Church continued to support Christian Aid through collection and the plant sale. Our Christmas Gift Service collection went to Wycombe Homeless Connection
- At the start of 2024 Christ Church was committed to four Mission Partners: Jubilee Society (Mongolia), the Albanian Christian Centre (with New Beginnings Children's Home), Wycombe Youth for Christ, and a ministry in East Africa. During 2024 the ministry supported in East Africa ended, meaning our support for the ministry would need to change. It was agreed to keep some support going into 2025, but at the end of 2024 Christ Church had three 'active' Mission Partners. The Mission Partner reviews, undertaken during the year, provided a good platform from which to ask the question 'what next?' The mission noticeboard was maintained all year

Other community involvement

Christ Church continued to be an active presence in the life of the community, including:

- Welcoming the parish in for occasional offices
- Opening the church building during the week
- Holding the annual Memorial Service in November
- Holding a variety of Christmas services, including the village Christmas on the Heath celebrations
- Leading the village Remembrance Service
- Being an active presence in village schools

- Welcoming the Girl Guides, Brownies, and Rainbows for their Christmas service, and hosting Girls Brigade events

Financial Review

With total incoming resources of £241,960 and expenditure of £197,305, the net financial result for the year was excess of receipts over payments. The hard work of stabilising our finances in 2023 was rewarded by a good year in 2024. Major outgoings were the Diocesan Parish Share and the salaries for, by the end of 2024, three members of staff. All general income was tithed and supported the work of our mission partners.

Reserves Policy

In November 2024 the PCC reviewed the current level of reserves and were happy with the reserves held at around £110,000, which is designed to cover the equivalent of two months' general running costs and other anticipated expenses. Our reserves policy states our reserves must be no less than £40,000.

Revd James Dwyer
Chair of the Parochial Church Council
24th February 2025



Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 31 December **2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	163,639	-	163,639	167,166
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	2,483		2,483	5,003
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i>					
to further the Council's objects	2(c)	12,816		12,816	16,237
to generate funds	2(d)	240		240	120
<i>Income from investment</i>	2(e)	7,096		7,096	1,511
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>	2(f)	24,337	31,349	55,686	34,208
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		210,611	31,349	241,960	224,245
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	17,316	4,956	22,272	19,708
<i>Activities relating to the work of the Church</i>	3(b)	139,868	15,242	155,110	137,240
<i>Church Management and Administration</i>	3(c)	19,923		19,923	17,933
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		177,107	20,198	197,305	174,881
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		33,504	11,151	44,655	49,364
Balances brought forward at January 1		170,148	15,131	185,279	135,915
Balances carried forward at December 31		203,652	26,282	229,934	185,279

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Monetary Assets		
HSBC Current Account	6,006	-6,013
Barclays Account	5,110	1,175
HSBC Deposit Account	71,508	104,981
1 year bond	85,000	85,000
90 day notice account	62,000	
Cash	310	136
	<u>229,934</u>	<u>185,279</u>

Debtors

There are no debtors.

Creditors

There are no creditors

Liabilities

There are no liabilities

Moveable Church Furnishings

Moveable church furnishings are valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes.

Non-Monetary Assets

Assorted gardening implements and shed – valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes.

The PCC owns assorted dvds, books and office equipment – valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes

<u>Funds Statement</u>	Balance
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
Relief	490
Community Pantry	23,102
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Hardship Fund	878
Schools Support	1,963
Oasis	11,674
General Fund	109,868
Development Fund	81,959
<u>Total</u>	<u>229,934</u>
<u>Represented by :-</u>	
HSBC Current Account	6,006
Barclays Account	5,110
HSBC Deposit Account	71,508
1 year bond	85,000
90 day notice account	62,000
Cash	310
<u>Total</u>	<u>229,934</u>

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

In previous years Designated and Restricted Funds were shown in a combined column.
As Designated Funds are unrestricted they are now shown in the Unrestricted column

2 INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£		
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid donations	108,584		108,584	88,956
Other planned giving	7,864		7,864	8,200
Income tax recoverable	30,070		30,070	30,602
Loose plate collections	5,441		5,441	6,827
Other Gift Aid donations	7,396		7,396	25,263
Other donations	4,284		4,284	7,318
	<u>163,639</u>		<u>163,639</u>	<u>167,166</u>
2(b) <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>				
Donations to costs/expenses	1,483		1,483	1,003
One off Grants	1,000		1,000	-
Legacies	-		-	4,000
	<u>2,483</u>		<u>2,483</u>	<u>5,003</u>
2(c) <i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i> <i>to further the Council's objects</i>				
Bible Notes & Events	3,300		3,300	6,145
Church Centre lettings	9,220		9,220	8,972
Fees for weddings etc	296		296	1,120
Other	-		-	-
	<u>12,816</u>		<u>12,816</u>	<u>16,237</u>
2(d) <i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i> <i>to generate funds</i>				
Other funds generated	240		240	120
	<u>240</u>		<u>240</u>	<u>120</u>
2(e) <i>Income from investment</i>				
Bank and deposit account interest	7,096	-	7,096	1,511
	<u>7,096</u>		<u>7,096</u>	<u>1,511</u>
2(f) <i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>				
Special collections	-	5,606	5,606	1,638
Community Pantry		25,743	25,743	23,285
Schools Support	3,310		3,310	
Use of photocopier	126		126	198
Oasis	13,673		13,673	1,735
Cash Floats (eg. Coffee Stop)	7,228	-	7,228	7,352
	<u>24,337</u>	<u>31,349</u>	<u>55,686</u>	<u>34,208</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>210,611</u>	<u>31,349</u>	<u>241,960</u>	<u>224,245</u>

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024	2023
3(a) <i>Grants</i>				
Missionary societies	16,716	-	16,716	17,470
Relief and development	-	-	-	-
Home mission	600		600	600
Special collections	-	4,956	4,956	1,638
Other	-		-	-
	<u>17,316</u>	<u>4,956</u>	<u>22,272</u>	<u>19,708</u>
3(b) <i>Activities relating to the work of the Church</i>				
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	83,917		83,917	86,488
Clergy expenses	2,568		2,568	1,475
Sanctuary	251		251	345
Music	854		854	667
Junior Church/Youth	671		671	648
Materials/books/services	1,091		1,091	383
Childrens Minister	5,257		5,257	
Church running expenses	8,870		8,870	8,904
Church repairs/maintenance	2,301		2,301	1,755
Church Centre costs	6,243		6,243	6,214
Bible Notes & Events	2,231		2,231	2,177
Cash Floats (eg. Coffee Stop)	5,647		5,647	6,179
Oasis	5,993		5,993	657
Community Pantry		15,242	15,242	9,370
Schools Support	3,347		3,347	
Training	80		80	34
Families/Parenting	9,321		9,321	11,465
Improvements	1,226		1,226	479
	<u>139,868</u>	<u>15,242</u>	<u>155,110</u>	<u>137,240</u>
3(c) <i>Church Management and Administration</i>				
Printing and stationery	2,677		2,677	3,325
Administrator salary & related costs	15,409		15,409	13,373
Office/administration	1,837		1,837	1,235
	<u>19,923</u>		<u>19,923</u>	<u>17,933</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u><u>177,107</u></u>	<u><u>20,198</u></u>	<u><u>197,305</u></u>	<u><u>174,881</u></u>

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Account Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations

Basis of this Independent Examiner's Statement

This examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. It 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 PCC 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 gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave 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



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4. The Finance Subcommittee was formed in 2023 in response to our financial situation with the remit of stabilising our giving and providing analysis and oversight of church finances.

The PCC met 6 times during 2023 and once for a PCC morning in April. PCC Members were commissioned on 23rd 2023 April and, apart from the normal business life of the church, there was a regular focus on Mission, and agenda items on Safeguarding and GDPR compliance.

Church Attendance in 2023

Church attendance returned to a stable pattern during 2023, following years of disruption following the coronavirus pandemic. The 9am service saw an average weekly attendance of around 40-45, the 10.30am of around 75-80 adults and 5-10 children and youth, and the 6.30pm a range of attendance, reflecting the varied service pattern. Average Sunday attendance across all three services is therefore around 130. There has been a considerable increase in attendance at Prayer for Everyone, the monthly church prayer meeting, and the monthly Holy Communion service has grown to around 15 people in attendance.

Numbers of Occasional Offices remained low, reflecting a concerning wider trend at a national level. In 2023 we held:

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The Electoral Roll declared at the Annual Meeting in 2023 was 197 people, an increase of five compared with that declared in 2022 (192). During 2023 6 people were removed (deceased). In February 2024 2 people were added. The Christ Church Electoral Roll stands, as of 27th February 2024, at 193 (127 residents and 66 non-residents).

(Jackie Chalmers, Electoral Roll Officer)

Review of the Year

2023 was a year where Christ Church rejoiced in seeing new growth, both numerical and spiritual, as we continued to think about what it means to grow deeper with God and with one another. The following is a snapshot of what took place – it by no means covers everything!

