THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL, COVENTRY

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Details

Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCESIASTICAL PARISH OF CALUDON, COVENTRY, CALUDON PCC, STOKE ST MICHAEL PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-12-10
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: Regular public worship for all. Space for prayer/contemplation. Pastoral work.Teaching Christianity.Taking of school assemblies.Provision of Christian youth club.Promotion of Christianity by staging events. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups. Supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£111,968	£183,350	-	-
2023-12-31	£116,827	£150,661	-	-
2022-12-31	£256,245	£133,767	-	-
2021-12-31	£121,808	£125,106	-	-
2020-12-31	£429,562	£109,210	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Graham Williams		2021-06-01
Alice Chapman		2022-05-08
Ann Lynn BROWN		2018-04-26
Audrey Alldrick		2022-05-22
Christopher DRONFIELD		2018-04-26
Claire May THOMPSON		2019-04-11
Glynis Wood		2022-05-15
Graham Robert Medd		2019-08-05
James McKay		2020-10-20
Neal William McGRATTAN		2018-04-26
Rev Claire-Louise McARTHUR		2019-07-08
Susan Morris		2024-05-11
Suzanne Bridget Sapiano		2021-06-01

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2024

STOKE ST MICHAEL'S
COVENTRY



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1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

Stoke, St Michael's Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the churches and church centres at Stoke, St Michael's



2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a PCC we subscribe to the threefold Diocesan commitment to worship God, make disciples and transform our communities. The parish seeks, in its own understanding of this vision, to inspire people to be alive to Christ's presence, to worship God and to serve the diverse community of Stoke and Wyken. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

- Worship and prayer - learning about the gospel and the love of Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach to people living in the parish and beyond

To facilitate this work we seek to maintain the fabric of the churches, church centre, and a worshipping presence in several local schools, in addition to this the church is committed to staffing missional projects across the city including, Street Pastors, Carriers of Hope, Clothing Coventry and Coventry Foodbank.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE



3.1 Electoral Roll 2023/24

The total number of people on the Electoral Roll is currently 133. The changes since the last report are that 6 people have been added

Malcolm Vanston-Rumney, Electoral Roll Officer

3.2 Attendance at Services

The average weekly worshipping attendance in October 2023 was as follows:

Adults 92
Children 12

3.3 Digital Engagement

This year we continue to use our digital platforms as a way of promoting what we do and social interaction with our congregation and community. We continue to live stream our services on Facebook. Our website was also updated.

Facebook - we had 62.3k views on our content. Our reach was up by 36.8%

Our top posts were:-
Carol service with 5,347 views
Christmas Fayre 4,041views
Barn Dance 3,968 views

Top Interaction
The rainbow photo, ordination of women, Suzanne's anniversary and Dan's Licensing

3.4 WORSHIP AND PRAYER

On Sundays, the following services take place:

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Pray and Play
11.00am Sung Eucharist

During the week, the following service takes place:
Wednesday 10.00 am Said Communion

Our worship is predominantly Eucharistic but our 9.30 is all age worship where we have communion once a month. All worship, priestly and pastoral work is supported by a strong team of Readers.

Once a month our Mother's Union group meet in the centre for worship and fellowship.

Occasional Offices last year included…

Weddings 0 Vow Renewal 1
Baptisms 6
Funerals 25
Confirmations 4



4. REPORTS

Rector's Report

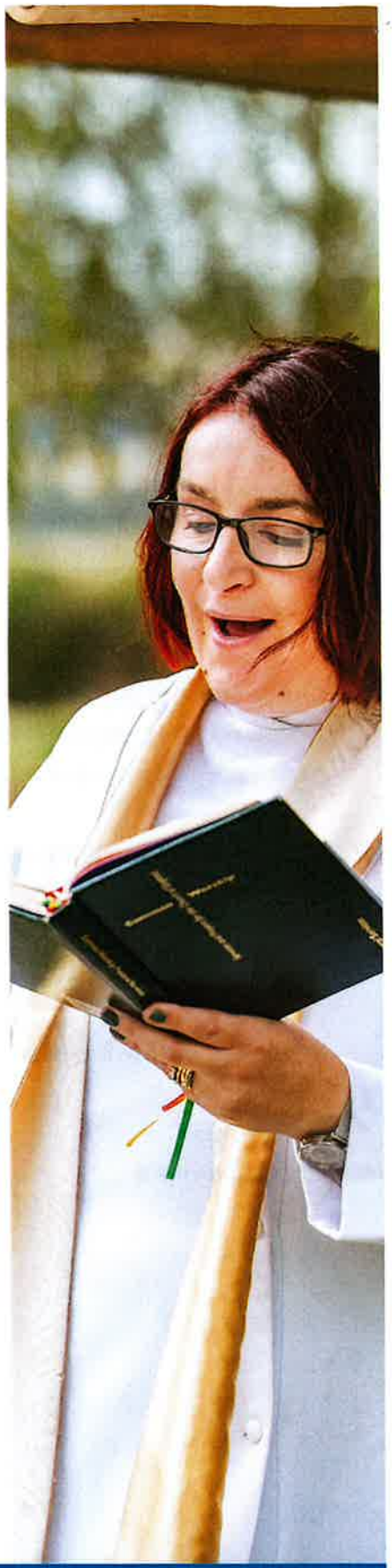
It has been an absolute delight to lead the ministry here over the past year, serving both our church and the wider community. My role has given me the privilege of walking alongside so many different people, whether through pastoral care, community outreach, or our work with local schools and organisations.

A key part of my ministry has been engaging with the community, particularly through my work with the Sea Cadets and local schools, including Stoke Primary and Ravensdale. As a school governor, I have had the opportunity to support and encourage the next generation, ensuring that our schools are places where children can grow and thrive.

This year also brought moments of deep sadness, particularly in the wake of the tragic losses at Pattisons. As a church, we have sought to offer comfort and support following the deaths of their headteacher Graeme and a pupil Afaf, being with the school community in their grief.

Looking beyond our own parish, I have been grateful to be part of the Stoke Alliance, working alongside other agencies to create a new group dedicated to supporting the community. By pooling our resources and working together, we are better able to serve those in need.

Similarly, our community garden has been a wonderful space of welcome, bringing new people onto our site and even providing beautiful decorations for our Harvest Festival. These moments remind us that every small act of growth—whether in a garden or in our relationships—reflects something of God's Kingdom



Rector's Report cont..

One of the great joys of my ministry has been working alongside Bishop Ruth, whose wisdom and encouragement have been invaluable. I am also deeply grateful to those who have covered services in my absence, allowing me to represent our parish at General Synod. It was a great encouragement to have our voice heard at that level and to have our parish mentioned.

However, my greatest delight remains the time I spend with the children we work with each week. There is something truly special about sitting on the carpet, singing Old MacDonald, and seeing the joy on their faces. Moments like these remind me why ministry is so precious.

In November I was deeply honoured to be made a Canon of Coventry Cathedral a recognition that I cherish being a Coventrian. But even more exciting was to walk alongside those confirmed, Pamela, Evelyn, Donna and Debbie.

Finally I cannot help but mention and give great gratitude to our five Readers, Janet, Ann, Sue, Chris and Suzanne who have their own unique ministries, its joy to work alongside you all. The hard work of our three churchwardens, Chris, Jim and Neal. Our talented musical director, Linda, Audrey our Safeguarding officer and our superb administrator Lynda.

As we look ahead, I remain excited and hopeful for all that God is doing among us. May we continue to grow, serve, and build His Kingdom together.

Lots of love Rev Claire x



Churchwardens Review 2024

Life gets awfully busy sometimes.

I know that only too well as I sit down at 9pm on a Monday evening after a full day in the office beginning to write out my Churchwarden's review of 2024.

Busyness for busyness sake isn't necessarily a trait we would want to celebrate in churches – if we're too busy how can we possibly stop to listen to what God is calling us to do. If, however, we're busy because there is a general 'bustle' of activity around the place that means we're providing a space for our community to come together, a space for people to worship, a space for people to socialise, a space for people to find comfort, well, in that case it's none too bad a thing to be a little bit busy. And I'm pleased to say that in 2024 we continued to be a little bit busy.

I started listing down all the things I might write about for 2024 before I realised there's an awful lot, so, in a break from tradition for these review I'm going to try and just pull out some highlights:

Socially we've been 'all-a-go' in 2024. We've flipped pancakes, thrown ourselves into Wild Messy Church, prayed our way around the Parish on a lovely social walk, sung our hearts out at Songs of Praise before filling ourselves with a hearty BBQ feast, we tested the grey matter with not one but two quizzes, we do-si-do-ed our way through a wonderful barn dance, got the full-house playing bingo, tested the water with a saunter to 'Skeggy' and refined ourselves with some 'posh-nosh' at Afternoon Tea.

Not only did we do all that we continued to hold our annual Christmas Fayre which was another great success raising over £2500.



Our lunch club has continued to thrive feeding over 50 souls on a monthly basis whilst providing a great place for people to share some much needed friendship and fellowship.

Mikes Tykes also continues to provide a wonderful place for Mums and Dads to bring their little ones for a morning of activities and, in some cases, a much need break for a nice warm brew!

We launched two new expressions of worship in 2024 – our Space to Breathe service offering people to chance to have some calm reflection and Space to Worship giving people the chance to try some different worship styles. What a wonderful thing to celebrate - it is a great thing to be part of a church that bucks the trend and, where other churches have been forced to reduce their offering, we are lucky enough to offer even more!

Before we acknowledge the folks who've made it happen there are some other honourable mentions we shouldn't forget; celebrating Suzanne's 25th year anniversary of becoming a reader, the 30th anniversary of women's ordination, some of our bell ringers taking part in the Ringing World National Youth Championship at St Paul's and having four of our number confirmed by Bishop Ruth.

Looking back it's clear to see that we were a good kind of busy in 2024!

Of course, all of this couldn't have happened without a cast of so many. Rev Claire continues to lead our little family in Stoke and we're all very grateful for all your hard work throughout another year with lots of ups and downs. We are forever grateful to our team of readers for their time, their prayers and their passion for ministry. Thank you to Jim who continues to be a fundamental cog in the St Michael's machine. Thanks too must go to the Lyndas / Lindas – Lynda in the office for keeping us from drowning under a mountain of admin and Linda our musical director for your continued passion in leading music at St Mikes.



There are, of course, many, many others to thank for their time and effort who I couldn't list here for fear of writing war and peace. Suffice to say, thank you, to all of you, for your love, care and commitment to carrying out God's mission here at Stoke St Michael's!

Let us hope that 2025 will be yet another year that we can celebrate some exciting events, some great community engagement and a real season of growth for faith in this community.

Blessings
Chris



Fabric Report 2023/24

The redecoration of the rear of the church above the kitchen area, was completed.

The general condition of the Church is good.

The Vestry refurb layout requires confirming with the various users and then we can move to to obtaining quotations for the work to start and also raising funds for the Bell Tower.

The Community Centre continues to attract new voluntary groups and fees paying bookings. New users include a dog therapy group.

The garden by the centre continues to be maintained by the Growthers Team who are working really hard to provide an organic allotment.

The community payback team continue to do an amazing job each week maintaining the churchyard.

After many year of complaints around the car park it was finally re-surfaced and a new passing lay-by put in.



Music and St Michael's

Personnel

Numbers remain healthy with a good balance of parts. Most recent members include Titi and Ola Ajepe (great to have mother and daughter - speaking of which, Aurora put in her first appearance at our Christingle service and has been at choir practices ever since as big sister Zoe did when she was the same age!). We've also welcomed Donna Miller into our ranks taking our numbers up to 17 when Faith reappears during time away from university. We are very lucky at SSM to have such a flourishing, loyal choir.

Activities

In addition to their attendance at all our regular Sunday and Festival services, the choir was busy in July as 1st saw (and heard) them singing with the choir of St Mark's Bilton at the installation there of Dan our former curate. Friday 5th and Monday 8th they were singing 'away' again at Mary Magdalen's, Hearsall - this time it was rehearsals for a special service of evensong there on Friday 19th. This was a celebration of it being 90 years since the consecration of this church.

Fridays in August were a well earned rest period from practices but there were always sufficient numbers to form a choir for the Sunday services. Once back in September we were back again practising anthems to celebrate harvest, Advent and of-course the Christmas carol service. (We are now working on a special service for Pentecost - watch this space.)

Training

Our newest recruits have worked particularly hard this year on their training and consequently we have been delighted to see Titi and Ola achieving their dark blue ribbons and Donna her light blue. After the three awards have been passed 'in house ' as it were, there are a few externally examined awards which are available. Faith and Alice are currently working towards awards of the Guild of Church Musicians and I am sure there will be more news on this before long.



Children's and Families

Jesus said 'Let the little Children Come to Me'

This past year our church and myself have continued to be blessed by our contact with children, young people and their families, coming into our church and centre.

On a Sunday morning our 9:30am all-age service has been re-named PRAY AND PLAY, in an effort to help new families identify that it is suitable for them. The PLAY though is not just for the children! Here we have an interactive, imaginative mix of story, song and dance, prayer, craft, exploration of faith and care & share. You can not fail to be touched by our children's enthusiasm and insight. We have a pool of at least 12 children/teenagers who attend on a regular basis as circumstances dictate. I personally have appreciated the technical support of one of our teenagers! Once a month we seek to have Holy Communion. We have trialled Lego church on a midweek tea time, and have been slow with uptake. Moving Lego church to the occasional Pray and Play has been well appreciated.

On a Sunday morning at the 11:00am service of Holy Communion we have approximately 6 children including one baby attending on a regular basis. For their use we have a '11:00 box' containing Children's Holy Communion books, and 'Lord's Prayer' cube, as well as colouring and worksheets relating to the gospel of the day.

Messy Church – at Good Friday and times of ½ term we have put on some very well attended sessions of Messy Church;
bringing into church and church yard, children from Sunday Church, St Mike's Tikes and others, with crafts, bible story, song and prayer, and usually chocolate!



St Mike's Tikes – is our pre-school parent/carer and toddler group. We meet Thursday mornings at term time. We are ran by a dedicated group of volunteers and have recently said farewell to a longstanding member. At Tikes the parents/carers find friendship and support and the children have fun with playtime, snack time, song time and recent introduction of story time.

Each week we have introduced an additional theme mainly for the 'older'children to enjoy. Recently 'World book day' was well appreciated, with many of the little one dressing up and pre-loved books donated and distributed.

Schools – At Christmas time we were once again blessed by children from our local schools (Stoke Junior, Ravensdale, Pattisons) coming into our church for scratch Nativity and carol services. We had fun taking carol singing and scratch nativity into school as well.

Rev Claire has been challenged by the children as she has gone into school to take the occasional R.E lessons, and she has given much needed support as a Governor to Stoke Primary and Ravensdale, as well as pastoral support to Pattisons.

With our children's work we have worked closely with our safeguarding officer and her help and support has been invaluable.
We also look forward to working with our new curate and all that she shall bring.