In January 2023 we started the year with a Prayer Week, providing us with space to reflect on and pray into the year ahead. We hosted the first Deanery Synod of the new year, welcoming friends from across the Deanery to put Jesus at the centre and pray into the future. A new Finance Subcommittee of the PCC began meeting to help stabilise our finances.

February saw the start of Lent, with our Lent Course looking at the Lectio Course produced by 24/7 Prayer. Our Messy Church family, now meeting monthly, continued to grow, with over 50 children enjoying homemade pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

In March we took the chance to support local organisations, welcoming the Police to Coffee Stop, agreeing with our local NHS Social Prescribers to host a Talking Café each week, and attending the AGM of the Flackwell Heath Residents' Association. The APCM gave us a chance to give thanks for all God is doing, and look ahead with hope. Along with other local churches we participated in prayer meetings for the future of St Mark's in Bourne End.

April began with joyful Easter celebrations, including taking our worship outside at our Good Friday and Easter Day services. Towards the end of the month we hosted a concert by Jonathan Veria to raise money for Restored, the charity standing up against domestic abuse. Alpha Courses also started at the end of April, helping people explore the Christian faith. We worked through a three-week sermon series looking at giving as part of discipleship.

In May we joined the celebrations taking place throughout the country to mark the coronation of King Charles III. James, our Vicar, travelled to Nandyal Diocese in South India to spend ten days visiting the Diocese of Oxford's link there, coming

back with lots of stories. The Christian Aid Plant Sale was its usual success, welcoming many from the village community. On the last Sunday of the month we welcomed Paulin, our mission partner from Albania, to Christ Church, where he gave an update in our services and was present at a bring and share lunch to tell more stories. Thy Kingdom Come helped us pray with other churches across the world.

June brought with it the arrival of a new bench in the Quiet Garden, in memory of Sue Baldwin. A quieter month gave us a chance to take stock before the summer holidays, and make plans for Lighthouse kids club, taking place in the village, and the ongoing work of the Community Pantry, which by this point in the year had grown significantly to become a vital part of the village community. Helen Broadbent was welcomed as an LLM serving at Christ Church.

At the start of July our new Curate, Revd Gill Taylor, was ordained deacon at Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford. We enjoyed a lovely church lunch to welcome her and her two boys, Joel and Nathan, to Christ Church. Christ Church had a stall at Heath Fest again, supporting the FHRA. A prayer week was held in Bourne End to pray for St Mark's, while we hosted a Dementia Friendly Tea Dance to the delight of those who came.

In August we combined our morning services again, giving our congregations a chance to worship together. A group of around 30 went to New Wine in Kent, enjoying worship, talks, and time together (if not the weather!). We hosted Little Lighthouse at Christ Church while Lighthouse took place at Carrington Junior School, giving us the chance to engage with a number of our village children. School uniform supply packs were given out to 25 local families.

The new academic term started in September, and we marked it as a church with a sermon series looking at the priorities of Jesus. This was complemented by a Prayer Week in the Upper Room along the same theme, and with two joyful baptisms at the end of the month. Alpha Courses started again, kicked off by an Alpha Supper where James talked about his trip to India.

In October we celebrated Harvest with a collection for One Can Trust and the Community Pantry, welcoming Erica Holt from Wycombe Youth for Christ to come and speak. We hosted a Diocesan training day on funerals, and at the end of October hosted a superhero Messy Church as an alternative to Halloween.

In November we helped facilitate the village Remembrance Service as well as holding our annual Memorial Service at Christ Church. We hosted an art exhibition for Carrington Infant School and held another successful Charities Fayre, welcoming local charities to come and share their work.

December saw us hold many and various Christmas services, starting with Christmas on the Heath in association with the FHRA. Carols in the Car Park was a new service, and we had a significant increase in the number of attendees at our Christmas services. We engaged with over 800 children through school visits and assemblies.

Throughout the year, the church Safeguarding Policy was kept up to date and overseen by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The Fabric Committee: The Church and Centre continued to benefit from a small but dedicated team of volunteers, led by the churchwardens, particularly the monthly Grounds Working Party. Energy bills continued to be carefully monitored,

and the new bench was installed in the Quiet Garden in memory of Sue Baldwin. A church declutter began alongside continued work to keep the Church and Centre maintained and efficient. The Church and Centre continued to be cleaned to a high standard, professionally and by volunteers.

Worship: Christ Church is blessed by a talented team of musicians, singers, and technical support teams, complemented by Bible Readers, intercessors, and the flower team. In person services continue to be complemented by a livestream (10.30am only), managed by some superb volunteers. Services at Christ Church continue to offer a variety of styles, both traditional and modern. Communion returned to being offered from the common cup following the pandemic.

Discipleship: Growing deeper as disciples of Jesus continued to be a key part of Christ Church's mission.

- Sue Simpson continued to coordinate home groups at Christ Church, with groups encouraged to follow a church-wide teaching pattern of using the sermon series from September-Easter, and then choosing their own subjects
- Preaching continued to be a rich source of discipleship, led by Revd James Dwyer, Revd Gill Taylor (from July 2023), Revd Martin Courtney, Sue Simpson, Debbie Fox-Webb, as well as Sylvia Bourhill and Phil Bellamy (Authorised Preachers), and Cheryl Dwyer. Series included A Giving Church, Ezekiel, Revelation Priorities of Jesus, and the The Family Tree
- Sharon Howard and Bridget Wiseman continued to oversee Junior Church, supported by a fantastic team of volunteers. Engagement within schools was

grown throughout the year, with an increasing number of assemblies in school and visits to church by the children. Junior Church used the Urban Saints 'Energize' material as well as following sermon series

- Cheryl Dwyer continued to oversee Thrive, our youth group. Members of Thrive are involved across church life, including PCC, the coffee rota, All Age Worship, and more
- Messy Church grew during the year, meeting monthly and welcoming an average of 42 children and 22 carers each month for craft, games, Bible stories, and dinner. Messy Church is overseen by Cheryl Dwyer with support from a brilliant team

Prayer: Overseen by Jane Franklin, prayer continued to be a core value of Christ Church.

- Creative ways of praying were continued, including Prayer Weeks in January and September
- Daily Prayer (Mon-Fri) was held in the Rotunda, along with monthly parish prayers online and an emergency prayer chain and team of confidential intercessors
- Community Prayer regularly gathered leaders from nine local churches to pray for one another and our area
- Prayer takes place formally and informally during the week, in services, within prayer groups, and pastorally

Ministry:

- The Pastoral Team, under the leadership of Sue Hill, continued to provide excellent pastoral support and develop pastoral care at Christ Church. The Bereavement Visiting Team continued to minister to

those in the days after loss, and the Oasis self-help group kept in touch with many members when meeting together was not possible

- Prayer for Healing continued to be offered at the 9am service on third Sundays, and prayer ministry at the end of the 10.30am service remained a key point of prayer and support
- Fellowship (men's ministry) and Sister Act (women's ministry) met regularly throughout the year, welcoming a range of speakers from both within and outside the church

Outreach and Evangelism:

- The Flackwell Heath Community Pantry continued to be well resourced by donations from the church family and wider village. By the end of 2023 the Pantry had almost 100 families on its register, welcoming around 20-25 each week
- We again worked in partnership with St Peter's Loudwater to provide 25 School Starter Packs to families with children starting at Carrington Schools in September
- Coffee Stop continued as a registered Warm Space, providing a place of comfort for those struggling with the cost of living
- Play Café and You-Nique provided regular contact points for families in the wider community, and offered a safe space
- Alpha courses were run in partnership with Flackwell Heath Methodist Church
- Coffee Stop remained a key part of Christ Church's outreach in the community, running weekly during term time and on Wednesdays during school holidays (including the Christmas break)

- Christ Church members were involved with local ministries, including One Can Trust, Wycombe 24/7 Prayer, Wycombe Youth for Christ and Wycombe Homeless Connection. Christ Church continued to support Christian Aid through collection and the plant sale
- During 2023 Christ Church remained committed to five Mission Partners: Jubilee Society (Mongolia), the Albanian Christian Centre (with New Beginnings Children's Home), London City Mission, Wycombe Youth for Christ, and a ministry in East Africa. At the end of 2023 our partnership with London City Mission (Jean-Louis Kassis) came to an end owing to a change in Jean-Louis' role. It was agreed that we would prayerfully seek God's guidance for a fifth mission partner, and for the moment place the money that would have been sent to London City Mission into a discretionary mission fund. The mission noticeboard was maintained all year

Other community involvement:

Christ Church continued to be an active presence in the life of the community, including:

- Welcoming the parish in for occasional offices
- Holding events to mark the Coronation of King Charles III
- Holding the annual Memorial Service in November
- Holding a variety of Christmas services
- Leading the village Remembrance Service and turning on the lights at the Village Christmas Festival
- Being an active presence in village schools

- Welcoming the Girl Guides, Brownies, and Rainbows for their Christmas service, and hosting Girls Brigade events

Financial Review: With total incoming resources of £224,244 and expenditure of £174,881, the net financial result for the year was an receipts compared to an excess of payments. Our finances were a significant area of focus during 2023, with a sermon series, publicity, Finance Subcommittee, and regular updates forming part of the strategy. The major outgoings were the Diocesan Parish Share and the salary of the part-time Administrator. All general income was tithed and supported the work of our five mission partners.

Reserves Policy: In November 2023 the PCC reviewed the current level of reserves and were happy with the reserves held at around 82,000, which is designed to cover the equivalent of two months' general running costs and other anticipated expenses. Our reserves policy states our reserves must be no less that £40,000.

Revd James Dwyer
Chair of the Parochial Church Council
27th February 2024



Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 31 December **2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	167,166	-	167,166	115,718
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	5,003		5,003	3,628
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i>					
to further the Council's objects	2(c)	16,237		16,237	9,378
to generate funds	2(d)	120		120	283
<i>Income from investment</i>	2(e)	1,511		1,511	320
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>	2(f)	9,285	24,923	34,208	31,591
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		199,322	24,923	224,245	160,918
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	18,070	1,638	19,708	20,413
<i>Activities relating to the work of the Church</i>	3(b)	127,870	9,370	137,240	167,118
<i>Church Management and Administration</i>	3(c)	17,933		17,933	14,601
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		163,873	11,008	174,881	202,132
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		35,449	13,915	49,364	-41,214
Balances brought forward at January 1		134,699	1,216	135,915	177,129
Balances carried forward at December 31		170,148	15,131	185,279	135,915

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Monetary Assets</i>		
HSBC Current Account	-6,013	4,056
Barclays Account	1,175	33
HSBC Deposit Account	104,981	46,660
CAF 90 day account	85,000	85,000
Cash	136	166
	<u>185,279</u>	<u>135,915</u>

Debtors

There are no debtors.

Creditors

There are no creditors

Liabilities

There are no liabilities

Moveable Church Furnishings

Moveable church furnishings are valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes.

Non-Monetary Assets

Assorted gardening implements and shed – valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes.

The PCC owns assorted dvds, books and office equipment – valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes

<u>Funds Statement</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
Relief	490
Community Pantry	13,141
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Hardship Fund	878
Oasis	3,995
General Fund	84,816
Development Fund	81,959
<u>Total</u>	<u>185,279</u>
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

In previous years Designated and Restricted Funds were shown in a combined column.
As Designated Funds are unrestricted they are now shown in the Unrestricted column

2 INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023	2022
2(a) Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid donations	88,956		88,956	72,425
Other planned giving	8,200		8,200	4,132
Income tax recoverable	30,602		30,602	20,677
Loose plate collections	6,827		6,827	3,106
Other Gift Aid donations	25,263		25,263	10,238
Other donations	7,318		7,318	5,140
	<u>167,166</u>		<u>167,166</u>	<u>115,718</u>
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations to costs/expenses	1,003		1,003	1,628
One off Grants	-		-	2,000
Legacies	4,000		4,000	-
	<u>5,003</u>		<u>5,003</u>	<u>3,628</u>
2(c) Incoming resources from operating activities: to further the Council's objects				
Bible Notes & Events	6,145		6,145	2,064
Church Centre lettings	8,972		8,972	6,894
Fees for weddings etc	1,120		1,120	420
Other	-		-	-
	<u>16,237</u>		<u>16,237</u>	<u>9,378</u>
2(d) Incoming resources from operating activities: to generate funds				
Other funds generated	120		120	283
	<u>120</u>		<u>120</u>	<u>283</u>
2(e) Income from investment				
Bank and deposit account interest	1,511	-	1,511	320
	<u>1,511</u>		<u>1,511</u>	<u>320</u>
2(f) Other ordinary incoming resources				
Special collections	-	1,638	1,638	4,935
Community Pantry		23,285	23,285	819
Use of photocopier	198		198	175
Oasis	1,735		1,735	20,589
Cash Floats (eg. Coffee Stop)	7,352	-	7,352	5,073
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			2023	2022
3(a) <i>Grants</i>				
Missionary societies	17,470	-	17,470	14,400
Relief and development	-	-	-	-
Home mission	600		600	600
Special collections	-	1,638	1,638	4,512
Other	-		-	901
	<u>18,070</u>	<u>1,638</u>	<u>19,708</u>	<u>20,413</u>
3(b) <i>Activities relating to the work of the Church</i>				
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	86,488		86,488	87,207
Clergy expenses	1,475		1,475	1,047
Sanctuary	345		345	102
Music	667		667	873
Junior Church/Youth	648		648	1,211
Materials/books/services	383		383	181
Church running expenses	8,904		8,904	3,365
Church repairs/maintenance	1,755		1,755	2,864
Church Centre costs	6,214		6,214	5,903
Bible Notes & Events	2,177		2,177	1,625
Cash Floats (eg. Coffee Stop)	6,179		6,179	2,972
Oasis	657		657	20,447
Community Pantry		9,370	9,370	93
Training	34		34	136
Families/Parenting	11,465		11,465	7,828
Improvements	479		479	31,264
	<u>127,870</u>	<u>9,370</u>	<u>137,240</u>	<u>167,118</u>
3(c) <i>Church Management and Administration</i>				
Printing and stationery	3,325		3,325	2,557
Administrator salary & related costs	13,373		13,373	10,676
Office/administration	1,235		1,235	1,368
	<u>17,933</u>		<u>17,933</u>	<u>14,601</u>
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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Account Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations

Basis of this Independent Examiner's Statement

This examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. It 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 PCC 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 gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave 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 Ian Bickerstaffe
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Accounts



Annual Report 2022

Background

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Flackwell Heath has the responsibility, as stated in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, of co-operating with the Vicar, Revd James Dwyer, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath. Christ Church is a Registered Charity, as required under Charity Law, with a Charity Registration number of 1132634.

Parochial Church Council

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. In addition, members may be co-opted as necessary. During 2022 the following served as PCC members:

Ex officio members: *Chair:* Revd James Dwyer; *Curate:* Revd Isaac Knight (until July 2022); *Associate Minister:* Revd Martin Courtney; *Licensed Lay Ministers:* Sue Simpson (*Vice Chair*) and Debbie Fox-Webb; *Churchwardens:* Paul Churchouse and Phil Simpson; *Deanery Synod Representatives:* Neil Bourhill (from APCM 2019 and on PCC from 2017), Neil Favager, Lesley Favager, Richard Chalmers (from APCM 2021).

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Church Attendance in 2022

Church services during the early months of 2022 were still impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. A resurgence of covid in early 2022 meant numbers still fluctuated considerably. Public worship continued throughout, with the 10.30am service livestreamed for those

unable/uncomfortable to attend in person. As the year progressed and the impact of covid lessened, numbers began to stabilise and gradually increase. By the autumn of 2022, usual Sunday attendance was around 130. Over the summer holidays the 9am and 10.30am services were combined to one 10am service, to ease pressure on those involved. The weekly service of Holy Communion was moved from 10am to 11am in September 2022, with a regular soup lunch offered afterwards. This saw an increase in attendance at this service, with around 15 regularly coming by the end of 2022.

Numbers of Occasional Offices remained low – a combination of both the pandemic at the beginning of the year, and a wider trend at a national level. In 2022 we held:

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- 2 weddings
- 20 funerals in which Christ Church clergy and LLMs were involved, either at Christ Church or local crematoriums

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll declared at the Annual Meeting in 2022 was 192 people, a decrease of two compared with that declared in 2021 (194). The current Roll is made up of 134 resident in the parish and 61 non-resident. During 2022 1 addition was made and 2 people removed (deceased).

(Jackie Chalmers, Electoral Roll Officer)

Review of the Year

In 2022, Christ Church began a journey of exploring what it looks like to 'grow deeper.' With new leadership in place, the reduced impact of covid as the year went on, and a renewed sense of God's call on us as a church, the church family began a journey this year of seeking to grow deeper with God - to grow deeper ourselves, to grow deeper as a church

community, and to grow deeper with our wider village community.

Our vision continues to be "a welcoming community where everyone flourishes in life and grows in faith, equipped to show and share the goodness of God to all," but the emphasis throughout 2022 was on 'growing deeper' that we might live out that vision.

The early weeks of 2022 were dominated by covid, which had come back with a surge over the winter. Pastoral support continued throughout, as did public worship, with appropriate safety measures in place.

In January and February, Revd Isaac Knight (then Curate) ran a four-week course called *Becoming a Race Aware Church*. This course challenged us to look at the diversity within Christ Church, and whether we need to be actively thinking through whether we reflect the community around us.