Suzanne Sapiano
Reader with responsibility for work with children and young people
Stoke St Michael's Church



Mother's Union

Mothers' Union is a worldwide community of both women and men, which began over 140 years ago, (in modern times you no longer need to be a mother, married or a woman).

An organisation that promotes and supports family life and aims to make a safer, fairer world for families, and encourages parents to develop the faith of their children, to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service and helps those whose family life has met with adversity.

An organisation that campaigns on social issues regarding families, women and children. It is acknowledged that MU needs to continue to be relevant in today's society where family structures take many forms.

The Mother's Union group here has continued to meet regularly, providing a supportive and welcoming environment for its members. We are pleased to report that two new members have joined our group, strengthening our sense of community and shared purpose.

One of our key activities this period was fundraising to support Mike's Rules, the local toddler group. Through our collective efforts, we successfully raised money to purchase new toys, contributing to a more engaging and enjoyable experience for the children who attend.

After thoughtful discussion, the group has decided to transition into a Friendship Group rather than continuing as a full branch. This change allows us to focus on fellowship, mutual support, and community outreach in a more flexible and informal way, while still upholding the values and mission of the Mother's Union.

We look forward to continuing our meetings and finding new ways to support each other and our wider community.



Bell Ringing

When producing such an annual report as this, then the best possible headline is that our ringing activities continued to thrive, indeed grow, throughout the past year. On every Sunday during the year there has been ringing before the main morning service providing the reminder to those in earshot that worship continues to take place at the Church. The opportunities are also taken to ring before a service on the major festivals that fall on a weekday.

This dedication by the band also extends to our weekly Wednesday evening practices. Our technical standards and also reflected in Sunday ringing, are now probably the highest in the Diocese (along with the Cathedral which for many of the band is their second home ringing-wise!). The natural inherent learning process and progress made by our younger ringers means that they keep the rest of us on our toes as they get to the point of outstripping the abilities of some and taking others of us back to the "glory days" of our own youth.

There are also the other times when ringing takes place, not necessarily by just our own ringers. The past year has not seen any national events that have a public expectation of bell ringing as part of celebrations or commemorations. We do, however, like to pursue the more social side of our ringing together. As such there are the about hourlong ringing dedicated to a specific purpose. One of these was to congratulate Rev Claire as she was made a Canon at the Cathedral. We are grateful that our neighbours also allow the occasional three hour long performances known as peals. The bells are also enjoyed by others in the Diocese (and beyond) through guild events and Sunday afternoon gatherings of a number of the youth ringers in the area..



A traditional source of occasional ringing has been for weddings. Sadly these are very rare these days as churches in general lose out to secular venues. This is not only a loss of income to the parish in general but also a small amount of funding to the ringers for looking after the more minor aspects of bell maintenance and small recompense for our dedicated service the rest of the time. A general trend for more enquiries about ringing for thanksgiving services associated with funerals is being noticed. Satisfying such requests by finding enough available ringers at their likely timings (i.e. weekdays in working hours) is always going to be a difficult proposition.

The bells require a minimal amount of routine maintenance. This is looked after by ourselves only seeking professional assistance if this turns out to be more significant than within our capabilities. It is most helpful that Oliver is now able to use his youthful agility to get around the rather cramped bell frame we have and put to good use the valuable bell maintenance skills he continues to learn and develop. The more major work on the bells previously identified is becoming even more necessary as age takes its toll not only on the physical bell fittings but our "senior" ringers too. We are hopeful the major tower work can be done in the current year and as part of this a significant overhaul of the bells. The ringers will wish to help with fundraising towards this building work. One scheme used successfully elsewhere has been to offer some commemorative ringing for all sorts of personal events/milestones etc in return for a donation to the fund raising along with a commemorative certificate. This gives the keen ringers even more opportunities for furthering their ringing and enjoying themselves!. Once the tower work is complete then it will be necessary to address recruitment of more new bell ringers (or attracting back those who perhaps learnt and rang in the past) to sustain our level of activities and replace those who will inevitably move on as part of their general life journey.



In common with all activities these days in church, voluntary or otherwise, then we are obliged to meet numerous requirements and regulations that cover a diverse range of secular aspects of the modern world and this encompasses, amongst others, the fields of Safeguarding, Health & Safety and GDPR. Safeguarding, as we are all too aware, is a major activity across the whole of the Church of England. Ringers in general, through both the Diocese and national organisations are kept well at the forefront of ensuring best practices, relevant training and auditable processes are followed for all our ringing activities. We as ringers here have ensured compliance with the most recent recommendations on Safeguarding and an agreed implementation for ringing specific matters.

As ever the offer of educating the wider congregation is there should any other church group wish to include something about ringing, or bells in general, as part of their programme. Equally, we are quite happy to see visitors on a Wednesday evening who have any interest in knowing more about us, especially anyone who has previously rung and now finds they have the time to re-acquaint themselves with this service to the Church and absorbing pastime. We remain very grateful to Rev Claire, particularly with her very complimentary social media posts, and the rest of the Church for their interest and active support for our activities and ability to exercise our skills with little restriction.

Andrew Alldrick on behalf of St Michael's Stoke bellringers.



Safeguarding

Here at Stoke St Michael's (SSM) we seek to ensure we create a safe culture and environment for all who worship and visit both our Church and Church Centre. I thank Rev Claire and our PCC for all their support during what was a rather turbulent year for the Church of England, General Synod and National Safeguarding.

Rev Claire and I have received several low level concerns during the last 12 months. Each of these have been recorded on an incident log and an appropriate response given. Thankfully none of these incidents have reached the threshold for action by the Diocesan Safeguarding team. The PCC have supported both myself and Rev Claire in the actions taken to ensure the health and wellbeing of those in our midst.

In June I attended a zoom event along with other parish safeguarding officers to meet the new diocesan safeguarding training officer - Liam McCormack and in January a PSO forum to receive key updates relating to National Safeguarding policy and training.

Our main tasks this year have firstly been to raise awareness of safeguarding within our parish. Rev Claire spoke at all three services on 17 November 2024,designated as Safeguarding Sunday. This coincided with the publication of the report by Keith Makin into the abuse by the perpetrator John Smyth which was widely reported in the national press and media and resulted in the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. All clergy received a pastoral letter to read to congregations from the Bishop of Stepney - Joanne Grenfell, lead bishop for safeguarding.

I have updated our parish leaflet on safeguarding to include contact details for victims and survivors of church abuse.
There is a folder at the back of church and in the church centre with a current copy of The Parish Safeguarding Handbook and details of the National Safeguarding Standards that the Church of England requires all parishes to achieve as good practice in its safeguarding work.



Secondly I keep our parish dashboard that reports to the PCC and diocese up to date. This system requires me to continually report our progress ensuring as a parish we are compliant with our national and diocesan safeguarding policies, procedures and standards. Currently our mandatory requirements are at 99%. Of the five good practice three standards are at 100%,one at 99% and one at 40%.

Areas I report on are:

• Annually the PCC review, approve and adopt required safeguarding policies and procedures.

• These documents and information are displayed in church and church centre as required.

• The PCC receive and approve a safeguarding action plan derived from the parish dashboard at each PCC meeting. A safeguarding report is given to the APCM.

• Those in leadership positions both paid and voluntary confirm they understand their role in safeguarding.

• Church leaders, members of PCC and volunteers complete mandatory training renewable every 3 years currently at 100% well done everyone!

• Annually the PCC review and authorise each church activity/group e.g. choir, bell ringers, Mikes Tikes. Each activity requires a risk assessment that is reviewed annually. Where appropriate all DBS checks have been completed. Since January 2024 all leaders and members of church groups have read and followed section 11 of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook entitled A Safe Environment and Activities.

• Annually the PCC has authorised a list of non- church activities e.g. Slimming World, craft group, Kings Chapel etc. that take place in our church buildings and grounds. All Groups have signed a hire agreement that includes a safeguarding addendum.

In conclusion I expect that Diocese will receive a safeguarding audit in 2026 to see how we are performing particularly as it is likely that more changes are on the way that will determine how the Church of England will expect dioceses and parishes to manage safeguarding in 2025 and beyond

Audrey Alldrick – Parish Safeguarding Officer



Administrative Information

Name of Charity:
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

Working name:
Stoke St Michael PCC

Contact: Mrs Claire Thompson (PCC Secretary)
Rector: Rev'd Claire-Louise McArthur

Readers
Suzanne Sapiano
Janet Pocklington
Ann Brown
Christopher Dronfield
Sue Morris

Ex Officio PCC Members:
Churchwardens:
Christopher Dronfield
Jim McKay

Deanery Synod Representatives:
Neal McGrattan (Deputy Churchwarden)
Glynis Wood

Elected PCC Members:
Graham Medd, Ann Brown, Claire Thompson, Sue Morris
Angela Dronfield, Janet Pocklington, Suzanne Sapiano,
Adrian Williams, Alice Chapman and Audrey Alldrick

Bankers:
Lloyds Bank Plc - High Street Branch Coventry CV1 5RE

Independent Examiner:
Gavin Kibble Email - Gavin.kibble@sky.com

Approved by the PCC on 11/05/25 and duly signed pp [signature] (CHRISTOPHER DRONFIELD) by Rev'd Claire McArthur on their behalf. Date 11/05/25

Annual Accounts Summary

RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on free reserves (if possible) which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments (£55,000), to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time, such as Covid. The balance of free reserves was £xxxx in excess of this. The PCC is constantly reviewing the level of reserves and is currently looking at various essential maintenance and building projects.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Any surplus funds are placed on short-term deposit.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The PCC has continued to review the risks facing the Team, including the types of risk, the potential impact on the Church and means of mitigating these risks. Systems and procedures have been put in place to meet identified risks. The PCC will continue to review risks on an on-going basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In November 2018, the PCC co-opted two additional members as permitted by the Rules, to enable them to have full rights as Parish Representatives in the Appointment process. All who attend our services on a regular basis are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and be eligible to stand for election to the District Church Councils and the Parochial Church Council.
The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how funds of the Team are to be spent.

When meeting as representatives of the districts, our clergy and PCC consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish of Caludon is situated in the Coventry East Deanery and is part of the Diocese of Coventry within the Church of England

The correspondence address for the PCC is 365a Walsgrave Road, Coventry, CV2 4BG.
The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1 1 33236.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL, COVENTRY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	2023 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	51,948	11,286	63,233	61,851
Activities for generating funds	3	3,386	-	3,386	4,578
Income from investments	4	52	-	52	45
Church activities	5	43,441	-	43,441	48,300
Other income	6	1,854	-	1,854	2,053
Total income		100,681	11,286	111,966	116,827
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	171,245	10,000	181,245	149,071
Raising funds	8	2,105	-	2,105	1,590
Total expenditure		173,350	10,000	183,350	150,661
Net movement in funds for the year		(72,669)	1,286	(71,384)	(33,834)
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(72,669)	1,286	(71,384)	(33,834)
Funds brought forward	15	560,629	23	560,652	594,486
Funds carried forward	15	487,960	1,309	489,268	560,652

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		364,648		369,621
Current assets					
Debtors	13	16,810		29,623	
Short term deposits		1,000		1,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		111,512		167,447	
		129,322		198,070	
Creditors:					
amounts falling due within one year	14	(4,703)		(7,039)	
Net current assets			124,620		191,031
Net assets			**489,268**		**560,652**
Funds					
Restricted funds	15		1,309		23
Unrestricted funds:					
- other charitable funds	15		487,960		560,629
			489,268		**560,652**

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes 1 to 17 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 **Accounting Policies**

Basis of accounting

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that operate independently and/or owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trustor bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be spent on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Investment income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party. All expenditure is classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding obligation of the PCC.

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross..

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Tangible fixed assets are dpreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives as follows:

Centre Improvements	- 50 years
Sound system	- 5 years
Office equipment	- 10 years
Solar panels	- 7 years

Short term deposits
These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank repayable within six months notice.

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
2	**Voluntary Income**				
	Planned giving:				
	Gift Aid donations and planned giving	36,437	-	36,437	38,021
	Income tax recoverable	6,572	-	6,572	4,689
	Collections (open plate) all services	3,118	-	3,118	4,732
	Donations, appeals, etc.	4,821	1,286	6,107	1,773
	Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Grants	-	10,000	10,000	12,636
		51,948	11,286	63,233	61,851
3	**Activities for Generating Funds**				
	Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	3,386	-	3,386	4,758
4	**Income from Investments**				
	Bank and CCLA Deposit fund interest	52	-	52	45
5	**Church Activities**				
	Fees	8,239	-	8,239	14,642
	Church hall lettings etc	29,090	-	29,090	29,001
	Lunch Clubs	5,025	-	5,025	3,768
	Groups Activities	1,017	-	1,017	877
	Sundry income	70	-	70	12
		43,441	-	43,441	48,300
6	**Other Income**				
	Solar panels	1,854	-	1,854	2,053

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	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	2023 £
7 Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:	17	-		-	355
Ministry:					
- diocesan quota		61,250	-	61,250	61,250
Church utility expenses		6,342	-	6,342	5,515
Other church running costs		11,774	-	11,774	6,648
Upkeep of services		11,455	-	11,455	12,927
Upkeep of churchyard		441	-	441	356
Resurfacing of car park		31,661	-	31,661	-
Centre running costs		11,979	-	11,979	13,425
Centre refurbishment		3,314	-	3,314	1,236
Community activities and other		6,073	-	6,073	9,561
Office expenses		5,563	-	5,563	7,551
Nurture and miscellaneous		3,121	-	3,121	1,858
Staff costs	9	9,656	10,000	19,656	18,956
Depreciation		8,186	-	8,186	7,543
Independent examiner's fees					
- independent examination		430	-	430	1,890
		171,245	10,000	181,245	149,071
8 Raising Funds					
Fundraising expense		2,105	-	2,105	1,590

	2024 £	2023 £
9 Staff Costs		
Wages and salaries	18,720	18,185
Social security costs		-
Pension costs	936	771
	19,656	18,956
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.		
Average number of employees	1	1

10 Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

The payments made to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members.
No PCC members received any remuneration for acting as a trustee during the year. As allowed under our governing document no PCC members/trustee received any remuneration for services to the charity (2023 nil).
No PCC members/trustees were paid any expenses (2023 Nil). There were no related party transactions.

11 Operating Leases	2024	2023
Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases		
Not later then one year	1,499	1,499
One to five years	3,746	5,245
Later then five years	-	-

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Centre improvements	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
1 January 2024	377,164	3,052	380,216
Additions	-	3,213	3,213
Disposals	-	-	-
31 December 2024	377,164	6,265	383,429
Depreciation			
1 January 2024	7,543	3,052	10,595
Charge for year	7,543	643	8,186
Disposals	-	-	-
31 December 2024	15,086	3,695	18,781
Net book amount			
31 December 2024	362,078	2,570	364,648
31 December 2023	369,621	-	369,621

	2024	2023
	£	£
13 Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Gift Aid recoverable	10,737	23,289
Other debtors	6,073	6,334
	16,810	29,623
14 Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	4,703	7,039
	4,703	7,039

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15 Analysis of funds

	Balance 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds	98,138	64,712	(156,341)	4,973	11,481
Designated funds					
Fixed assets fund	369,621	-	-	(4,973)	364,648
Fabric	75,000	-	-	-	75,000
Centre Fund	17,870	35,969	(17,008)	-	36,831
	462,491	35,969	(17,008)	(4,973)	476,479
Total Unrestricted Funds	560,629	100,681	(173,350)	-	487,960
Restricted funds					
Administrator	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Small Donations	-	286		-	286
Poor Fund	-	1,000		-	1,000
Ukraine	23	-	-	-	23
	23	11,286	(10,000)	-	1,309
Total funds	560,652	111,967	(183,350)	-	489,268

Purpose of restricted and designated funds

The general fund represents the free unrestricted funds of the Church avaialable for general use.
The Fixed Assets Fund is the value of unrestricted funds represented by fixed assets.
The Fabric fund is being held for the upkeep of the Fabric of the Church. The Quinquenial Review indicates that there are problems with the roof, church tower etc. which need to be resolved within the next five years.
The Centre Fund arises from surpluses made by the Centre and will be used for further refurbishment.
The Administrator fund was given towards the cost of the administrator.
The Ukraine fund was given to support Ukraine.
Small Donations were received for Breast Cancer Now - the donation was made in 2025
The Poor fund provides support for people in financial crisis.

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16 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	364,648	-	364,648	369,621
Net current assets	123,312	1,309	124,620	191,031
	487,960	1,309	489,268	560,652

17 Missionary and charitable giving

	2024	2023
	£	£
Eco Church	-	125
Coventry Sea Cadets	-	230
	-	355

18 PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	2022 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	49,081	12,770	61,851	228,374
Activities for generating funds	3	4,578	-	4,578	1,730
Income from investments	4	45	-	45	13
Church activities	5	48,300	-	48,300	24,207
Other income	6	2,053	-	2,053	1,921
Total income		104,057	12,770	116,827	256,245
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	136,301	12,770	149,071	125,345
Raising funds	8	1,590	-	1,590	8,422
Total expenditure		137,891	12,770	150,661	133,767
Net expenditure before transfers		(33,834)	-	(33,834)	122,478
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(33,834)	-	(33,834)	122,478
Funds brought forward	14	594,463	23	594,486	472,008
Funds carried forward	14	560,629	23	560,652	594,486

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stoke St Michael, Coventry

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 19 to 28.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements – to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

– to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Gavin Kibble

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22nd June, 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL, C

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1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

Stoke, St Michael's Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the churches and church centres at Stoke, St Michael's

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a PCC we subscribe to the threefold Diocesan commitment to worship God, make disciples and transform our communities. The parish seeks, in its own understanding of this vision, to inspire people to be alive to Christ's presence, to worship God and to serve the diverse community of Stoke and Wyken. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

- Worship and prayer - learning about the gospel and the love of Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach to people living in the parish and beyond

To facilitate this work we seek to maintain the fabric of the churches, church centre, and a worshipping presence in several local schools, in addition to this the church is committed to staffing missional projects across the city including, Street Pastors, Carriers of Hope, Clothing Coventry and Coventry Foodbank.



3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

3.1 Electoral Roll 2022/23

The total number of people on the Electoral Roll is currently 127. The changes since the last report are that 15 people have been added and 4 people have been removed. There are 53 living in the parish of Stoke St. Michael's, and 74 live outside.

Malcolm Vanston-Rumney, Electoral Roll Officer

3.2 Attendance at Services

The average weekly worshipping attendance in October 2023 was as follows:

Adults 90
Children 8

3.3 Digital Engagement

This year we continue to use our digital platforms as a way of promoting what we do and social interaction with our congregation and community. We continue to live stream our services on Facebook.

Website Jan-June 2023
Overall Page Views 3,269
Users 1,018

Facebook - Current page likes 721 an increase of 88 over the year.
Yearly Organic Reach 14.4k 18.2% increase)
Our top posts were:-
Christingle and Crib service 2,484
Christmas Fayre 1,953
Annual Carol Service 1,554



3.4 WORSHIP AND PRAYER

On Sundays, the following services take place:

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am All Age Worship
11.00am Sung Eucharist

During the week, the following service takes place:
Wednesday 10.00 am Said Communion

Our worship is predominantly Eucharistic but our 9.30 is all age worship where we have communion once a month. All worship, priestly and pastoral work is supported by a strong team of Readers and our Curate.

Once a month our Mother's Union group meet in the centre for worship and fellowship.

Occasional Offices last year included…

Weddings 1
Baptisms 8
Funerals 38



4. REPORTS

Rector's Report

Once again we have had the most amazing year together, as our church has come back to life in its fullest since Covid.

It continues to be a real privilege to be your Rector at Stoke, St Michael's. It has been lovely to welcome some new faces into our congregation, this year, watch our children grow and continue to be a place of peace and tranquility for all who pass through our doors.

I could not lead such a thriving church without the help of all of our volunteers who week in week out play their own part, whether that be cleaning our church, singing in our choir, being a member of our PCC, leading worship, welcoming people each week, keeping people safe, counting our pennies, ringing our bells, loving the kids at Mikes Tikes, decorating our church or being part of the social committee. A massive thank you!

I could not help but mention and give great gratitude to our five Readers, Janet, Ann, Sue, Chris and Suzanne who have their own unique ministries, its joy to work alongside you all. The hard work of our three churchwardens, Chris, Jim and Neal. Our talented musical director, Linda and our superb administrator Lynda. Finally I need to give acknowledgment to our wonderful curate Dan, who we sadly said goodbye to as he completed his placement with us.

On a personal note, this has been probably been the hardest year of my life, the kindness, space, understanding and love that you have all given me, I will be eternally grateful for. That's the biggest thank you of the year! Love you all xxx



Churchwardens Review 2023

The biggest challenge when trying to review a year in the life of a church if that church is active, has a good membership and is the significant pillar within its community, is that it is difficult to know where to begin and just what to include.

Thankfully that's just the challenge I face as I write this year in a review and I am heartily glad of it.

Each year we have to report on something the Diocese refers to as Statistics for Mission. It is, for want of a more simple summation, a fancy way of reporting on the 'class register' – that is to say, we report back how many souls have walked through our doors throughout the year at various times. As part of that I collate the 'numbers' for each service and see how we're getting on.

I'm pleased then, to confirm, as I did last year that our numbers continue to grow – we are making more Christians! Alas we still have a little work to go to get our family back to our pre-COIVD size but crucially we're moving in the right direction and that is something to celebrate.

Indeed as I prepare to list out some of the highlights of the year, you'll see we did more last year than in 2022. I hope the coming year will be an equally exciting time for celebrating our faith, enjoying fellowship, proclaiming the gospel and making new believers..



So for 2023 we returned once again to Holy Island where our hearty pilgrims ‘mudscapades’ were enough for some of our number to grace the Coventry Diocese social media pages, if not for our piety but for our commitment to complete the Pilgrim’s Walk in a variety of states!

We introduced, in partnership with Clothing Coventry, a clothing rail in The Centre to provide much needed support for those in need of clothing.

As further community outreach we also partnered with the Community Green Growthers in turning our often water logged overflow car park, otherwise known as The Centre lawn, into an allotment growing all manners of things.

Our Social Committee returned with its first full year of events running two quizzes, a wonderfully enjoyable evening of Bingo, the best Afternoon Tea in Coventry, possibly the entire Midlands region, a Barn Dance which was both energetic and fun for all involved and an amazing Christmas Fayre that raised over £2600 for the church.

There was also support offered to help with flowers for special events and refreshments for such things as our Carol Service.

We walked together in Holy Week, worshipping in The Round in readiness for an Easter celebration at both 6am and 10am, sandwiching in a wonderful breakfast of sausage and bacon batches.

For our younger generation we held a number of Messy Churches and other activities including a Light Party (with St Margaret’s) and a Wildlife Hunt in our own churchyard



The highlight of our May was the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles which saw a Coronation Peel rang by our committed and talented bell ringers and a ‘Big Lunch’ for everyone else who came along.

As a diocese we said goodbye to Bishop Christopher as he moved to take up the role of Dean of Windsor and closer to home we said goodbye to our talented curate Dan and his lovely family as he moved on the embark in the next step of his training.

Finally, although I’m sure there will be plenty of other things I’ve missed, our Lunch Club has continued to grow, almost exponentially, throughout 2023 and into 2024 and whilst it is thoroughly hard work, we have a wonderful team of volunteers who are providing something I personally see as a vital service within our community.

In closing, after reading back all the above I’m proud of what we have done and what we have achieved in 2023. It felt like a real positive year of growth. It should go without saying that we owe a huge amount of debt to Rev Claire for all her hard work last year in what was an especially difficult year – thank you, we’re looking forward to 2024!

And of course thanks must also go to (in no particular order) Linda our musical director, Lynda our hard working Parish Administrator, our choir, our bell ringers, sidespeople, flower arrangers, those who help with coffee, those who tidy the churchyard, for my part Jim my ‘churchwardening’ partner who is a pillar or wisdom and commitment and of course each and every one of you that makes Stoke St Michael’s our home and its people our family.

Let’s have a wonderful 2024 folks!

Blessings

Chris.



Fabric Report 2022/23

The redecoration of the rear of the church above the kitchen area, is a project in progress awaiting a start date.

The general condition of the Church is good, and a book exchange area has been introduced by the font.

The Vestry refurb layout requires confirming with the various users and then we can move to to obtaining quotations for the work to start.

The Community Centre continues to attract new voluntary groups and fees paying bookings. New users include Clothing Coventry and the NHS baby team.

An exciting new project which has now been established next to the Centre is the gardeners Growthers Team who are working really hard to provide an organic allotment. They would be very pleased to see new gardeners to help develop the range of produce. See notice sheet for dates throughout the coming Summer.

The community payback team continue to do an amazing job each week maintaining the churchyard.

We have several potholes in the drive and car park which have been filled.



Music and St Michael's

There is little to report this year but our choir membership remains stable and its singers have served us faithfully throughout another year of the choir's long existence. It's good that Faith is able to join us for important events, returning from university. We have welcomed one new member, Ola who is joining us for occasional services as she undergoes her training.

Notable events last year were King Charles' coronation and we introduced a new anthem at our service marking this - 'Give me wings' by John Rutter. The choir also sang as usual at the service for All Souls and the annual carol service. We are currently working on a special piece of music for the Friday immediately before Holy Week which tells the story of the Israelites journey through the desert to the Promised Land and gives an opportunity to reflect on our personal journeys through Lent.

For 2024 we are currently discussing a joint service with Mary Magdalene's choir to celebrate a significant anniversary of that church, a possible return visit to Stow on the Wold and perhaps taking part in a concert here with Myton choir - watch this space!

Linda Green, Director



Children's and Families

Jesus said 'Let the little Children Come to Me'

As Stoke St Michael's we are truly blessed with the children, young people and families who have come through our doors into church and centre.

9:30am all-age service – our weekly café style service with story and crafts, singing and dancing praying and sharing has never ceased to amaze me with the depth of perception and knowledge and understanding from our young people. We have such fun. Young and old we worship and learn together, and this past year we have benefited from power-point skills of one of our teenagers!

Once a month we seek to have an all-age service of Holy Communion and each Sunday we keep to a reading/theme from the Sunday lectionary as appropriate. (weekly average of about 9-10 children).

Recently we have started to make the craft/colouring available for any children who attend the 11:00am service of Holy Communion.
We must not forget the joy that they give to our church family too!

At celebratory points in the year such as Pentecost, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter we have had the pleasure of combined services with the 9:30am and 11:00am and sometimes 8:00am worshipping communities, bringing the church family as a whole together. It has been lovely to have children from Mikes Tikes attend too.

On Good Friday and on a Thursday in ½ term in October and February, with the help of some great volunteers, we have held some very enjoyable sessions of Messy/Wild Messy Church involving crafts, games, story, song, food and fun in and around church and churchyard. In these sessions we have been blessed with regular church children, Mikes Tikes children and others coming together. In one session it was like the Pied Piper of Hamelin had come to St Michael's!



Mikes Tikes has a dedicated team of volunteers we run a weekly pre-school playgroup where children from the community attend with their parent/grandparent/carer. This is weekly on a Thursday during term time. We have up to about 20 children. It has proved to be a time of followship and support for the parents/carers as well as their children. This past year we have bought some fun new toys including wooden shop, vet's trolley, washing machine, train set. We have play time, snack time and song time. Father Christmas never fails to visit at Christmas time and the Easter Bunny does not forget too!

Both Mikes Tikes and our 9:30am All age service, have proved valuable resources and links for our baptism families. Here our baptism families have found a place of support and belonging.

Schools visits – We are blessed in that our Rector takes an active role a Governor in two of our local schools (Stoke Primary and Ravensdale Primary).

We are blessed with school visits. This past Christmas hundreds of children and their families came into church for carol services, scratch nativity and even trying on vestments! We all very much enjoyed ourselves. Rev Claire and myself had the very unexpected pleasure of being part of singing group along with the vicar and 2 members of St Margarets church, to entertain the masses at the Christmas end of term festivities at Stoke Primary.

Children, young people, family, church and community coming together, and enjoying the pleasure of God's company, that is my dream. Building those life-giving, life-affirming links.

I am so blessed and privileged that my ministry as a Reader has been moving in this direction and I have been given more responsibility for integrated children's work this past year.

Suzanne Sapiano - Reader – Stoke St Michael's Church



Mother's Union

Mothers' Union is a worldwide community of both women and men, which began over 140 years ago, (in modern times you no longer need to be a mother, married or a woman).

An organisation that promotes and supports family life and aims to make a safer, fairer world for families, and encourages parents to develop the faith of their children, to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service and helps those whose family life has met with adversity.

An organisation that campaigns on social issues regarding families, women and children. It is acknowledged that MU needs to continue to be relevant in today's society where family structures take many forms.

Here at St Michael's we usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00 pm in the Church Centre, there is a varied program, of speakers, discussions, a Christmas meal a summer afternoon tea and prayerful worship, a supportive and pleasant place for fellowship and easy conversation.

We have had some interesting speakers, a Romanian gipsy, a talk on the work of MU in Kapsabet, Kenya, Ball Hill clean up, and a solicitor from the Law Centre.

We have given financially to enable disadvantaged families to have a holiday, provided flowers given on Mothering Sunday and hosted a Diocesan MU meeting here at St Michael's.

Please pray for the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide, and for our branch, as we meet together each month to worship God, enjoy each other's company and support each other at special times and times of illness and sadness. Rev Claire is supportive, we appreciate the times she is able to join us.