In February Debbie Woods, Office Administrator, retired after almost 20 years working for Christ Church. She was thanked and bid a fond farewell, and the process of recruiting a new administrator began.

During Lent, Christ Church ran a Lent Course themed around prayer, welcoming a range of speakers to help us grow deeper in prayer. Food was provided by the inimitable Richard Chalmers and his team, and there was a real sense of coming together again after covid, which many appreciated. A Prayer Room in the Upper Room gave people space to pray and be with God, and was hugely appreciated by many within the church and elsewhere.

Two new members of the staff team were welcomed in April: Jackie Chalmers as Church Administrator, and Leonie

Cowlard as Family Support Worker. Both appointments were celebrated in the church and prayed for as they began their new roles.

As we prepared to celebrate Easter, we held our first Messy Church gathering on a Tuesday afternoon, with a good level of interest from the village. Holy Week and Easter services provided an opportunity for the church to gather to celebrate the passion and resurrection of Jesus, and a village Easter Trail organised in partnership with the Methodist church and Residents Association saw over 100 people join in.

PCC spent a morning together towards the end of April looking at our vision and developing our sense of growing deeper, which was a very valuable time.

In May, it was announced that Revd Isaac Knight had been appointed Associate Minister at St Mungo's Church, Balerno & Livingston (Scotland), and would be leaving Christ Church in the summer following the completion of his curacy. The Christian Aid Plant Sale took place towards the end of May and was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of those organising it.

Along with other churches, Christ Church took a lead in the village in coordinating the arrival of refugees from Ukraine, with the Vicar acting as a local 'lead.' Gatherings for refugees were organised, as were collections of goods and money.

In June, the nation celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Christ Church had a stand at HeathFest, organised by the Residents Association, which was well received. We also helped support other events in the village, and hosted a Service of Thanksgiving attended by many from the community.

Christ Church was part of Love Wycombe, in the middle of June, seeing hundreds of Christians from local churches gather in High Wycombe for worship and prayer. The *Living in Love and Faith* course was run, giving participants a chance to engage with questions about sexuality and marriage in light of the Church of England's wider debate.

In July we said goodbye to Revd Isaac Knight and his wife Ruth as they moved to Scotland. A group of around 30 attended New Wine in the summer holidays, and morning services at Christ Church were combined to give regular teams a break. Regular picnic lunches in the Vicarage garden gave people a chance to catch up over the summer.

Towards the end of the summer, Christ Church members served at Lighthouse Loudwater, and helped organise Flackwell Festival, a series of free events for the community.

In September, we had a sermon series called *Growing Deeper*, building on our journey over the last few months. September was then dominated by the death of the Queen, as the nation entered a period of mourning. Christ Church acted as a place of reflection for the village, hosting the condolences book and a Service of Thanksgiving for the community.

An Alpha Supper at the end of September launched our Autumn Alpha Course, and the new school year saw Messy Church become a monthly event, in response numbers growing rapidly. In partnership with St Peter's Loudwater, Christ Church provided school starter packs to 30 children starting at local schools.

In October we received a grant from the Flackwell Heath Residents' Association to buy slow cookers to give to the community, and we launched the

Community Pantry in response to the rising cost of living crisis. Christ Church was registered as a recognised warm space, providing comfort to those struggling.

In November we held our annual Memorial Service and led the village Remembrance Service, as well as leading the lighting of the Christmas lights at Christmas on the Heath. It was announced that Gill Taylor would be joining Christ Church as curate in Summer 2023, along with her family.

December saw the first normal Christmas for a number of years, with good attendance at our Christmas services. New for 2022 was a service for those with Dementia, which was positively received.

Throughout the year, the church Safeguarding Policy was kept up to date and overseen by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The Fabric Committee: The Church and Centre continued to benefit from a small but dedicated team of volunteers, led by the churchwardens, particularly the monthly Grounds Working Party. During 2022, new lighting was installed in the church to offer more flexibility and better control.

A new boiler was installed in the Church Centre to improve performance and costs. Rising energy bills in 2022 led to careful monitoring of usage in the Church and Centre.

The Church and Centre continued to be cleaned to a high standard, professionally and by volunteers.

Worship: Debbie Fox-Webb continued as Director of Worship, supported administratively by Ruth Dobson. Towards the end of 2022, Debbie felt it

right to step back from her role overseeing worship to focus on Mission and Outreach. Christ Church is blessed by a talented team of musicians, singers, and technical support teams, complemented by Bible Readers, intercessors, and the flower team. In person services were complemented by a livestream, managed by some superb volunteers. A decision was made by PCC to continue to offer livestreaming even though the risk of covid had become minimal. The livestream quality was reduced, but maintained to offer a missional and pastoral opportunity. Services at Christ Church continue to offer a variety of styles, both traditional and modern. Communion continued to be offered by intinction.

Discipleship: Growing deeper as disciples of Jesus continued to be a key part of Christ Church's mission.

- Sue Simpson continued to coordinate the small groups at Christ Church, with home groups encouraged to follow a church-wide teaching pattern from September 2022. This was in response to our reflection on what it means to grow deeper as a church.
- Preaching continued to be a rich source of discipleship, led by Revd James Dwyer, Revd Isaac Knight (until July 2022), Revd Martin Courtney, Sue Simpson, Debbie Fox-Webb, as well as Sylvia Bourhill and Phil Bellamy (Authorised Preachers), and Cheryl Dwyer. Series included A Church that Shares, Colossians, Samuel, On the Road with Jesus, and the O Antiphons
- Sharon Howard and Bridget Wiseman oversaw Junior Church supported by a fantastic team of volunteers. Engagement within schools was maintained throughout the year, with

assemblies in school and visits to church from children. Junior Church used the Urban Saints 'Energize' material as well as following sermon series

- Revd Isaac Knight oversaw the youth work (Thrive) until his departure in July 2022; it was then taken over by Cheryl Dwyer. Members of Thrive are involved across church life, including PCC, the coffee rota, All Age Worship, and more

Prayer: Overseen by Jane Franklin, prayer continued to be a core value of Christ Church.

- Creative ways of praying were continued, including outdoor prayer stations
- A Prayer Room was hugely appreciated during Holy Week
- Daily Prayer (Mon-Fri) was held in the Rotunda, along with monthly parish prayers online and an emergency prayer chain and team of confidential intercessors
- Community Prayer regularly gathered leaders from nine local churches to pray for one another and our area
- Prayer takes place formally and informally during the week, in services, within prayer groups, and pastorally

Ministry:

- The Pastoral Team, under the leadership of Sue Hill, continued to provide excellent pastoral support and develop pastoral care at Christ Church. The Bereavement Visiting Team continued to minister to those in the days after loss, and the Oasis self-help group kept in touch with many members when meeting together was not possible
- Prayer for Healing continued to be offered at the 9am service on third

Sundays, and prayer ministry at the end of the 10.30am service remained a key point of prayer and support

- Fellowship (men's ministry) and Sister Act (women's ministry) met regularly throughout the year, welcoming a range of speakers from both within and outside the church

Outreach and Evangelism:

- Flackwell Heath Community Pantry was launched in October 2022 in response to the rising cost of living crisis. The Pantry is a non-referral source of food and other domestic products, and is open to anyone in the village. The Pantry is resourced by donations from the church family and wider village, and during its first few weeks began to meet a need from those in the village struggling to obtain food
- We worked in partnership with St Peter's Loudwater to provide 30 School Starter Packs to families with children starting at Carrington Schools in September
- We received a grant from the Flackwell Heath Residents Association to enable us to buy 25 slow cookers and recipe books to give to those in need; some were invited to a cooking class run by Richard Chalmers
- Coffee Stop became a registered Warm Space, providing a place of comfort for those struggling with the cost of living
- We worked with the local council and the Diocese to offer support to refugees arriving in the village from Ukraine, and helped coordinate the initial response to those moving here
- Play Café and You-Nique provided regular contact points for families

in the wider community, and offered a safe space

- An Alpha course was run in partnership with Flackwell Heath Methodist Church
- Coffee Stop remained a key part of Christ Church's outreach in the community, running weekly during term time and on Wednesdays during school holidays. For the first time, Coffee Stop opened on Wednesdays over the Christmas holidays
- Christ Church members were involved with local ministries, including One Can Trust, Wycombe 24/7 Prayer, Wycombe Youth for Christ and Wycombe Homeless Connection. Christ Church continued to support Christian Aid through collection and the plant sale
- During 2022 Christ Church remained committed to five Mission Partners: Jubilee Society (Mongolia), the Albanian Christian Centre (with New Beginnings Children's Home), London City Mission, Wycombe Youth for Christ, and a ministry in East Africa. A collection was held in December for London City Mission, and regular updates were sent out to the church family. Christ Church is a Fairtrade Church, using and promoting fairly traded products. A Mission noticeboard was maintained

Other community involvement:

Christ Church continued to be an active presence in the life of the community, including:

- Welcoming the parish in for occasional offices
- Opening in response to the death of Her Majesty the Queen in September, hosting the village book of condolences, and offering

a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Queen

- Holding the annual Memorial Service in November
- Holding a variety of Christmas services
- Leading the village Remembrance Service and turning on the lights at the Village Christmas Festival
- Being an active presence in village schools
- Welcoming the Girl Guides, Brownies, and Rainbows for their Christmas service, and hosting Girls Brigade events

Financial Review: With total incoming resources of £160,198 and expenditure of £202,132, the net financial result for the year was an excess of payments compared to receipts. The state of finances is a major area of focus for the Vicar, PCC, and church family, and towards the end for 2022 steps were being taken to address this in 2023. The major outgoings were the Diocesan Parish Share and the salary of the part-time Administrator. All general income was tithed and supported the work of our five mission partners.

Reserves Policy: In November 2022 the PCC reviewed the current level of reserves and were happy with the reserves held at around £48,000, which is designed to cover the equivalent of two months' general running costs and other anticipated expenses.

Revd James Dwyer
Chair of the Parochial Church Council
1st March 2023



Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 31 December **2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022 £	2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	115,695	23	115,718	107,212
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	3,628		3,628	3,598
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i>					
to further the Council's objects	2(c)	9,378		9,378	17,571
to generate funds	2(d)	283		283	89
<i>Income from investment</i>	2(e)	320		320	29
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>	2(f)	25,837	5,754	31,591	6,101
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		155,141	5,777	160,918	134,600
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	15,901	4,512	20,413	16,026
<i>Activities relating to the work of the Church</i>	3(b)	167,025	93	167,118	119,875
<i>Church Management and Administration</i>	3(c)	14,601		14,601	16,380
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		197,527	4,605	202,132	152,281
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		-42,386	1,172	-41,214	-17,681
Balances brought forward at January 1		177,085	44	177,129	194,810
Balances carried forward at December 31		134,699	1,216	135,915	177,129

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<i>Monetary Assets</i>		
HSBC Current Account	4,056	2,402
Barclays Account	33	0
HSBC Deposit Account	46,660	148,785
CAF 90 day account	85,000	85,000
Cash (Floats)	166	115
	<u>135,915</u>	<u>236,302</u>

Debtors

There are no debtors.

Creditors

There are no creditors

Liabilities

There are no liabilities (2021 funds included £59,173 held on behalf of the Jubilee Society of Mongolia)

Moveable Church Furnishings

Moveable church furnishings are valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes.

Non-Monetary Assets

Assorted gardening implements and shed – valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes.

The PCC owns assorted dvds, books and office equipment – valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes

<u>Funds Statement</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
Relief	490
Community Pantry	726
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Hardship Fund	540
Oasis	2,916
General Fund	49,284
Development Fund	81,959
<u>Total</u>	<u>135,915</u>
<u>Represented by :-</u>	
HSBC Current Account	4,056
Barclays Account	33
CAF 90 day account	85,000
HSBC Deposit Account	46,660
Cash (Floats)	166
<u>Total</u>	<u>135,915</u>

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

In previous years Designated and Restricted Funds were shown in a combined column.
As Designated Funds are unrestricted they are now shown in the Unrestricted column

2 INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£		
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid donations	72,425		72,425	73,918
Other planned giving	4,132		4,132	4,390
Income tax recoverable	20,677		20,677	19,966
Loose plate collections	3,083	23	3,106	1,548
Other Gift Aid donations	10,238		10,238	5,610
Other donations	5,140		5,140	1,780
	<u>115,695</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>115,718</u>	<u>107,212</u>
2(b) <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>				
Donations to costs/expenses	1,628		1,628	3,598
One off Grants	2,000		2,000	-
Legacies	-		-	-
	<u>3,628</u>	<u></u>	<u>3,628</u>	<u>3,598</u>
2(c) <i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i> <i>to further the Council's objects</i>				
Bible Notes & Events	2,064		2,064	10,896
Church Centre lettings	6,894		6,894	5,581
Fees for weddings etc	420		420	1,094
Other	-		-	-
	<u>9,378</u>	<u></u>	<u>9,378</u>	<u>17,571</u>
2(d) <i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i> <i>to generate funds</i>				
Other funds generated	283		283	89
	<u>283</u>	<u></u>	<u>283</u>	<u>89</u>
2(e) <i>Income from investment</i>				
Bank and deposit account interest	320	-	320	29
	<u>320</u>	<u></u>	<u>320</u>	<u>29</u>
2(f) <i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>				
Special collections	-	4,935	4,935	759
Community Pantry		819	819	
Use of photocopier	175		175	197
Oasis	20,589		20,589	3,112
Cash Floats (eg. Coffee Stop)	5,073	-	5,073	2,033
	<u>25,837</u>	<u>5,754</u>	<u>30,772</u>	<u>6,101</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>155,141</u>	<u>5,777</u>	<u>160,099</u>	<u>134,600</u>

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
3(a) <i>Grants</i>	£	£		
Missionary societies	14,400	-	14,400	14,400
Relief and development	-	-	-	-
Home mission	600		600	600
Special collections	-	4,512	4,512	759
Other	901		901	267
	<u>15,901</u>	<u>4,512</u>	<u>20,413</u>	<u>16,026</u>
3(b) <i>Activities relating to the work of the Church</i>				
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	87,207		87,207	79,524
Clergy expenses	1,047		1,047	798
Sanctuary	102		102	63
Music	873		873	899
Junior Church/Youth	1,211		1,211	781
Materials/books/services	181		181	308
Church running expenses	3,365		3,365	4,132
Church repairs/maintenance	2,864		2,864	1,684
Church Centre costs	5,903		5,903	3,090
Bible Notes & Events	1,625		1,625	11,373
Cash Floats (eg. Coffee Stop)	2,972		2,972	2,807
Oasis	20,447		20,447	3,112
Community Pantry		93	93	-
Training	136		136	471
Families/Parenting	7,828		7,828	-
Improvements	31,264		31,264	10,833
	<u>167,025</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>167,025</u>	<u>119,875</u>
3(c) <i>Church Management and Administration</i>				
Printing and stationery	2,557		2,557	2,811
Administrator salary & related costs	10,676		10,676	12,105
Office/administration	1,368		1,368	1,464
	<u>14,601</u>	<u></u>	<u>14,601</u>	<u>16,380</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>197,527</u>	<u>4,605</u>	<u>202,039</u>	<u>152,281</u>

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Account Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations

Basis of this Independent Examiner's Statement

This examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. It 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 PCC 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 gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave 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

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Accounts



Annual Report 2021

Background

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Flackwell Heath has the responsibility, as stated in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, of co-operating with the Vicar, Revd James Dwyer, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath. Christ Church is a Registered Charity, as required under Charity Law, with a Charity Registration number of 1132634.

Parochial Church Council

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. In addition, members may be co-opted as necessary. During 2021 the following served as PCC members:

Ex officio members: *Chair:* Revd James Dwyer (from September 2021); *Curate:* Revd Isaac Knight; *Associate Minister:* Revd Martin Courtney, *Licensed Lay Ministers:* Sue Simpson (*Vice Chair*) and Debbie Fox; *Churchwardens:* Paul Churchouse and Phil Simpson; *Deanery Synod Representatives:* Neil Bourhill (from APCM 2019) Neil Favager, Lesley Favager, Richard Chalmers (from APCM 2021).

Elected members: It was agreed in the APCM in 2004 that the PCC should consist of seven elected members in addition to ex-officio and co-opted members and be elected on a three-year rolling retirement. During 2021 elected

members were Reg Jaycock (from April 2019), Meg Scullion (from 2021 APCM), Tim Franklin (from April 2019), Denise Herschel (from 2021 APCM), Sammy Simpson (from 2020 APCM), Sylvia Bourhill (from 2021 APCM), and Phil Bellamy (from APCM 2020). Tom Sullivan was co-opted at the 2021 APCM.

The PCC has three committees:

1. The Standing Committee is required by law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
2. The Missions Committee coordinates links with the five mission partners that the Church supports. It advises the PCC on mission giving.
3. The Fabric Committee oversees the maintenance of the Church, Church Centre, and grounds.

The PCC met 6 times during 2021. PCC Members were commissioned on 4th July and, apart from the normal business life of the Church, there was a regular focus on 'Mission', and agendas items on Safeguarding, Data Protection and GDPR compliance.

Church Attendance in 2021: Church services during 2021 were heavily impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Public worship did not resume fully until partway through the year, with online services being the primary source of worship along with a small in person communion. Usual Sunday attendance by the end of the year, when restrictions were lifted was around 100, which is considerably below pre-pandemic levels. A number of regular church family members

were not back in person during 2021, with many still joining online via the livestream.