For more information contact, Janet Pocklington, (branch leader)



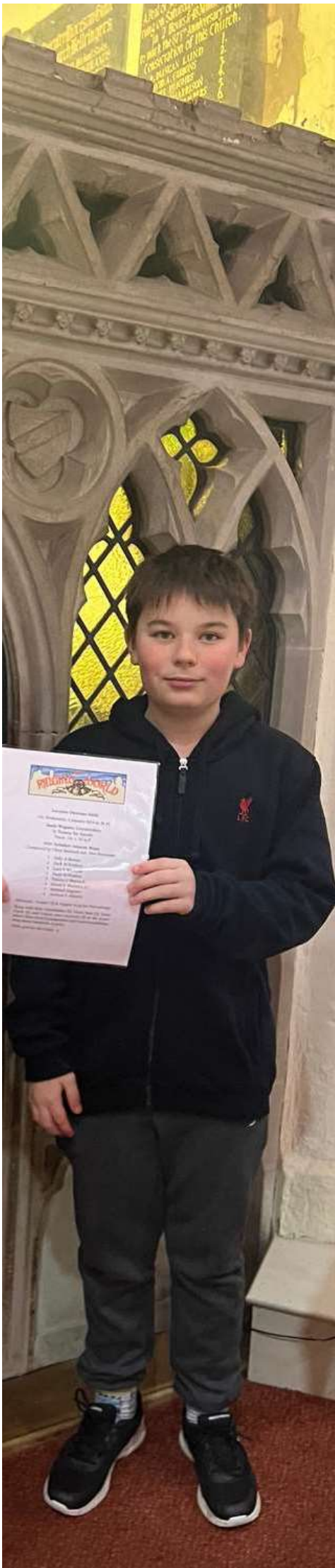
Bell Ringing

The bell ringing activities at St Michael's have thrived throughout the past year continuing to provide a very audible indication of various activities at the Church to those close enough within the local community to hear the bells. This is down to the dedication and commitment of the relatively few people who are the regular members of our band of ringers. Our prime focus remains ringing before the Sunday morning Eucharist and ensuring that there is ringing at other major Church festivals. There was not a single Sunday during the past year when we have not been able to meet this weekly commitment. There are also our weekly practices on a Wednesday evening that ensure we can undertake various aspects of teaching and training to ensure the continuing high standards of both the ringing heard as well its technical complexity that provides greater satisfaction and progress to those who partake in it.

Ringing remains a public expectation for major national events. This year we had the joyous occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III. The bells were rung at various times throughout this extended weekend in celebration of what was a first event of its kind in the ringing lifetime of all of those taking part here at Stoke. This is not the only more "social aspect" of ringing we undertake and explains why there may well be ringing at times when there are no other activities in the Church. Quite a lot of this ringing is there to help consolidate learning by providing some extended extra practice time. As ringers we also like to have celebratory ringing, and take part in it, for major events in our own lives. Most notable this year was a full peal in honour of our tower captain Ray Sheasby's 60thanniversary of starting to learn bell ringing.

As many of us ring and support ringing on a regular basis elsewhere within the local area, we are well known as a tower and one that is usually readily available to others for additional practice time. Helping in ensuring a longer term future of ringing in general, we have regular gatherings of young ringers from across the Diocese for their special practices. All three of our youngsters, Noah, Oliver & Zack Poulton, are key members of this activity and show the benefits they derive from being totally supported, together with the opportunities provided, by all our own very well experienced ringers. Noah & Zack both rang their first full peal in January this year although for various reasons it was at their great grandmother tower of South Wigston in Leicester, this being a truly noteworthy achievement at their age that also received good coverage within national ringing reportage.

With all this positive activity going on, then the negative aspect to report is the gradual deterioration of the bell fittings themselves. As many of the band age this makes the physical aspects of ringing the bells more challenging and will eventually become a limiting factor in our ability to continue to manage the bells to the standards we set ourselves.



Looking forwards towards keeping our level of activity in succeeding years, and indeed for future generations, then we need to keep training new ringers. This is far easier when the band is, as at present, in a strong state rather than when numbers are already below a critical mass. We are part of the wider community in Stoke, and we hope an activity that is well cherished, so would be keen to be part of any initiatives to get more local people involved as volunteers for the many diverse activities here at Stoke, all of which would also welcome additional support.

In common with all activities these days in church, voluntary or otherwise, then we are obliged to meet numerous requirements and regulations that cover a diverse range of secular aspects of the modern world and this encompasses, amongst others, the fields of Safeguarding, Health & Safety and GDPR. We as ringers have ensured compliance with the most recent recommendations on Safeguarding and an agreed implementation for ringing specific matters.

As ever the offer of educating the wider congregation is there should any other church group wish to include something about ringing, or bells in general, as part of their programme. Equally, we are quite happy to see visitors on a Wednesday evening who have any interest in knowing more about us, especially anyone who has previously rung and now finds they have the time to re-acquaint themselves with this service to the Church and absorbing pastime. We remain very grateful to Rev Claire, particularly with her very complimentary social media posts, and the rest of the Church for their interest and active support for our activities and ability to exercise our skills with little restriction.

Andrew Alldrick on behalf of Stoke St Michael's Bell Ringers



Safeguarding

Here at Stoke St Michael's (SSM) we seek to ensure we create a safe culture and environment for all who worship and visit both our Church and Church Centre. I thank Rev Claire, Rev Dan and our PCC for all their support since I was appointed to the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) in April 2023

Safeguarding in the Church of England has had a high profile in the media during 2023 due to safeguarding investigations in other Dioceses that were extensively reported on social media and in the press. Professor Alexis Jay was appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2023 to report on how the Church should structure its safeguarding systems, the focus being on how to achieve a safeguarding body that was independent of the Church. Professor Jay published her report at the beginning of Feb 2024 commenting that the challenge to us all is how our safeguarding structures and processes reach the same standards throughout all the Dioceses. The report was discussed at General Synod on Feb 24th. Synod decided not to immediately adopt Professor Jay's recommendation of creating two independent charities to carry out and scrutinise the Church's safeguarding work in favour of further consultation.

There have been a number of referrals to our safeguarding team at Diocesan level. They have supported both myself and Rev Claire in the actions taken to both prevent and ensure safety for those in our midst.
I have attended several training events with the diocesan safeguarding trainer via zoom including an induction session for new PSO's and an in person evening to meet the diocesan safeguarding team along with other PSO's from around the diocese.

My main tasks this year have firstly been to raise awareness of safeguarding within our parish. Rev Claire allowed me to speak at all three services on 19 November 2023, designated as Safeguarding Sunday.



I shared what my role as PSO entails, what we currently have in place at SSM and what we are working towards achieving. I produced a quick reference guide to safeguarding at SSM which was handed out at the services and continues to be available at the back of church.There is also a folder at the back of church with a current copy of The Parish Safeguarding Handbook and details of the National Safeguarding Standards that the Church of England wants all parishes to achieve in its safeguarding work Secondly I keep our parish dashboard that reports to the diocese up to date. This system requires me to continually report our progress ensuring as a parish we are compliant with our national and diocesan policies and procedures. Currently our score is 84% we are fully compliant in five areas and have actions still to complete in three areas.
Areas I report on are:

• Annually the PCC review, approve and adopt required safeguarding policies and procedures.
• These documents and information are displayed in church as required
• Those in leadership positions both paid and voluntary confirm they understand their role in safeguarding
• Church leaders and volunteers complete mandatory training renewable every 3 years – some training has stillto be completed
• Annually the PCC review and authorise each church activity/group e.g. choir, bell ringers, Mikes Tikes. Each activity requires a risk assessment that is reviewed annually. Where appropriate all DBS checks have been completed. Since January 2024 all leaders and members of church groups are required to confirm they have read and followed section 11 of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook entitled A Safe Environment and Activities – this is currently a work in progress
• Since January 2024 the PCC has authorised a list of non- church activities e.g. Slimming World, craft group, Kings Church etc. that take place in our church buildings and grounds. Groups now have to sign a hire agreement that includes a safeguarding addendum
• The PCC receive and approve a safeguarding action planderived from the parish dashboard at each PCC meeting. A safeguarding report is given to the APCM

In conclusion I expect that SSM will receive a safeguarding audit in 2024 to see how we are performing particularly as it is likely that more changes are on the way that will determine how the Church of England will expect dioceses and parishes to manage safeguarding in 2024 and beyond

Audrey Alldrick – Parish Safeguarding Officer



Administrative Information

Name of Charity:
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

Working name:
Stoke St Michael PCC

Contact: Mrs Claire Thompson (PCC Secretary)
Rector: Rev'd Claire-Louise McArthur
Assistant Curate: Rev'd Dr Daniel Bennett (until October 2023)
Readers
Suzanne Sapiano
Janet Pocklington
Ann Brown
Christopher Dronfield
Sue Morris

Ex Officio PCC Members:
Churchwardens:
Christopher Dronfield
Jim McKay

Deanery Synod Representatives:
Neal McGrattan (Deputy Churchwarden)
Glynis Wood

Elected PCC Members:
Graham Medd, Ann Brown, Claire Thompson Nicola Hopkins
Angela Dronfield, Janet Pocklington, Suzanne Sapiano,
Adrian Williams, Alice Chapman and Audrey Alldrick

Bankers:
Lloyds Bank Plc - High Street Branch Coventry CV1 5RE

Independent Examiner:
Mark Spafford FCCA, Luckmans Ducket Parker Ltd,
1110 Elliot Court, Herald Avenue, Coventry Business Park, Coventry CV5 6UB

Approved by the PCC on 18th June 2024 and duly signed ..... by Rev'd Claire McArthur on their behalf. Date 29th August 2024

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 21 to 30.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M D SPAFFORD

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Date: 4TH September 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL, COVENTRY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	49,081	12,770	61,851	228,374
Activities for generating funds	3	4,578	-	4,578	1,730
Income from investments	4	45	-	45	13
Church activities	5	48,300	-	48,300	24,207
Other income	6	2,053	-	2,053	1,921
Total income		104,057	12,770	116,827	256,245
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	136,301	12,770	149,071	125,345
Raising funds	8	1,590	-	1,590	8,422
Total expenditure		137,891	12,770	150,661	133,767
Net movement in funds for the year		(33,834)	-	(33,834)	122,478
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(33,834)	-	(33,834)	122,478
Funds brought forward	15	594,463	23	594,486	472,008
Funds carried forward	15	560,629	23	560,652	594,486

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL, COVENTRY
BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		369,621		377,164
Current assets					
Debtors	13	29,623		20,391	
Short term deposits		1,000		1,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		167,447		201,577	
		198,070		222,968	
Creditors:					
amounts falling due within one year	14	(7,039)		(5,646)	
Net current assets			191,031		217,322
Net assets			560,652		594,486
Funds					
Restricted funds	15		23		23
Unrestricted funds:					
- other charitable funds	15		560,629		594,463
			560,652		594,486

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes 1 to 18 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that operate independently and/or owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds
Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trustor bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be spent on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income recognition
All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income and capital sources
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Investment income
Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments
Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1 **Accounting policies (continued)**

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party. All expenditure is classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding obligation of the PCC.

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross..

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Tangible fixed assets are dpreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives as follows:

Centre Improvements	- 50 years
Sound system	- 5 years
Office equipment	- 10 years
Solar panels	- 7 years

Short term deposits
These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank repayable within six months notice.

For the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
2	**Voluntary income**				
	Planned giving:				
	Gift Aid donations and planned giving	38,021	-	38,021	39,361
	Income tax recoverable	4,689	-	4,689	10,149
	Collections (open plate) all services	4,732	-	4,732	4,127
	Donations, appeals, etc.	1,639	134	1,773	3,467
	Legacies	-	-	-	-
	Grants	-	12,636	12,636	171,270
		49,081	12,770	61,851	228,374
3	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	4,578	-	4,578	1,730
4	**Income from investments**				
	Bank and CCLA Deposit fund interest	45	-	45	13
5	**Church activities**				
	Fees	14,642	-	14,642	13,718
	Centre lettings etc	29,001	-	29,001	8,561
	Lunch Clubs	3,768	-	3,768	1,209
	Groups Activities	877	-	877	719
	Sundry income	12	-	12	-
		48,300	-	48,300	24,207
6	**Other income**				
	Solar panels	2,053	-	2,053	1,921

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	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	2022 £
7 Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:	17	355	-	355	964
Ministry:					
- diocesan quota		61,250	-	61,250	61,250
Church running expenses		4,379	1,136	5,515	3,333
Other church running costs		6,648	-	6,648	9,541
Upkeep of services		12,927	-	12,927	13,076
Upkeep of churchyard		356	-	356	891
Centre running costs		13,425	-	13,425	13,665
Centre refurbishment		1,236	-	1,236	-
Community activities and other		9,561	-	9,561	6,984
Office expenses		7,551	-	7,551	7,808
Nurture and miscellaneous		1,724	134	1,858	1,461
Non apportioned Staff costs		7,456	11,500	18,956	4,452
Depreciation		7,543	-	7,543	-
Independent examiner's fees		-			
- independent examination		1,890	-	1,890	1,920
		136,301	12,770	149,071	125,345
8 Raising funds					
Fundraising expenese		1,590	-	1,590	8,422
9 Staff costs					
Wages and salaries				18,185	8,904
Social security costs				-	-
Pension costs				771	-
				18,956	8,904
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.					
Average number of employees				1	1

10 Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

The payments made to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No PCC members received any remuneration for acting as a trustee during the year.
As allowed under our governing document no PCC members/trustee received any remunerationfor services to the charity (2022 one £7,947).
No PCC members/trustees were paid any expenses (2022 Nil).
There were no related party transactions

11 Operating leases

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases

i)	not later than one year;	1,499	-
ii)	later than one year and not later than five years;	5,245	-
iii)	later than five years.	-	-

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Centre improvements £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
1 January 2023	377,164	3,052	380,216
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
31 December 2023	377,164	3,052	380,216
Depreciation			
1 January 2023	-	3,052	3,052
Charge for year	7,543	-	7,543
Disposals	-	-	-
31 December 2023	7,543	3,052	10,595
Net book amount			
31 December 2023	369,621	-	369,621
31 December 2022	377,164	-	377,164

	2023 £	2022 £
13 Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Income tax recoverable	23,289	18,600
Other debtors	6,334	1,791
	29,623	20,391
14 Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	7,039	5,646
	7,039	5,646

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15 Analysis of funds

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	166,534	69,250	(120,189)	(17,457)	98,138
Designated funds					
Fixed assets fund	377,164	-	-	(7,543)	369,621
Fabric	50,000	-	-	25,000	75,000
Centre Fund	765	34,807	(17,702)	-	17,870
	427,929	34,807	(17,702)	17,457	462,491
Total unrestricted funds	594,463	104,057	(137,891)	-	560,629
Restricted funds					
Administrator	-	11,500	(11,500)	-	-
Energy	-	1,136	(1,136)	-	-
Dans collection	-	134	(134)	-	-
Ukraine	23	-	-	-	23
	23	12,770	(12,770)	-	23
Total funds	594,486	116,827	(150,661)	-	560,652

Purpose of funds
The general fund represents the free unrestricted funds of the Church avaialable for general use.