Restrictions also impacted occasional office. In 2021 there were:

- 3 baptisms
- 2 weddings
- 23 funerals in which Christ Church clergy and LLMs were involved, either at Christ Church or local crematoriums

Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll declared at the Annual Meeting in 2021 was 194 people, a decrease of ten compared with that declared in 2020 (204). The Roll is made up of 133 resident in the parish and 61 non-resident. During 2021 2 additions were made and 12 removed as people either moved out of area (6) or deceased (6).

(Jackie Chalmers, Electoral Roll Officer)

Review of the Year: The vision of Christ Church is to be “a welcoming community where everyone flourishes in life and grows in faith, equipped to show and share the goodness of God to all.” This vision remained in place during 2021, a year which was dominated by two primary factors: the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, and the process of appointing a new Vicar for Christ Church.

January 2021 brought with it a third national lockdown, meaning services at Christ Church remained online. Tablets and radios continued to be delivered to those who were not able to watch the online service, and regular phone calls took place to pastorally support the congregation. At the start of the year, work began to prepare a Parish Profile to attract a new incumbent, and Leonie Cowlard took on the voluntary role of Families Support Worker, starting with great enthusiasm even under lockdown restrictions.

As lockdown continued, creativity was shown through House Groups meeting online to discuss the Lent Book *Living His Story*; opening the church for the National Day of Reflection to mark a year since the start of the pandemic; Mothering Sunday posies left on the church boundary for the public to collect, and outdoor Lent prayer stations.

Limited public worship resumed over Easter. Easter Day included a hymn sung outside. Services after Easter remained streamed, with the option to watch in the church building and receive communion after the online service had finished. The Thy Kingdom Come prayer week took place online (Cheeky Pandas included!), and Pentecost (23rd May) saw full in person services resume, with the 10.30am service outdoors for Pentecost and then returning indoors.

On 24th and 25th May, interviews were held for the appointment of a new Vicar. On Sunday 30th, it was announced with great excitement that Revd James Dwyer had been appointed Vicar and would be starting in September.

The APCM (for 2020) took place in person on Sunday 27th June, and Play Café meetings for the community started meeting in person during the same month. In July, Christ Church was present at the Village Picnic, promoting occasional offices, and at the end of the month Christ Church participated in ‘New Wine at Home’ with real creativity and flair.

August saw the return of congregational singing through facemasks, as well as a church family lunch to say a proper farewell to Chris & Wendy Bull. A new event – Glorifyre – took place at the Scout Hut, offering a chance for singing and testimony. After lots of time given to improve the Vicarage and Vicarage garden, the Dwyer family moved at the end of

August in preparation for James' licensing in September.

On Wednesday 15th September, Revd James Dwyer was licensed and installed at the new Vicar of Christ Church, and on Sunday 19th James and family were introduced to the church family in services and at church lunch. September also saw the long-awaited re-opening of Coffee Stop.

Community Prayer meetings began meeting in person regularly, offering the chance to pray for God's work in the wider community. Oasis, Christ Church's self-help bereavement group, also met in person, to the delight of the many members.

In October Christ Church celebrated Harvest, with donations going to One Can Trust, and celebrated being together with two afternoon teas at the Vicarage. On 31st October there was a film afternoon as an alternative to Halloween, attracting a good number of non-church families.

In November, Thames Valley Police were welcomed to Coffee Stop to chat to the community, and Christ Church took the lead in organising the village Remembrance Service. The annual Memorial Service was well attended, and Advent began with a series on 'waiting.'

December brought a range of Christmas services and events, but also a rise in coronavirus cases, leading to the return of restrictions and a renewed caution from some about attending church. Despite all the obstacles, Christmas services were unaffected and presented the chance to again speak of the light that shines in the darkness.

Throughout the year, the church Safeguarding Policy was kept up to date and overseen by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The Fabric Committee: The Church and Centre continued to benefit from a small but dedicated team of volunteers, led by the churchwardens, particularly the monthly Grounds Working Party. Considerable effort and resource were put into redecorating then Vicarage and maintaining the Vicarage garden. An exploration of church lighting continued. The Church and Centre continued to be cleaned to a high standard, professionally and by volunteers.

Worship: Debbie Fox continued as Director of Worship, supported administratively by Ruth Dobson. Christ Church is blessed by a talented team of musicians, singers, and technical support teams, complemented by Bible Readers, intercessors, and the flower team. In person services were complemented by a live stream, managed by some superb volunteers. Services at Christ Church continue to offer a variety of styles, both traditional and modern. Communion offered in both kinds, by intinction, was offered from October 2021.

Discipleship: Growing deeper as disciples of Jesus continued to be a key part of Christ Church's mission.

- Sue Simpson continued to coordinate the small groups at Christ Church, many of which adapted to continue meeting online when meeting in person was not permitted. As well as discipleship, small groups were a crucial source of pastoral support during lockdown. Most house groups continued to meet online into the autumn term
- Preaching continued to be a rich source of discipleship, led by Revd Isaac Knight, Revd Martin Courtney, Sue Simpson, Debbie Fox, Sylvia Bourhill and Phil Bellamy (Authorised Preachers), and Revd James Dwyer. Series included Jesus in Isaiah, Being

- Church, New Beginnings, Jesus' 'I Am' sayings, and Waiting in Advent
- Sharon Howard and Bridget Wiseman oversaw Junior Church supported by a fantastic team of volunteers. Engagement within schools was maintained throughout the year, with assemblies in school and visits to church from children. Junior Church used the Urban Saints 'Energize' material as well as following sermon series
 - Revd Isaac Knight oversaw the youth work, which rebranded from Swamp to Thrive in October. Members of Thrive are involved across church life, including PCC, the coffee rota, and at the Rock the Manger Christmas service

Prayer: Overseen by Jane Franklin, prayer continued to be a core value of Christ Church.

- Creative ways of praying were initiated during lockdown, including outdoor prayer stations for Lent and Thy Kingdom Come online
- Daily Prayer (Mon-Fri) was held in the Rotunda when covid restrictions permitted, along with monthly parish prayers online and an emergency prayer chain and team of confidential intercessors
- Community Prayer regularly gathered leaders from nine local churches to pray for one another and our area
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- The Pastoral Team, under the leadership of Sue Hill, continued to provide pastoral support and develop pastoral care at Christ

Church, even during difficult times.

The Bereavement Visiting Team continued to minister to those in the days after loss, and the Oasis self-help group kept in touch with many members when meeting together was not possible

- Prayer for Healing returned at the 9am service in October (third Sundays) to much delight, and prayer ministry at the end of the 10.30am service remained a key point of prayer
- Fellowship (men's ministry) and Sister Act (women's ministry) resumed in the autumn term, having kept in touch during the lockdowns. Fellowship heard from the new Vicar, and Sister Act about the work of Mercy Ships

Outreach and Evangelism:

- Play Café and You-Nique provided regular contact points for families in the wider community, and offered a safe space
- A small Alpha course was run in partnership with Flackwell Heath Methodist Church
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- Christ Church worked with other churches to participate in the 'Try Praying' initiative
- Christ Church members were involved with local ministries, including One Can Trust, Wycombe 24/7 Prayer, Wycombe Youth for Christ and Wycombe Homeless Connection. Christ Church continued to support Christian Aid

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- Holding a variety of Christmas services
- Leading the village Remembrance Service and turning on the lights at the Village Christmas Festival
- Being an active presence in village schools
- Welcoming the Girl Guides, Brownies, and Rainbows for their Christmas service, and hosting Girls Brigade events

Financial Review: With total incoming resources of £134,600 and expenditure of £152,281, the net financial result for the year was an excess of payments compared to receipts. It has been recognised that some of this is due to the impact of the pandemic, both in terms of collections being down, and also rental of the Church Centre. The major outgoings were the Diocesan Parish Share and the salary of

the part-time Administrator. All general income was tithed and supported the work of our five mission partners.

Reserves Policy: In November 2021 the PCC reviewed the current level of reserves and were happy with the reserves held at around £49,000, which is designed to cover the equivalent of two months' general running costs and other anticipated expenses. This is lower than previous years, in response to the shortfall in income after the pandemic.

Revd James Dwyer
Chair of the Parochial Church Council
8th March 2022



Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath
Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ending 31 December 2021

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<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	3,598		3,598	126,687
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i>					
to further the Council's objects	2(c)	8,745	8,826	17,571	7,286
to generate funds	2(d)	89		89	22
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Christ Church Flackwell Heath Annual Report 2020

Overview: 2020, Covid-19 and interregnum

The Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic took effect with a national lockdown in March which closed church buildings, but online services and our very active congregation ensured the Church was very much alive. We returned to the building for socially-distanced services in church when restrictions were lifted between July and December, showing the live-streamed Facebook service followed by communion. Having been part-time Assistant Archdeacon, Revd Canon Christopher Bull was appointed full-time Associate Archdeacon of Buckingham with effect from 1st September.

The 2020 APCM was delayed from Easter until Sunday 25th October.

Our Churchwardens, Paul Churchouse and Phil Simpson, took on responsibility for the parish, in collaboration with the Leadership Team, during the interregnum.

Background

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Flackwell Heath has the responsibility, as stated in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, of co-operating with the Vicar, the Revd Canon Christopher Bull (until 31st August 2020), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath. Christ Church is a Registered Charity, as required under Charity Law, with a Charity Registration number of 1132634.

Parochial Church Council 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. In addition members may be co-opted as necessary. During 2020 the following served as PCC members:

Ex Officio Members: *Chairman:* Revd Canon Christopher Bull (to August 2020); *Curate:* Revd Isaac Knight; *Associate Minister:* Revd Martin Courtney; *Licensed Lay Ministers:* Sue Simpson (*Vice-Chair*) & Debbie Fox; *Churchwardens:* Paul Churchouse & Phil Simpson; *Deanery Synod Representative:* Neil Bourhill.

Elected Members: It was agreed at the APCM in April 2004 that the PCC should consist of seven elected members in addition to ex officio and co-

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The PCC has three committees:

1. The Standing Committee is required by law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
2. The Missions Committee co-ordinates links with the five mission partners that the Church supports. It advises the PCC on mission-giving.
3. The Fabric Committee oversees the maintenance of the Church, Church Centre and grounds.

The PCC met 7 times during 2020 – twice in person, 5 times online via Zoom, and after the APCM in person. Apart from the normal business life of the Church, there was a regular focus on Mission, and agenda items on Data Protection, Safeguarding and GDPR compliance. The Section 11 meeting was held in November to appoint our lay representatives for the vacancy process.

Our Administrator, Debbie Woods, continued to ably support the Leadership Team, Churchwardens and congregation, working from home when not able to work in the Church Centre.

Church Attendance in 2020: Due to the Coronavirus, Church buildings were closed by the Government with effect from Tuesday 17th March. Christ Church started to stream online services on Facebook from Sunday 29th March, with music, liturgy, readings, prayers, sermons and interviews recorded in members' homes. Although the service is broadcast at 10.30am, members from 9am, 10.30am and 6.30pm congregations have all participated. Following the lifting of national restrictions, services resumed in the Church building on Sunday 26th July, in line with Government guidelines, and this was Revd Canon Chris Bull's final Sunday. The second lockdown closed Church buildings from Thursday 5th November to Tuesday 1st December. Although Churches were not forced to shut during the third lockdown, the decision was taken to suspend services after the Christmas Day service. The Statistics for Mission Return for 2020 takes account of Covid-19. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Communicants numbered 19 (37 attending). In 2020 there were:

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Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll declared at the Annual Meeting in 2020 was 204 people, an increase of 2 compared with that declared at the APCM in 2019 (202). The Roll is made up of 142 resident in the parish and 62 non-resident. (Debbie Woods - Electoral Roll Officer)

Review of the Year

Our Vision is of Christ Church as *“a welcoming community where everyone flourishes in life and grows in faith, equipped to show and share the goodness of God to all.”*

The five key areas of ministry are: Welcoming - Flourishing – Growing - Showing - Sharing
Our three priorities are

- (1) Growing deeper – making and growing disciples, with everyone able to find their place and use their time, talent and gifts
- (2) Growing bigger - showing the goodness of God, with a confidence and willingness to invite
- (3) Growing up – ministry to children, families, parents and carers and young people

Sunday and midweek services and activities were very ably led by the Leadership Team and visiting Ministers while the Vicar was on sick leave, and at the end of January he eased back to work part-time.

- Revd Steve Whitmore returned to assist with communion following Chris's departure in the summer.
- Revd Isaac Knight was ordained as Priest in a small, socially-distanced service at St Mary's Church, Wendover on Saturday 19th September. He presided at his first communion on Sunday 27th September.
- Sue Simpson (LLM) serves as Archdeaconsry Advisor for Licensed Lay Ministry.
- Philip Lancelotte decided to stand down from his training for Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM).
- Phil Bellamy and Sylvia Bourhill (Authorised Preachers) preached regularly as part of the preaching team.

The Church Safeguarding Policy was kept up-to-date, despite various legislative changes. Enhanced Disclosures from the Disclosure and Barring Service were obtained for all who need them for work with children and vulnerable adults. Confidential records are held securely. The Church Safeguarding Team consists of the Vicar, Denise Herschel and Jane Franklin.

The Fabric Committee: The Church and Centre benefited from a small but dedicated team of volunteers, particularly the Grounds Working Party which, despite the pandemic, continued to meet socially-distanced each month to carry out general garden and building maintenance. Main fabric items for 2020: professional tree surgeon work to 2 trees in the car-park; updating some electric breakers; re-

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The Church and Church Centre continued to be cleaned to a high standard, the Centre professionally and the Church by volunteers. The PCC discussed Health and Safety regularly. A regularly updated Church Website is maintained as part of the Church's commitment to provide information on its life, activities and services.

Worship: Debbie Fox continued as Director of Worship, supported by Ruth Dobson who provided the administration for a talented team of musicians, singers and AV technical support, organised into five worship teams for the 10.30am services, with additional pianists for the 9am and 6.30pm services. Our sung worship is complemented by Bible Readers and Pray-ers and the Flower Team. A team of trained Servers and Chalice Assistants helped each Sunday.

In January a 'Burn' worship event was held in conjunction with the Community Church.

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In September, 'Dwell' was launched, a new monthly evening service with modern worship and space to dwell and connect with God.

Discipleship: Sue Simpson co-ordinated the small group work at Christ Church, with termly meetings for the small group leaders. Some 15 small groups meet, in homes and the Church Centre, and include a monthly pub-based discussion group (CU@ThePub) to discuss Christian perspectives on contemporary issues and a teenage Bible study group for girls. Many groups were able to connect online through the lockdowns, others kept in contact via phone calls. In the summer, smaller groups were able to meet in person in the Quiet Garden.

- Sunday teaching concluded the series 'A Story to Tell', followed Lent themes and then followed the Lectionary when services went online. Teaching was led by Revds Chris Bull, Isaac Knight and Martin Courtney; Sue Simpson and Debbie Fox (LLMs); Phil Bellamy and Sylvia Bourhill (Authorised Preachers); with additional ministry from Revd Jane Chaffey and Ven Ray Pentland.
- Sharon Howard oversaw the Junior Church, leading a great team of volunteers when meeting in person and producing material which was emailed to families in lockdown. A small crèche was run in the Rotunda during 10.30am services. The online Nativity Play was a particular highlight of Christmas.

- Schools work was able to go ahead online in the autumn.
- In November the PCC affirmed Leonie Cowlard as our Family Support Worker.
- Christ Church holds a 'Family Friendly' Award from Oxford Diocese.
- Revd Isaac Knight co-ordinated the youth work and leaders, who delivered a great programme of teaching in person and continued to meet online. Young people were involved in the 'No Strings Attached' puppet theatre, and regularly served in Worship Groups and AV teams, in Junior Church and on the post-service refreshments rota. One young adult member used her gap year to work with Rock UK, a Christian outdoor activity charity.
- New Wine and Lighthouse children's event provided opportunities to worship and learn online.

Prayer: Christ Church continued to hold prayer as a core value, with Jane Franklin as Key Leader. Church members are involved in prayer partnerships and prayer takes place in homegroups and other groups that make up the life of the Church.

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- Prayer was also focused on High Wycombe, with Christ Church committing to prayer on the 4th of each month with 35 churches in a 24/7 365 prayer-net for our town and district. From September this moved to the first Sunday of each month at 6.30pm.

Fellowship: We were able to host a comedy evening and one round of Dinner Parties in February before the pandemic restricted our meeting together. Occasional Zoom coffee mornings were held after the Sunday live-streamed services. The Men's Group (Fellaship) ran regular events and breakfasts with speakers, in person and then continuing monthly online. The Women's Group (Sister Act) enjoyed occasional breakfasts with speakers online.

Ministry: The Pastoral Network, under the Key Leadership of Sue Hill, continued to oversee and develop pastoral care at Christ Church, particularly through the ministries of Welcoming, Pastoral and Bereavement support, Meals on Wheels, Baptism Welcomers and Pastoral Prayer Ministry.

- At the beginning of the year a group participated in a pastoral training course at St Mary's Church, Beaconsfield.
- Once lockdown was enforced, members of the Pastoral Team identified lonely and vulnerable members of the congregation and continued regular contact by phone throughout the year, with help such as shopping given to those who were isolating. Each Friday the Link email was printed and delivered to all those not on email and tablets pre-programmed with the Sunday service delivered to some.
- Follow-up to funerals and bereavement was provided by the Bereavement Visiting Team and Oasis self-help bereavement groups. The Oasis teams also ensured that their members were contacted on a regular basis throughout the year. Oasis affiliated to the Good Grief Trust and participated in the National Grief Awareness Week (2nd – 8th December).
- Prayer Ministry sadly had to cease in March due to restrictions.
- A number of Church family members have moved away or died during the year and we have not been able to say proper farewells.