The Fixed Assets Fund is the value of unrestricted funds represented by fixed assets.

The Fabric fund is being held for the upkeep of the Fabric of the Church. The Quinquenial Review indicates that there are problems with the roof, church tower etc. which need to be resolved within the next five years.

The Cntre Fund arises from surpluses made by the Centre and will be used for further refurbishment.

The Administrator fund was given towards the cost of the administrator.

The Administrator fund was given towards the cost of the administrator.

Dans collection fund was given towards his leaving present.

The Ukraine fynd was given to support Ukraine.

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16 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	369,621	-	369,621
Net current assets	191,008	23	191,031
	560,629	23	560,652

17 Missionary and charitable giving

	2022	2021
	£	£
DEC re Ukraine	730	-
Climate Stewards	234	-
Sofas and Beyond	-	1,200
Sundry giving re individuals (3)	-	65
	964	1,265

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18 PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	55,291	173,083	228,374	97,420
Activities for generating funds	3	1,730	-	1,730	466
Income from investments	4	13	-	13	1
Church activities	5	24,207	-	24,207	22,315
Other income	6	1,921	-	1,921	1,606
Total income		83,162	173,083	256,245	121,808
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	123,555	1,790	125,345	113,478
Raising funds	8	8,422	-	8,422	11,628
Total expenditure		131,977	1,790	133,767	125,106
Net expenditure before transfers		(48,815)	171,293	122,478	(3,298)
Transfers between funds	15	208,770	(208,770)	-	-
Net movement in funds		159,955	(37,477)	122,478	(3,298)
Funds brought forward	15	434,508	37,500	472,008	475,306
Funds carried forward	15	594,463	23	594,486	472,008

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL, C

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STOKE ST MICHAEL'S
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1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

Stoke, St Michael's Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the churches and church centres at Stoke, St Michael's

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a PCC we subscribe to the threefold Diocesan commitment to worship God, make disciples and transform our communities. The parish seeks, in its own understanding of this vision, to inspire people to be alive to Christ's presence, to worship God and to serve the diverse community of Stoke and Wyken. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

- Worship and prayer - learning about the gospel and the love of Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach to people living in the parish and beyond

To facilitate this work we seek to maintain the fabric of the churches, church centre, and a worshipping presence in several local schools, in addition to this the church is committed to staffing missional projects across the city including, Street Pastors, Carriers of Hope, Clothing Coventry and Coventry Foodbank.



3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

3.1 Electoral Roll 2021/22

The total number of people on the Electoral Roll is 116. The changes in the Electoral Roll since the last report are that 2 people have been added and 4 people have been removed.
Malcolm Vanston-Rumney, Electoral Roll Officer

3.2 Attendance at Services

The average weekly worshipping attendance in October 2022 was as follows:

Adults 85
Children 9

3.3 Digital Engagement

This year we continue to use our digital platforms as a way of promoting what we do and social interaction with our congregation and community. We continue to live stream our services on Facebook.

Website
Overall Page Views 9,365 increase 0.85%
Users 2,635 increase of 2.13%

Facebook
Current page likes 633 an increase of 133 over the year.
Yearly Organic Reach 19.2k (114% increase)
Our top posts were:-
Ukrainian church post 4,365
Christmas Fayre 1,959
Queen Service 1,353
Annual Carol Service 1,147



3.4 WORSHIP AND PRAYER

On Sundays, the following services take place:

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am All Age Worship
11.00am Sung Eucharist

During the week, the following service takes place:
Wednesday 10.00 am Said Communion

Our worship is predominantly Eucharistic but our 9.30 is all age worship where we have communion once a month. All worship, priestly and pastoral work is supported by a strong team of Readers and our Curate.

Once a month our Mother's Union group meet in the centre for worship and fellowship.



3.5 BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

As well as our regular services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; and through funeral services, friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

The following services took place:

Baptisms 15
Weddings 3
Funerals 26
Interments 10



4. REPORTS

Churchwardens Review 2022

The role of churchwarden is a privilege, one which Jim and I are both thankful and proud to carry out. I hope that we can continue to serve this church and, for my part I look forward to writing this report next year as I am excited at what lies ahead. We have, just about, come out the other end of the most challenging time certainly in my history at St Michael's and I'm sure for most others too.

The keen-eyed amongst you might spot those words as oddly familiar. That's because they come from the review I wrote last year. As I do, when writing these reports, I went back and reviewed what I had previously wrote and this particular paragraph stuck out.

It is good to reflect upon.

It is still a privilege to serve this church, 'our home', in the capacity of churchwarden. We most certainly did face some of our biggest challenges prior to 2022 and I think I was right to be excited about what would lie ahead in 2022 and beyond.

We can probably say that 2022 marked the real return to 'normal' in that we started and ended the year together, with no governmentally enforced separations. And what a relief that was!



Whilst it may not be an exact science I can tell you that compared to 2021, 2022 saw the following:

Weds 10.00am, 13.3% increase in attendance
Sunday 8.00am, attendance unchanged
Sunday 9.30am, 11.8% increase in attendance
Sunday 11.00am, 11.1% increase in attendance

In the sense that we spent the year together, that we saw many old friends return to worshipping together in person and we welcomed new members to our family, I think we can look back on 2022 with some joy and hope for continued growth in 2023, welcoming more new and returning Christians to St Michael's.

When we look back at the events of 2022, as with most years it had some ups and some downs. I'll try to briefly summarise some of those ups and downs:

The world was shook when we saw Russia invade the Ukraine early in the year, we mourned together when we said goodbye to the Queen – a mainstay in many people's lives throughout the entirety of it, and closer to home we said goodbye to our dear friend Sarah Little who had served on the PCC/DCC and Synod for many years.

Despite those difficult times, we were blessed with some positive experiences throughout the year.

We were able to once again visit Holy Island on retreat.

We returned to church for Easter, worshipping in the round during Holy Week and enjoying a rendition of Handel's Messiah by our hard-working, committed choir. We also celebrated as Noah was confirmed during the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral.

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As part of Dan's project we built bug hotels within the churchyard – becoming internet famous featuring on Coventry Diocese's first TikTok on the way, before being awarding a Bronze Eco Church certification in December.

With many others across the country we celebrated 'Platy Jubes' as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration in June, holding a picnic and party in church (as our wonderful English weather didn't get the memo!).

We gave thanks to Malcolm for 5 years as our Parish Administrator and welcomed Lynda into the role later on in the year.

In November we held our Christmas Fayre, raising £1500 for the church funds.

And finally, saving the best till last, we reopened the Centre following a wonderful refurbishment that was spearheaded by Rev Claire, Jim and our fundraiser, Anne-Marie. It is fair to say that the building is now fit for purpose, in great condition and something that will help aid and support the mission of God in the community of Stoke for many, many years to come.

I'm sure you will all have your own recollections of 2022 and doubtless I've missed the odd thing out - if I've forgotten anything you will have to forgive me. Importantly in 2022, things felt like they were happening again, people were returning to the family, people were joining the family, we started planning once again for the future and it felt like we finally were getting back to the mission and that was reason enough to be excited.

With the re-formation of our social committee, more activities planned in and around church, ideas for new growth, development of our worship and our community activities I have every hope that 2023 will make the most of the springboard of 2022 and see our family grow and flourish.



Finally, it goes without saying that we owe a debt of gratitude to Rev Claire for all her hard work and passion, to Rev Dan and his continued development and commitment to St Mike's, to our ministry team, the choir, our admin teams, everyone who helps with teas and coffees, our sidespersons and many more.

We're blessed to have a wonderful, loving, sometimes kooky, sometimes serious, sometimes silly, sometimes sensible but always special, family here at St Mike's and I'm once again filled with excitement for what comes next.

In friendship and fellowship,
Chris Dronfield



Fabric Report 2022/23

Church

The roof repair located next to the kitchen area at the rear of Church has been resolved. Damp and peeling paintwork was been inspected by the contractor in December 2022, and he advised to wait until April 2023 to carry out redecoration, when warmer weather conditions will help dry out the paintwork more quickly. The dates for this work will need to be finalised, and will mean some disruption to the tea/coffee and seating area when the scaffolding is put up.

The Boiler and Heating system has been serviced for this year.

The Stonework continues to be inspected, and small pieces of sandstone do, from time to time become detached, but at present does not pose a risk to persons walking on the pathways.

Vestry

Refurbishment of the Vestry is still at the planning stage, and decisions are yet to be made about what is needed by the different groups that use it.

Community Centre

Our newly refurbished Centre was handed back to us in August 2022, and continues to attract new long term bookings and welcome back exsisting hirers who have returned delighted with the new look and facilities.

Bishop Christopher officially opened our new Centre on 24th September 2022.

Churchyard

A bug hotel has been introduced by the All Age Worship Service members. Several bird boxes have been installed.

We have several potholes in the drive and car park which need to be filled.

Future plans include having the car park completely resurfaced, and new parking bays re-lined.

CCTV cameras have been installed to cover the Centre and car park, to deter and identify any criminal activity.

Jim Mckay
Church Warden



Music and St Michael's

The choir has enjoyed another active year with various special services and a couple of ventures to other churches. Easter 2022 saw, on Good Friday, our presenting a number of choruses from 'Messiah' appropriate to the season. This had actually been planned for 2020 but Covid had put paid to that! It was lovely to be joined by friends from Southam who swelled our tenor and bass sections, mezzo soprano Emily Campbell and organist Tim Campain who further enhanced the proceedings with particularly moving singing from Emily.

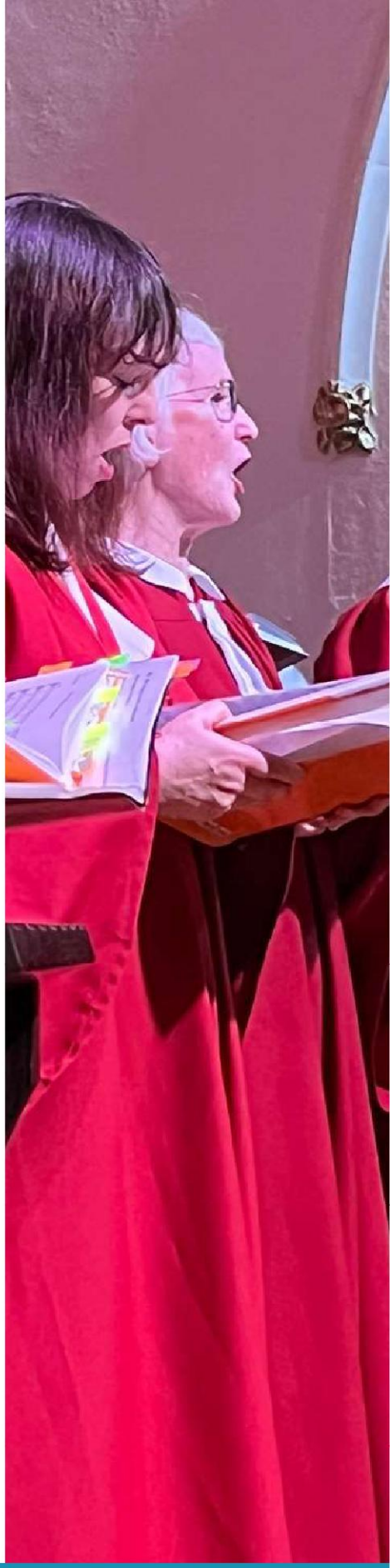
May saw some of us venturing over the border to Warwickshire, Wolston to be exact, where we sang at a wedding and 'visiting services' were also provided in a similar way for a wedding at St Mary's, Walsgrave in August. There have been a few weddings at SSM but numbers of church weddings seem to be generally down these days compared with years gone by.

Although interest has been expressed in many quarters for a regular, perhaps three monthly choral evensong service and 'the spirit is willing', we have encountered a few obstacles and only sung one such service this year on October 9th. Nov 6th however did see us singing for the annual, very poignant service for All Souls.

Returning to the subject of 'Messiah,' as our previous offering had been so enjoyable and well received, we repeated the format with music relevant to Advent on December 2nd. The carol service followed hard on its heels but despite this, the choir acquitted themselves well as they generally do!

As far as membership of our choir is concerned, we have welcomed Alice, Marion, Kevin and Richard during the course of this year. We also saw long standing member Faith progress to pastures new as she continues her musical studies in Chichester, but I am pleased to say that she plans to be with us in vacations.

Work in progress currently is a reflective service for Good Friday evening which will feature extracts from Faure's Requiem and music by Elgar, Pergolesi, Sterndale-Bennett and Lloyd-Webber. Linda Green, Director



Mother's Union

Mothers' Union is a wonderful worldwide community of both women and men, which began over 140 years ago, (in modern times you no longer need to be a mother, married or a woman).

An organisation that promotes and supports family life and aims to make a safer, fairer world for families, and encourages parents to develop the faith of their children, to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service and helps those whose family life has met with adversity.

An organisation that campaigns on social issues regarding families, women and children. It is acknowledged that MU needs to continue to be relevant in today's society where family structures take many forms.

Here at St Michael's we usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm in the Church Centre. There has been a varied programme, of speakers, discussions, a Christmas meal and summer afternoon tea and prayerful worship, a supportive and pleasant place for fellowship and easy conversation.

We have given financially to enable disadvantaged families to have a holiday, Coffee Tots and to a women's refuge in Azerbaijan and we hosted a Diocesan MU meeting here at St Michael's.

After a quiet two years due to the pandemic it has been great to meet again, it has been a time of real joy for our ladies who were not able to go out much and socialise so to be with friends for prayer, chat, and a cup of tea has been good.

Please pray for the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide, and for our branch as we meet together each month to worship God, enjoy each other's company and support each other at special times and times of sadness.
Rev Claire is supportive and has become very much a part of our gatherings.

For more information contact, Janet Pocklington, (branch leader)



Bell Ringing

It has been a busy year for the bell ringers. We are very much back to the norms of pre-covid times with no restrictions and our freedom to do as much ringing as we can find energy for. The prime focus of this activity is regular ringing for the Sunday morning Eucharist usually fitting it in after the All Age Service but also ensuring we get the timing right on major festival days when the services are amalgamated into one at a more convenient time. We also ensure that other mid-week festivals or special events in the church are marked with ringing, reminding those within the closer environs of the Church that it is a living part of the community when worship or other events are taking place.

There is also the public expectation that national events are marked with bells ringing out across the Parish. It was a mixed year in this respect. We were all jubilant for the planned Queen's Platinum Jubilee events including a little ringing background to the party in church. In September we joined with the nation in providing the sombre sound of ringing half-muffled bells and single bell tolling following the Queen's death. Ringing took place at various times during the subsequent period of mourning and the state funeral. None of the ringers here are old enough to have been ringing in 1952 so it was an unique experience for all of us. Our three youngest members did an equal share in this ringing, both at Stoke and other places where they regularly ring, managing to be featured for all their efforts in the national weekly bell ringers' journal that is published.

We continue to practise each week on a Wednesday evening. Our less experienced ringers continue their learning progress with improving and honing their ringing skills. It has also meant that the rest of us are kept on our toes as they approach our more experienced ringers level of technical complexity meaning that we are all having to catch up on what the couple of years away from ringing does for one's skills. All this hard work and dedication clearly shows in the high standard of ringing we achieve at all times as well as the technical complexity of what we can ring although this later aspect will not necessarily be apparent to those listening outside.



Outside all this time spent with regular commitments, we do find time for more recreational ringing which is often a good opportunity to consolidate the learning done or just being sociable with a group of like minded ringers and not just from this tower. The ringers are grateful for having permission for such activities so readily granted. This may well explain the times when ringing is heard but there is nothing else obviously taking place in Church.

The work on the bells previously identified is known to be on the PCC's agenda for the coming months. A fuller report has been produced for their consideration. This needs to be coordinated within an overall plan for works on the tower and all items at this end of the Church, an area and facilities of which only really the ringers make much use.

2023 will be a year of continuing to develop the band at Stoke. We also have the Coronation weekend ringing to plan and look forward to. As ever the offer of educating the wider congregation is there should any other church group wish to include something about ringing, or bells in general, as part of their programme. We remain very grateful to Rev Claire and the whole church for their interest and active support for our activities and ability to exercise our skills with little restriction.

Andrew Alldrick on behalf of Stoke St Michael's Bell Ringers



Safeguarding

Keeping everyone safe is of paramount importance. I am very grateful to have met with our safeguarding officer Dawn throughout the year. We continue to risk assess our activities in the light of Covid.

This year has seen a number of referrals to the main safeguarding team at Diocesan level and actions have been taken to both prevent and ensure continued safety for those in our midst and deal with safeguarding complaints as they arise. Both Dan and I continue to take part in the Bishop's safeguarding training and the core training as required and where appropriate DBS checks have been carried out. Extra security and lighting have also been added onsite. Rev Claire

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RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on free reserves (if possible) which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments (£55,000), to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time, such as Covid. The balance of free reserves was £354,859 in excess of this. The PCC is constantly reviewing the level of reserves and is currently looking at various essential maintenance and building projects.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Any surplus funds are placed on short-term deposit.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The PCC has continued to review the risks facing the Team, including the types of risk, the potential impact on the Church and means of mitigating these risks. Systems and procedures have been put in place to meet identified risks. The PCC will continue to review risks on an on-going basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In November 2018, the PCC co-opted two additional members as permitted by the Rules, to enable them to have full rights as Parish Representatives in the Appointment process. All who attend our services on a regular basis are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and be eligible to stand for election to the District Church Councils and the Parochial Church Council.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how funds of the Team are to be spent. When meeting as representatives of the districts, our clergy and PCC consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish of Caludon is situated in the Coventry East Deanery and is part of the Diocese of Coventry within the Church of England

The correspondence address for the PCC is 365a Walsgrave Road, Coventry, CV2 4BG.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1 1 33236.

Administrative Information

Name of Charity:
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

Working name:
Stoke St Michael PCC

Contact: Mrs Claire Thompson (PCC Secretary)
Rector: Rev'd Claire-Louise McArthur
Assistant Curate: Rev'd Dr Daniel Bennett
Readers
Suzanne Sapiano
Janet Pocklington
Ann Brown
Christopher Dronfield
Sue Morris

Ex Officio PCC Members:
Churchwardens:
Christopher Dronfield
Jim McKay

Deanery Synod Representatives:
Sarah Little (Until Feb 2022)
Neal McGrattan (Deputy Churchwarden)
Glynis Wood (April 2022)

Elected PCC Members:
Graham Medd, Ann Brown, Claire Thompson Nicola Hopkins
Angela Dronfield, Janet Pocklington, Suzanne Sapiano,
Adrian Williams, Alice Chapman and Audrey Alldrick

Bankers:
Lloyds Bank Plc - High Street Branch Coventry CV1 5RE

Independent Examiner:
Mark Spafford FCCA, Luckmans Ducket Parker Ltd,
1110 Elliot Court, Herald Avenue, Coventry Business Park, Coventry CV5 6UB

Approved by the PCC on 3/10/23 and duly signed CLA. by Rev'd Claire McArthur on their behalf. Date 9/10/23.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CALUDON, COVENTRY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	55,291	173,083	228,374	97,420
Activities for generating funds	3	1,730	-	1,730	466
Income from investments	4	13	-	13	1
Church activities	5	24,207	-	24,207	22,315
Other income	6	1,921	-	1,921	1,606
Total income		83,162	173,083	256,245	121,808
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	123,555	1,790	125,345	113,478
Raising funds	8	8,422	-	8,422	11,628
Total expenditure		131,977	1,790	133,767	125,106
Net movement in funds for the year		(48,815)	171,293	122,478	(3,298)
Transfers between funds	14	208,770	(208,770)	-	-
Net movement in funds		159,955	(37,477)	122,478	(3,298)
Funds brought forward	14	434,508	37,500	472,008	475,306
Funds carried forward	14	594,463	23	594,486	472,008

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CALUDON, COVENTRY
BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		377,164		-
Current assets					
Debtors	12	20,391		47,067	
Short term deposits		1,000		1,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		201,577		426,892	
		222,968		474,959	
Creditors:					
amounts falling due within one year	13	(5,646)		(2,951)	
Net current assets			217,322		472,008
Net assets			594,486		472,008
Funds					
Restricted funds	14		23		37,500
Unrestricted funds:					
- other charitable funds	14		594,463		434,508
			594,486		472,008

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes 1 to 17 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that operate independently and/or owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trustor bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be spent on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Investment income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party. All expenditure is classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding obligation of the PCC.

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross..

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Tangible fixed assets are dpreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives as follows:

Centre Improvements	- 50 years
Sound system	- 5 years
Office equipment	- 10 years
Solar panels	- 7 years

Short term deposits
These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank repayable within six months notice.

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
2	**Voluntary income**				
	Planned giving:				
	Gift Aid donations and planned giving	39,361	-	39,361	38,754
	Income tax recoverable	10,149	-	10,149	9,848
	Collections (open plate) all services	4,127	-	4,127	2,278
	Donations, appeals, etc.	1,654	1,813	3,467	4,040
	Legacies	-	-	-	5,000
	Grants	-	171,270	171,270	37,500
		55,291	173,083	228,374	97,420
3	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	1,730	-	1,730	466
4	**Income from investments**				
	Bank and CCLA Deposit fund interest	13	-	13	1
5	**Church activities**				
	Fees	13,718	-	13,718	9,960
	Church hall lettings etc	8,561	-	8,561	10,476
	Lunch Clubs	1,209	-	1,209	1,568
	Groups Activities	719	-	719	56
	Sundry income	-	-	-	255
		24,207	-	24,207	22,315
6	**Other income**				
	Solar panels	1,921	-	1,921	1,606

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	2021 £
7	**Church activities**					
	Missionary and charitable giving:	16	234	730	964	1,265
	Ministry:					
	- diocesan quota		61,250	-	61,250	61,250
	- clergy expenses		-	-	-	-
	Church running expenses		3,333	-	3,333	3,051
	Other church running costs		9,541	-	9,541	5,959
	Upkeep of services		12,016	1,060	13,076	8,080
	Upkeep of churchyard		891	-	891	4,644
	Centre running costs		13,665	-	13,665	12,208
	Equipment repair and renewal		-	-	-	-
	Centre refurbishment		-	-	-	933
	Community activities and other		6,984	-	6,984	2,312
	Office expenses		7,808	-	7,808	6,065
	Nurture and miscellaneous		1,461	-	1,461	1,379
	Non apportioned Staff costs		4,452	-	4,452	3,932
	Depreciation		-	-	-	-
	Independent examiner's fees		-			
	- independent examination		1,920	-	1,920	2,400
			123,555	1,790	125,345	113,478
8	**Raising funds**					
	Fundraising expenese		8,422	-	8,422	11,628
9	**Staff costs**					
	Wages and salaries				8,904	7,864
	Social security costs				-	-
	Pension costs				-	-
					8,904	7,864
	No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.					
	Average umber of employees				1	1

10 Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

The payments made to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No PCC members received any remuneration for acting as a trustee during the year.
As allowed under our governing document one PCC member/trustee received in total £7,947 for services to the charity (2021 one £7,864).
No PCC members/trustees were paid any expenses (2021 Nil).
There were no related party transactions

For the year ended 31 December 2022

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Centre improvements £	Fixtures & equipment £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
1 January 2022	-	31,761	3,052	34,813
Additions	377,164	-	-	377,164
Disposals	-	(31,761)	-	(31,761)
31 December 2022	377,164	-	3,052	380,216
Depreciation				
1 January 2022	-	31,761	3,052	34,813
Charge for year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(31,761)	-	(31,761)
31 December 2022	-	-	3,052	3,052
Net book amount				
31 December 2022	377,164	-	-	377,164
31 December 2021	-	-	-	-

	2022 £	2021 £
12 Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Income tax recoverable	18,600	28,368
Other debtors	1,791	18,699
	20,391	47,067
13 Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	5,646	2,951
	5,646	2,951

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14 Analysis of funds

	Balance 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2022 £
Bunrestricted funds					
General funds	409,858	71,819	(117,348)	(197,795)	166,534
Designated funds					
Fixed assets fund	-	-	-	377,164	377,164
Fabric	1,599	-	-	48,401	50,000
Centre Fund	23,051	11,343	(14,629)	(19,000)	765
	24,650	11,343	(14,629)	406,565	427,929
Total unrestricted funds	434,508	83,162	(131,977)	208,770	594,463
Restricted funds			-		
Community Hall (Centre)					
Refurbishment Project Fund	37,500	171,270	-	(208,770)	-
Flowers	-	40	(40)	-	-
Ukraine	-	753	(730)	-	23
Music	-	1,020	(1,020)	-	-
	37,500	173,083	(1,790)	(208,770)	23
Total funds	472,008	256,245	(133,767)	-	594,486

Transfer of funds
The Community Hall Project known as the Centre was completed in the year and capitalised.
As the purpose of the restricted funds has been met these funds have have been released to unrestricted funds.

Purpose of funds
The general fund represents the free unrestricted funds of the Church avaialable for general use.

The Fixed Assets Fund is the value of unrestricted funds represented by fixed assets.

The Fabric fund is being held for the upkeep of the Fabric of the Church. The Quinquenial Review indicates that there are problems with the roof, church tower etc. which need to be resolved within the next five years.

The Cntre Fund arises from surpluses made by the Centre and will be used for further refurbishment.

The Community Hall (Centre) Refurbishment Projected Fund is for the refurbishment of te Community Hall.
Grants were received in the year from

Landfill Communities Fund	99,820
The Veolia Env. Trust	**37,500**
Garfield Weston	**15,000**
The Bernard Sunley Grant	**10,000**
Coventry General Charities	**3,450**
Albert Hunt SP	**2,000**
29th May Charitable Trust	**2,000**
The Michael Marsh Michael Marsh Trust	**1,500**
	171,270

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15 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	377,164	-	377,164
Net current assets	217,299	23	217,322
	594,463	23	594,486

16 Missionary and charitable giving

	2022	2021
	£	£
DEC re Ukraine	730	-
Climate Stewards	234	-
Sofas and Beyond	-	1,200
Sundry giving re individuals (3)	-	65
	964	1,265

17 PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income					
Voluntary income		59,920	37,500	97,420	409,438
Activities for generating funds		466	-	466	-
Income from investments		1	-	1	5
Church activities		22,315	-	22,315	18,144
Other income		1,606	-	1,606	1,975
Total income		84,308	37,500	121,808	429,562
Expenditure					
Church activities		113,478	-	113,478	108,346
Raising funds		11,628	-	11,628	864
Total expenditure		125,106	-	125,106	109,210
Net movement in funds		(40,798)	37,500	(3,298)	320,352
Funds brought forward		475,306	-	475,306	154,954
Funds carried forward		434,508	37,500	472,008	475,306

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5. Account Summary

1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

Stoke, St Michael's Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the churches and church centres at Stoke St Michael;

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a PCC we subscribe to the threefold Diocesan commitment to worship God, make disciples and transform community. The parish seeks, in its own understanding of this vision, to inspire people to be alive to Christ's presence, to worship God and to serve the diverse community of Stoke and Wyken. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

- **Worship and prayer** - where we learn about the gospel and the love of Jesus
- **Provision of pastoral care** for people living in the parish.
- **Mission and Outreach** to people living in the parish and beyond

To facilitate this work we seek to maintain the fabric of the churches, church centre, and a worshipping presence in several local schools, in addition to this the church is committed to staffing missional projects across the city including, Street Pastors, Carriers of Hope and Coventry Night Shelter.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

3.1 Electoral Roll 2021/22

The total number of people on the Electoral Roll is 118. The changes in the Electoral Roll since the last report are that 2 people have been added and 1 person has been removed.

Malcolm Vanston-Rumney, Electoral Roll Officer

3.2 Attendance at Services

The average weekly worshipping attendance in October 2021 was as follows:

	Adults	Children
St Michael's	81	7

3.3 Digital Engagement

Digital continues to play a major role in our worship at Stoke St Michael's with our Wednesday and our 11.00 service being live streamed.

Our average online service reach per week for the month of October was 165.

Website –

Overall Page Views 9,286 decrease of 20%

Users 2,580 increase of 25%

Covid Page – 1,370 views decrease of 59%

76% under 34

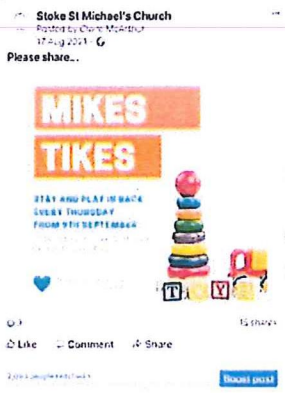
Facebook –

Current page likes 500 an increase of 45 over the year.

Yearly Organic Reach 12.6k (38.9% increase)

Our top posts were:-

Promotion of re-launch of Mike Tikes 2,093 reach



Dawn Service 831

Winter Gallery 800

New Reader Sue 668

Christmas Dinner 543

3.4 Worship and Prayer

On Sundays, the following services take place:

Venue	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
St Michael's	Eucharist	All Age Worship	Eucharist

During the week, the following service takes place:

Venue	Morning
St Michael's	Eucharist (Wed 10am)

The worship is predominantly Eucharistic but our 9.30 is an all age worship where we have communion once a month. All worship and priestly and pastoral work is supported by a strong team of Readers and our Curate.

Once a month our Mother's Union group meet in the centre for worship and fellowship.