Outreach and Evangelism: Online services have enabled us to connect with many people in the local area who have never been into the Church, as well as reconnect with people who have moved away. We continued to work with local Churches including Flackwell Heath Methodist Church, enjoying termly joint services (on Zoom), and sharing with the Community Church in Wooburn Green for CAP Money courses.

- The spring term Alpha course was only able to run for a few weeks before lockdown.
- Coffee Stop remains a key part of our community involvement and outreach but sadly had to close in March due to the restrictions.
- Trained facilitators Leonie Cowlard and Liz Gordon ran 'Care for the Family: Time Out for Parents' courses and were able to continue the monthly support group for parents of children with additional needs, You-Nique, in person and then online.
- Christ Church members were also involved with High Wycombe centred activities: One Can Trust, Wycombe 24/7 Prayer, Wycombe Youth for Christ and Wycombe Homeless Connection. We supported the work of One Can Trust, the High Wycombe based

emergency food bank, with regular collections throughout the year at the home of a church couple, and supported Christian Aid with 2 socially-distanced plant sales.

- Christ Church is a Fairtrade Church, using and promoting fairly traded products.
- Sue Simpson represented Christ Church on the Flackwell Heath Coronavirus Co-ordination group organised by Councillor Dave Johncock in March.
- Other community involvement included school assemblies, first in person and then online in the autumn; supporting the Royal British Legion, including services to commemorate the 75th anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day, participating in a Peace Walk on the anniversary of VJ Day with local churches, ringing the Church bell on the centenary of those named on the village War Memorial and leading the village Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial.
- The Charity Fayre, raising funds for many local and national charities, went online this year.
- In December we assisted St Peter's Church, Loudwater, to help deliver 'Boxes of Hope' to needy families during the Christmas holidays.
- Church members are encouraged to serve in many village groups and activities.

During 2020 Christ Church was committed to five Mission Partners: Jubilee Society (Mongolia), the Albanian Christian Centre (with New Beginnings Children's Home), London City Mission (LCM), Wycombe Youth for Christ (WYFC), and a work in East Africa. Each received a monthly sum as agreed by the PCC. Meg Scullion chaired the Mission Committee. Emmanuel Gill (LCM) visited in February and Erica Holt from Wycombe Youth for Christ came to speak in March. Four of the Mission Partners recorded Christmas messages for our online services. A monthly prayer bulletin was sent out and the Mission Noticeboard maintained.

Financial Review: The excess of incoming resources (£253,660) over expenditure (£156,085) was attributed to a large bequest (over £120,000) which offset the effects of reduced income during the pandemic. The major outgoings were the Diocesan Parish Share and the salary of the part-time Administrator. All general income was tithed and supported the work of our five mission partners. Reserves Policy: In November the PCC reviewed the current level of reserves and were happy with the level of reserves currently held at around £66,000, which is designed to cover the equivalent of two months' general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs, plus other anticipated expenditure.



Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath
Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ending 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated/ Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	109,027	22	109,049	120,272
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	126,687		126,687	7,197
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i>					
to further the Council's objects	2(c)	4,338	2,948	7,286	25,394
to generate funds	2(d)	22		22	68
<i>Income from investment</i>	2(e)	147		147	193
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>	2(f)	4,974	5,495	10,469	14,879
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		245,195	8,465	253,660	168,003
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	27,445	5,585	33,030	21,603
<i>Activities relating to the work of the Church</i>	3(b)	98,446	8,558	107,004	128,526
<i>Church Management and Administration</i>	3(c)	16,051		16,051	17,054
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		141,942	14,143	156,085	167,183
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		103,253	-5,678	97,575	820
Balances brought forward at January 1		87,031	10,204	97,235	96,415
Balances carried forward at December 31		190,284	4,526	194,810	97,235

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Monetary Assets		
HSBC Current Account	2,894	-494
Barclays Account	142	587
HSBC Deposit Account	165,769	70,993
CAF 90 day account	85,000	85,000
Cash (Floats)	148	160
	<u>253,953</u>	<u>156,246</u>

Debtors

There are no debtors.

Creditors

There are no creditors

Liabilities

The PCC holds £59,143 on behalf of the Jubilee Society of Mongolia

Moveable Church Furnishings

Moveable church furnishings are valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes.

Non-Monetary Assets

Assorted gardening implements and shed – valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes.

The PCC owns assorted dvds, books and office equipment – valued at £0.00 for accounting purposes

<u>Funds Statement</u>	<u>Balance at 31/12/20</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
Relief	2
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Jubilee Society of Mongolia	59,144
Oasis	3,894
General Fund	61,788
Development Fund	129,125
<u>Total</u>	<u>253,953</u>
<u>Represented by :-</u>	
HSBC Current Account	2,894
Barclays Account	142
CAF 90 day account	85,000
HSBC Deposit Account	165,769
Cash (Floats)	148
<u>Total</u>	<u>253,953</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2020

The funds for the Liz Hart bequest are no longer shown in these accounts, instead they are represented in the accounts of the Jubilee Society of Mongolia (UK charity 1144926)

2 INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated/ Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2020	2019
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid donations	75,003		75,003	77,384
Other planned giving	7,828		7,828	10,057
Income tax recoverable	20,959		20,959	21,490
Loose plate collections	2,389	22	2,411	9,729
Other Gift Aid donations	575		575	805
Other donations	2,273		2,273	807
	<u>109,027</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>109,049</u>	<u>120,272</u>
2(b) <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>				
Donations to expenses	2,816		2,816	2,197
One off Grants	-		-	-
Legacies	123,871	-	123,871	5,000
	<u>126,687</u>		<u>126,687</u>	<u>7,197</u>
2(c) <i>Incoming resources from operating activities: to further the Council's objects</i>				
Bible Notes & Events	2,035	2,948	4,983	15,555
Church Centre lettings	1,927		1,927	7,845
Fees for weddings etc	376		376	1,968
Other	-	-	-	26
	<u>4,338</u>	<u>2,948</u>	<u>7,286</u>	<u>25,394</u>
2(d) <i>Incoming resources from operating activities: to generate funds</i>				
Other funds generated	22	-	22	68
	<u>22</u>		<u>22</u>	<u>68</u>
2(e) <i>Income from investment</i>				
Bank and deposit account interest	147	-	147	193
	<u>147</u>		<u>147</u>	<u>193</u>
2(f) <i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>				
Special collections	-	5,495	5,495	5,754
Use of photocopier	95		95	261
Assigned Fees	2,808		2,808	2,909
Cash Floats (eg. Coffee Stop)	2,071	-	2,071	5,955
	<u>4,974</u>	<u>5,495</u>	<u>10,469</u>	<u>14,879</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>245,195</u>	<u>8,465</u>	<u>253,660</u>	<u>168,003</u>
			253,792	

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated/ Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2020	2019
3(a) <i>Grants</i>				
Missionary societies	26,780	-	26,780	13,800
Relief and development	-	90	90	600
Home mission	600		600	900
Special collections	-	5,495	5,495	5,759
Other	65		65	544
	<u>27,445</u>	<u>5,585</u>	<u>33,030</u>	<u>21,603</u>
3(b) <i>Activities relating to the work of the Church</i>				
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	76,835		76,835	69,894
Clergy expenses	1,601		1,601	2,797
Sanctuary	49		49	207
Music	907		907	799
Junior Church/Youth	738		738	492
Materials/books/services	143		143	634
Church running expenses	5,149		5,149	8,111
Church repairs/maintenance	1,696		1,696	2,369
Church Centre costs	2,352		2,352	5,982
Bible Notes & Events	1,397	8,558	9,955	15,566
Cash Floats (eg. Coffee Stop)	2,700	-	2,700	8,871
Assigned Fees	2,808		2,808	2,909
Training	245		245	697
Improvements	1,826	-	1,826	9,198
	<u>98,446</u>	<u>8,558</u>	<u>107,004</u>	<u>128,526</u>
3(c) <i>Church Management and Administration</i>				
Printing and stationery	2,385		2,385	3,662
Administrator salary & related costs	12,041		12,041	11,513
Office/administration	1,625		1,625	1,879
	<u>16,051</u>		<u>16,051</u>	<u>17,054</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>141,942</u>	<u>14,143</u>	<u>156,085</u>	<u>167,183</u>

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Christ Church, Flackwell Heath

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Account Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations

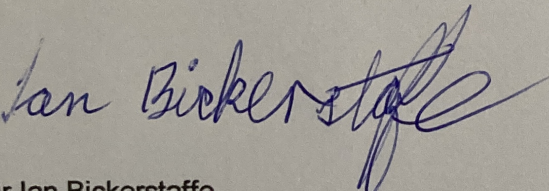
Basis of this Independent Examiner's Statement

This examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. It 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 PCC 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 gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave 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



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