3.5 Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

As well as our regular services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; and through funeral services, friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

The following services took place:

Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals
8	3	18

4. Reports

Churchwardens Review

Each year that I write this report I use a specific method to review the year and grab the 'headlines'. I log on to Facebook and scroll through to look at what we have done from January 1st to December 31st. For my last report that was something of a sobering act. We had spent vast swathes of 2020 in lockdown and the act of scrolling through Facebook didn't actually take that long – suggesting, as you will know, that 2020 was a year that we were quite limited in what we were able to achieve. I'm pleased then to begin this years' report by saying that task took significantly longer this time and, unusually, I'm very glad it did!

That is not to say that 2021 was a year without disruption. Indeed, we began the year having to make the difficult decision to close the church for in-person worship from January until March but, thankfully that marked what we continue to hope and pray will be the last closure we see.

Pleasingly, as we have returned to worshipping in person we are gradually seeing more people returning to church, although I suspect we will see more significant movements in that direction throughout 2022 as we continue to move forward in this 'new-normal'. Furthermore, we continue to have a good online presence and I know many of you have been grateful for the opportunity to worship using the services published online.

For our period of online only worship we offered, as we continue to do, regular weekly services online twice a week and we even held 'Zoom' coffee sessions after our Sunday 11am service. There were some excellent contributions to those services and we thank all those involved.

We did, sadly, have to forego our annual church retreat to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne in 2021 but I am pleased to confirm that we were able to enjoy that once more in 2022 (but that is a report for another year!).

So to some of the highlights:

- In March a number of people helped decorate the centre windows as part of 'window wonderland' and I am sure many of you were warmed by the creative, thoughtful and kind creations on show

- March also saw us returning to worship in-person at our Palm Sunday service and although we weren't quite able to get a donkey to assist us in person we did have a virtual visit from 'Barney the Donkey'
- April saw us return to the Easer Vigil service which was a great experience despite the early hour and we welcomed everyone together for the later 11am service.
- In May we handed over our wedding registers to the registrar – thanks to Sue Morris and Rev Claire for a lot of hard work there.
- Jim and I were commissioned as churchwardens in June and on behalf of everyone I want to say a huge thank you for the work Jim has done. His knowledge and understanding have been crucial as we look to renovate our centre and he's not too shabby on a ride on lawn mower too!
- The first week of July gave us reason to celebrate as Dan was ordained as a Priest and I know you would join in with me to say he has been doing a great job during his curacy here.
- In September we were really thrilled to bring Mike's Tikes back and again a huge thank you goes to everyone who has been involved in bringing it back and leading it – it is a wonderful offering to our community here.
- September also gave us another reason to celebrate as we welcomed Sue Morris on to our ministry team as she was licensed for Reader Ministry. It is great to have her energy and wisdom on the team. We are lucky to have an abundance of readers at St Mike's and I can tell you first hand that at least four of them have done wonderfully in supporting Claire and Dan and ministering to our congregations.
- Some members also joined in with Songs of Praise at the Cathedral.
- We added new, modern and clean signage to the church.
- In October our Lunch Club returned and it was a pleasure to welcome so many back once again for fellowship and food.
- November gave us even more to celebrate as we saw the confirmations of Amos, Florence and Oliver by Bishop John at St Mary's, Walsgrave.
- In December we held our Christmas Sunday lunch which was wonderfully well supported and an event enjoyed by all.

- Finally, in December we welcomed schools back into church for their annual carol services, held our own carol service live and in person, enjoyed welcoming many souls to our Christingle services, had a visit from Santa Claus at Mike's Tikes and got to celebrate the birth of our Lord, together once more.

I am sure I will have missed a few things out and doubtless you will all have your own memories and highlights to 2021.

The role of churchwarden is a privilege, one which Jim and I are both thankful and proud to carry out. I hope that we can continue to serve this church and, for my part I look forward to writing this report next year as I am excited at what lies ahead. We have, just about, come out the other end of the most challenging time certainly in my history at St Michael's and I'm sure for most others too.

We are blessed to have a lovely family here and a community that we can all serve in our own ways. May 2021 be a year for growing God's kingdom and welcoming many news Christians.

Finally, it would not be an annual report without saying thank you to everyone who's worked hard in keeping everything going this past year, but especially I am thankful for Rev Claire (and Rev Dan!) for her work. Behind the scene there's been lots going on with the preparation of the works on the centre, the continued provision of worship and the ever present need for pastoral care within our community. On behalf of us all I want to say a big thank you for a job well done.
Blessings
Chris

Chris Dronfield and Jim McKay

Rector's Report

I can't say that this has been an easy year as your Rector, the stop-start nature of covid has played a major component in our ability to worship as a community and to do much of the planned outreach we would have liked.

I am pleased that going forward I will not have to complete the many risk assessments to keep us all safe, I want to say a big thank you to Dawn our Safeguarding Officer and to the PCC for your support and wise and timely decision making throughout the year. This enabled us to keep one another safe and we had no outbreaks of covid due to our face-to face contact.

At the start of the year we relied very heavily on the use of digital media, to keep in touch with one another and to hold Zoom meetings for worship, fellowship and our planning and PCC Meetings.

There has been a huge amount of pastoral care required during this time as we have all struggled with the impact of covid and the lack of social interaction. It is down to our own individual supportive relationships that we have managed to come through this without losing too many of our regularly worshippers. I am also conscious of many families struggling and as a church body we have supported many families over the year through the donations of food, clothing and finance.

In the churchwarden's report you can read about many of the activities that have taken place despite covid. This said it needs to be noted that it has taken a huge amount of work to get our regular activities back up and running.

One area that I need to further mention is our work with our local schools, being Governor at two schools takes a lot of my time, but it is rewarding, and it has been great to support Ravensdale and Stoke Primary as they have continued to nurture the young people of our parish during the pandemic.

The refurbishment of the centre has also been a challenge but we were delighted when our fundraiser Anna Marie secured grants of £170k to enable this work to start.

We have also continued to support Coventry Foodbank, Clothing Coventry and Carriers of hope through volunteering and donations.

Although this report ends in December 2021, we acknowledge the sad death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022.

Rev Claire

Choir Report

If we all thought that 2020-21 was just the most surreal year ever, I'm not entirely sure if 2021-2 was much less so. I find that my memory of what has been happening with the choir is really quite hazy; time scales seem to become distorted when the normal rhythm of life is disturbed. Luckily I keep a record of all planning and choir practices so it was relatively easy to see how our return to something called reality has been faring.

This time last year saw the choir being able to operate with restricted numbers due to the famous 'social distancing' so there were in effect 3 separate choirs with about 6 singers in each. In retrospect this was beneficial as there was 'no hiding place' and shrinking from feeling exposed as a singer was not an option! I think we have seen improvements in confidence partly as a result of this. We reintroduced anthems even with the reduced numbers which was appreciated by the congregation. I was just grateful that we had ditched communications on Zoom as I don't think anyone had enjoyed this very much.

It looks from my records that we all piled back into the choir stalls again in June with partial rejoicing. I think the choir had in a way enjoyed their temporary quarters at the back of the church as they found it easier to hear each other and at least the congregation had had the benefit of 'surround sound' rather than it being in their right ears!

By September we were looking more or less like the pre-Covid choir though two members have unfortunately not returned. This however leads me to mention our most recent addition, who needs no introduction, in the form of Zoey who I don't think has missed a choir practice since birth! The Sherwood family are to be congratulated on their loyalty to this choir. I can remember Keith, Margaret's late husband plus the boys singing in the 70's, then Helen, then Sam and now Zoey (well, almost singing - the potential is certainly there!) I wonder if this is a record?

I haven't said much about the music but I think we were all happy to see the return of our traditional carol service despite the masks. (We have got singing with them down to a fine art now but CAN'T WAIT to be rid of them!) You may remember that just after 'lockdown' we were to have sung excerpts from 'Messiah' on Good Friday 2020. This of-course did not happen but is now going to, in 2022. I am hoping that there will not be a fine to pay as we have borrowed the library scores for two years now!! In conclusion I think we can say that it is business as usual for our choir and we have been lucky to emerge from the crisis

relatively unscathed. Note to readers - are there any tenors or basses out there who would like to join us? Apply below.

Linda Green

Mothers' Union Report

Mothers' Union is a wonderful worldwide community of both women and men, which began 140 years ago, (in modern times you no longer need to be a mother, married or a woman).

An organisation that promotes and supports family life and aims to make a safer, fairer world for families, and encourages parents to develop the faith of their children, to maintain a world wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service and helps those whose family life has met with adversity.

An organisation that campaigns on social issues regarding families, women and children. It is acknowledged that MU needs to continue to be relevant in today's society where family structures take many forms.

The theme this year is transformation

Here at St Michael's we usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm in the Church Centre or currently in church. There has been a varied programme of speakers and prayerful worship, a supportive and pleasant place for fellowship and easy conversation. We have in the past given to The Haven a local Women's Refuge, and given financially to enable disadvantaged families to have a holiday.

It has been a quiet two years due to the pandemic, but we have tried to keep in touch as much as possible with phone calls. We have only just tentatively started to meet again, but this has been a time of real joy for our ladies who have not felt able to go out much and socialise and many have felt quite isolated, so to be with friends for prayer, chat and a cup of tea has been good.

Please pray for the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide, and for our branch as hopefully we get back into a routine of meeting together each month to worship God, enjoy each other's company and support each other.

Rev Claire is supportive and has become very much a part of our gatherings.

For more information contact

Janet Pocklington, (Branch Leader)

Bellringing Report

It is with considerable thankfulness and some relief that our much-cherished bell ringing activities returned to a much more normal pattern during the year as the various relaxations were permitted from the lockdowns imposed to mitigate the ravages of the covid-19 pandemic. The bells were silent from New Year until Easter week, but it was indeed a sign of the better things to come that Easter Day could be marked with the ringing out of the bells, albeit with severe limitations imposed but which we were able to meet with the "Poulton bubble".

Like all church-related organisations there is a "new normality" to which we are all becoming accustomed although this may not suit all and some still maintain great caution to avoid previous levels of contact and involvement. It has been to our advantage here that we have acquired a couple of ringers from local towers where they have not been able to resume their expected ringing activities, and this strengthens our numbers. The most significant advance in the year was when we were allowed to meet for longer ringing on Sundays and resume some form of weekday practices. By the summer it was good to be able to have the freedom to resume the levels of activity which we had been denied for nearly 18 months and this continues. This has meant that the interrupted progress of our less experienced ringers continues to be caught up on, improving and honing all our ringing skills. This clearly shows in the high standard of ringing we achieve at all times as well as the technical complexity of what we can ring although this later aspect will not necessarily be apparent to those listening outside.

Along with the whole nation we mourned the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh with the sounding of the bells at the recommended times although due to the restrictions in force at the time it was not quite in the form that would normally be provided. That it was heard within the parish indicates that there are still times when the general population expects the sounding and ringing of bells to mark "great" occasions and this will indeed be the case for the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Equally we

hope that our week in, week out efforts remind the population that Christian worship is taking place.

The disruptions of this past year mean that work has yet to be undertaken on the bells to improve and maintain them as indicated in a previous year's bell founders report. We look forward to working with the church on funding this and helping minimise cost by our own active involvement as "skilled labourers". The need for such work has been highlighted by a recent unpredictable minor mechanical failure which was easily remedied. The fabric within the base of the tower needs professional inspection for damp ingress as well as attention to the overall poor state of the decoration. All this needs scheduling within an overall plan for works on the tower and all items at this end of the Church.

2022 will be a year of continuing to develop the band at Stoke. Already such progress has been marked by significant achievements. These will continue and for those who are close enough to the church explain why from time to time there is ringing at times that are not related to services, these being the most opportune time for the necessary additional practising. Should any other church group wish to know more about ringing or bells in general as part of their programme now much can resume, we are happy to oblige. We remain very grateful to Rev Claire and the whole church for their interest and active support for our activities and to exercise our skills with little restriction.

Andrew Alldrick on behalf of Stoke St Michael's Bell Ringers

Safeguarding

This year has seen tremendous reliance on the skills and wisdom of our Safeguarding Officer. Meetings between myself and her have taken place throughout the year. We have wrestled with the covid guidance given both locally by our council and also the guidance from the national church. Every activity that we have done has been risk assessed to keep people safe from Covid.

We have had three safeguarding incidents this year, two of those were of serious nature as to seek guidance from the Diocesan safeguarding team and were recorded, acknowledged and appropriate actions taken.

Due to the pandemic many of our DBS checks had expired and those with direct access to vulnerable members of our community were renewed

Safeguarding training was completed by all our Readers.

Rev Claire

Stoke St Michael's Fabric Report for 2021

Church

The dampness on the west wall has not dried out and investigation showed that the lead on the roof might be the cause. The faculty applied for to carry out the remedial work was slightly delayed due to ensuring that the correct materials would be used.

The dampness on the ceiling of the choir vestry may have been fixed with a small job on the vestry roof. We will monitor this, and the redecoration will be delayed.

The church's gas central heating boiler had its annual service in February.

The organ was tuned and maintenance work was carried out in June.

The lightning conductor was tested in November 2020 and the fire extinguishers and the fire blanket were tested in October 2020. These may need to be re-tested.

Centre

The improvements project for the Centre started to take shape, with plans being drawn up and some of the work started.

The problems with the flat roof and internal downpipes were finally overcome by the installation of a whole new roof. The rain now drains into the gutters and external downpipes that were installed several years ago.

A major rework of the electric circuits was carried out with removal of the old asbestos containing boxes in the office, new cabling and a new distribution board in the West Room to feed the kitchen.

The fire extinguishers and the fire blanket were tested in October 2020. These may need to be re-tested when the centre re-opens.

Churchyard

The container in the car park, providing storage for some of our equipment, was replaced with a permanent, secure shed near the Rectory.

The hire agreement with Hammons Solicitors for their staff to use eight spaces along the boundary fence of the carpark has been working well.

With the appropriate Diocesan permission, several trees have been planted to replace dead or dangerous ones.

The council have also replaced some of the uneven slabbing on the church paths.

General

Coventry City Council Pest Control, who have had regular visits during the year, have sorted two wasps' nests in the churchyard and a rats' nest near the sheds. They monitored and considerably reduced the problem of mice in church and in the Centre.

5. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The total incoming resources were £121,808 compared to £429,562 in the previous year. Voluntary income was £97,420 (2020 - £409,438). The main reason for the decrease was income from legacies which decreased from £360,167 to £5,000; however we received a grant of £37,500 for the Community Hall Refurbishment Fund.

Resources expended totalled £125,106 (2020 - £209,210). The Diocesan Parish share amounted to £61,250 (2020 - £61,250), which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy was met in full.

Expenditure to run the Church and Hall can be seen in Note 7 of the Financial Statements.

Without the legacy of £5,000 we would have had a deficit (expenditure greater than income) of £45,798 compared to an equivalent deficit of £39,815 in 2020 which shows the effect Covid had on our finances over the past two years.

The net result for the year is that unrestricted funds including designated funds totalled £434,508. Free reserves that are unrestricted funds not committed total £409,858.

RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on free reserves (if possible) which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments (£63,000), to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time, such as Covid. The balance of free reserves was £343,858 in excess of this. The PCC is constantly reviewing the level of reserves and is currently looking at various essential maintenance and building projects. However, unless the Church can generate more income the excess of expenditure over income will soon eat into these reserves.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Any surplus funds are placed on short-term deposit.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The PCC has continued to review the risks facing the Team, including the types of risk, the potential impact on the Church and means of mitigating these risks. Systems and procedures have been put in place to meet identified risks. The PCC will continue to review risks on an on-going basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In November 2018, the PCC co-opted two additional members as permitted by the Rules, to enable them to have full rights as Parish Representatives in the Appointment process. All who attend our services on a regular basis are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and be eligible to stand for election to the District Church Councils and the Parochial Church Council.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how funds of the Team are to be spent.

When meeting as representatives of the districts, our clergy and PCC consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish of Caludon is situated in the Coventry East Deanery and is part of the Diocese of

Coventry within the Church of England

The correspondence address for the PCC is 365a Walsgrave Road, Coventry, CV2 4BG.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1 1 33236.

Name of Charity:	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry
Working name:	Stoke St Michael PCC
Contact:	Mrs Claire Thompson (PCC Secretary)
Rector:	Revd Claire-Louise McArthur
Assistant Curate:	Rev'd Dr Daniel Bennett

Ex Officio PCC Members:

Churchwardens:	Christopher Dronfield
	Jim McKay
Readers	Suzanne Sapiano
	Janet Pocklington
	Ann Brown
	Christopher Dronfield
	Sue Morris (Licenced September 2020)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Sarah Little
	Neal McGrattan (Deputy Churchwarden)

Elected PCC Members:

Graham Medd	Emma Aspinall	Ann Brown

Claire Thompson	Nicola Hopkins	Angela Dronfield
Janet Pocklington	Suzanne Sapiano	Adrian Williams

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Approved by the PCC on Saturday 17thSeptember and duly signed...

by Rev'd Claire McArthur on their behalf. Date ...18/09/22.....

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 20 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date : 24TH OCTOBER 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CALUDON, COVENTRY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	59,920	37,500	97,420	409,438
Activities for generating funds	3	466	-	466	-
Income from investments	4	1	-	1	5
Church activities	5	22,315	-	22,315	18,144
Other income	6	1,606	-	1,606	1,975
Total income		84,308	37,500	121,808	429,562
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	113,478	-	113,478	108,346
Raising funds	8	11,628	-	11,628	864
Total expenditure		125,106	-	125,106	109,210
Net movement in funds for the year		(40,798)	37,500	(3,298)	320,352
Funds brought forward	14	475,306	-	475,306	154,954
Funds carried forward	14	434,508	37,500	472,008	475,306

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CALUDON, COVENTRY
BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	12	47,067		20,969	
Short term deposits		1,000		1,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		426,892		465,621	
		474,959		487,590	
Creditors:					
amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,951)		(12,284)	
Net current assets			472,008		475,306
Net assets			472,008		475,306
Funds					
Restricted funds	14		37,500		-
Unrestricted funds:					
- other charitable funds	14		434,508		475,306
			472,008		475,306

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes 1 to 17 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18th September 2022 and signed on its behalf by: Rev'd Claire McArthur

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that operate independently and/or owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trustor bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be spent on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Investment income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party. All expenditure is classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding obligation of the PCC.

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross..

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.
Tangible fixed assets are dpreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	- not depreciated
Sound system	- 5 years
Office equipment	- 10 years
Solar panels	- 7 years

Short term deposits
These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank repayable within six months notice.

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		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
2	**Voluntary income**				
	Planned giving:				
	Gift Aid donations and planned giving	38,754	-	38,754	38,782
	Income tax recoverable	9,848	-	9,848	7,789
	Collections (open plate) all services	2,278	-	2,278	1,848
	Donations, appeals, etc.	4,040	-	4,040	852
	Legacies	5,000	-	5,000	360,167
	Grants	-	37,500	37,500	-
		59,920	37,500	97,420	409,438
3	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	466	-	466	-
4	**Income from investments**				
	Bank and CCLA Deposit fund interest	1	-	1	5
5	**Church activities**				
	Fees	9,960	-	9,960	5,502
	Church hall lettings etc	10,476	-	10,476	9,682
	Lunch Clubs	1,568	-	1,568	1,194
	Groups Activities	56	-	56	192
	Sundry income	255	-	255	1,574
		22,315	-	22,315	18,144
6	**Other income**				
	Solar panels	1,606	-	1,606	1,975

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		Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	2020 £
7	**Church activities**					
	Missionary and charitable giving:	16	1,265	-	1,265	1,860
	Ministry:					
	- diocesan quota		61,250	-	61,250	61,250
	- clergy expenses		-	-	-	-
	Church running expenses		3,051	-	3,051	2,244
	Repairs and redecoration to the church		5,959	-	5,959	5,693
	Upkeep of services		8,080	-	8,080	6,954
	Upkeep of churchyard		4,644	-	4,644	1,537
	Church Hall running costs		13,141	-	13,141	11,335
	Community activities and other		2,312	-	2,312	4,571
	Office expenses		6,065	-	6,065	6,599
	Miscellaneous		1,379	-	1,379	1,405
	Non apportioned Staff costs		3,932	-	3,932	3,698
	Depreciation		-	-	-	-
	Independent examiner's fees		-			
	- independent examination		2,400	-	2,400	1,200
			113,478	-	113,478	108,346
8	**Raising funds**					
	Fundraising expenese		11,628	-	11,628	864
9	**Staff costs**					
	Wages and salaries				7,864	7,396
	Social security costs				-	-
					7,864	7,396
	No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.					
	Number of employees				1	1

10 Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

The payments made to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No PCC members received any remuneration for acting as a trustee during the year. As allowed under our governing document one PCC member/trustee received in total £7,864 for services to the charity (2020 one £7,396).

No PCC members/trustees were paid any expenses (2020 Nil).

There were no related party transactions

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & equipment £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
1 January 2021	31,761	3,052	34,813
Additions	-	-	-
31 December 2021	31,761	3,052	34,813
Depreciation			
1 January 2021	31,761	3,052	34,813
Charge for year	-	-	-
31 December 2021	31,761	3,052	34,813
Net book amount			
31 December 2021	-	-	-
31 December 2020	-	-	-

	2021 £	2020 £
12 Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Income tax recoverable	28,368	18,520
Other debtors	18,699	2,449
	47,067	20,969
13 Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	-	4,023
Other creditors	2,951	8,261
	2,951	12,284

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14 Analysis of funds

	Balance 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31 December 2021 £
Bunrestricted funds				
General funds	450,087	70,828	(111,057)	409,858
Designated funds				
Fabric	1,599	-	-	1,599
Centre Fund	23,620	13,480	(14,049)	23,051
	25,219	13,480	(14,049)	24,650
Total unrestricted funds	475,306	84,308	(125,106)	434,508
Restricted funds				
Community Hall Refurbishment Project Fund	-	37,500	-	37,500
Total funds	475,306	121,808	(125,106)	472,008

Purpose of funds
The general fund represents the free unrestricted funds of the Church avaialable for general use.

The Fabric fund is being held for the upkeep of the Fabric of the Church. The Fabric Report indicates that there are problems with the roof which need to be resolved.

The Cntre Fund arises from surpluses made by the Centre and will be used to deal with the flat roof.

The Community Hall Refurbishment Projected Fund is for the refurbishment of te Community Hall. A grant was received in the year from

15 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Net current assets	434,508	37,500	472,008
	434,508	37,500	472,008

16 Missionary and charitable giving

	2021 £	2020 £
Bethesda Ministries	-	1,560
Coventry Cathedral Investors in Hope	-	300
Sofas and Beyond	1,200	-
Sundry giving re individuals (3)	65	-
	1,265	1,860

17 PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income					
Voluntary income		409,438	-	409,438	200,237
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	6,991
Income from investments		5	-	5	378
Church activities		18,144	-	18,144	81,097
Other income		1,975	-	1,975	1,558
Total income		429,562	-	429,562	290,261
Expenditure					
Church activities		108,346	-	108,346	199,818
Raising funds		864	-	864	1,219
Total expenditure		109,210	-	109,210	201,037
Net expenditure before transfers		320,352	-	320,352	89,224
Transfer funds to Holy Cross and Risen Christ following them becoming PCC's		-	-	-	(308,727)
Net movement in funds for the year		320,352	-	320,352	(219,503)
Funds brought forward		154,954	-	154,954	374,457
Funds carried forward		475,306	-	475,306	154,954

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1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

Stoke, St Michael's Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the churches and church centres at Stoke St Michael;

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a PCC we subscribe to the threefold Diocesan commitment to worship God, make disciples and transform community. The parish seeks, in its own understanding of this vision, to inspire people to be alive to Christ's presence, to worship God and to serve the diverse community of Stoke and Wyken. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

- **Worship and prayer** - where we learn about the gospel and the love of Jesus
- **Provision of pastoral care** for people living in the parish.
- **Mission and Outreach** to people living in the parish and beyond

To facilitate this work we seek to maintain the fabric of the churches, church centre, and a worshipping presence in several local schools, in addition to this the church is committed to staffing missional projects across the city including, Street Pastors, Carriers of Hope and Coventry Night Shelter.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

3.1 Electoral Roll 2020/21

The total number of people on the Electoral Roll is 118. The changes in the Electoral Roll since the last report are that 2 people have been added and 1 person has been removed.

Malcolm Vanston-Rumney, Electoral Roll Officer

3.2 Attendance at Services

The 'Usual Sunday Attendance' for 2020 was as follows:

	Adults	Children
St Michael's	95	12

3.3 Digital Engagement

This year as we have moved much of our provision online for the first time, we report on our digital engagement levels across our digital platforms.

Our average online service reach per week for the month of October was 233.

Website –

Overall Page Views 11,639 increase of 8.51% year on year

Covid Page – 3,183 views

45% of women 54% men

75% under 44

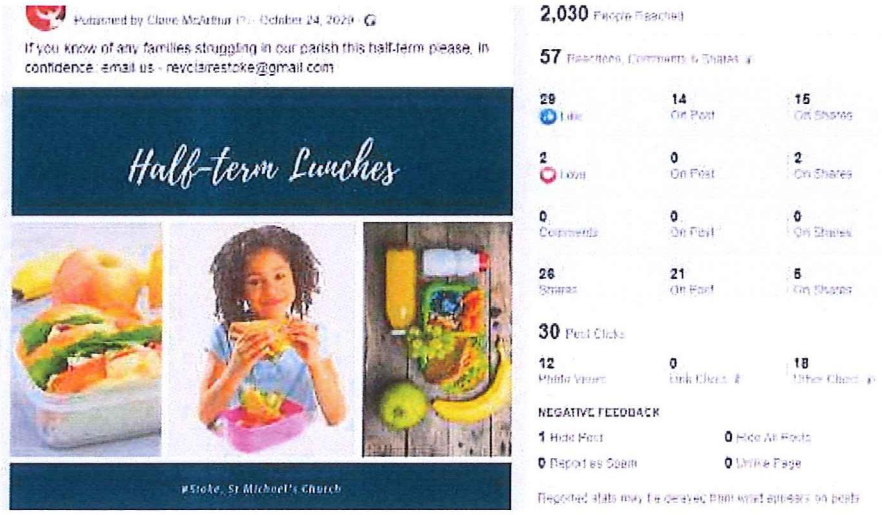
Facebook –

Current page likes 455 an increase of 76 over the year.

Yearly Organic Reach 252,256

Our top posts were:-

Parish call out for free school dinners 2k



Dawn Service 1.1k

Carol Service 1.1k

AGM photo montage 724 views

Blessing of Crib 599 views

Reader Licence 521 views

Children's Harvest 383 views

3.4 Worship and Prayer

On Sundays, the following services take place:

Venue	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
St Michael's	Eucharist	All Age Worship	Eucharist

During the week, the following service takes place:

Venue	Morning
St Michael's	Eucharist (Wed 10am)

The worship is predominantly Eucharistic but our 9.30 is an all age worship where we have communion once a month. All worship and priestly and pastoral work is supported by a strong team of Readers and our Curate.

Once a month our Mother's Union group meet in the centre for worship and fellowship.

3.5 Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

As well as our regular services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; and through funeral services, friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

The following services took place:

Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Internments
2	0	20	8

4. Reports

Churchwardens Review

Well, 2020 is done and dusted, what can I say? Unusually I find myself struggling for words. Indeed, it is unusual, before starting this review, I went back to look at what I had written about 2019 and there was no shortage of things to say. It seems, however, difficult to remark on what was a largely uneventful year.

That is to say that globally it was of course an incredibly, sad, eventful year. Nevertheless, here at St Michael's, in our little corner of the world, there were no fayres, no youth group, no lunch club, no church-yard open day, no quizzes, no carols in church, no 6am Easter breakfast (I admit that I wasn't desperately sad about that!), no Easter Sunday celebration. I do not doubt for one minute that for the vast majority of us, for the majority of the year, we are glad to see the back of it.

There were some things to celebrate though and, during such a dark time, it is comforting to bring a little light.

In January of 2020, before COVID had really hit, we had our annual retreat to Holy Island and, whilst we did not get to repeat the trip this year, we can still cherish the memories of last year.

We can say that we celebrated some firsts for St Michael's – our first ever online service, our first ever live streamed service, our first ever virtual carol service, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and many more. It's certainly not what we had planned and I daresay not really what we wanted, but it is still a comfort to know that we can provide a space, however little, however unnatural, for the family of St Michael's and the community of Stoke to come together to worship.

In June we welcomed the news our former curate Noel would go on to become the priest of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw.

We also celebrated the church reopening for private prayer and in July for worship, albeit in a vastly different form.

In mid-July we heard Dan's, our new curate, first sermon – and a very good one too I recall.

In September we welcomed a new reader to join our wonderful team of Janet, Ann and Suzanne as I was licensed by Bishop John.

Later in September, on the same day as our Patronal Festival, we were very happy for Dan as he was ordained at Coventry Cathedral on a wonderful sunny day!

Sadly, in November we concluded the safest thing for us to do was to return to online services as COVID continued to reach across the city. Nevertheless, we did manage a Christmas Day service and also, thanks to some incredible hard work from our talented singers, manage to get out a virtual carol service. indeed, the choir continue, to this day, to work hard providing new hymns for us to hear each week. we very much look forward to hearing them live!

We should also take a moment to give our heartfelt thanks to Malcolm who, after many many years' service 'handed in his keys' and completed his term as churchwarden. I think I speak for everyone when I say thank you for your hard work, the huge amounts of time you have given to the role and for your continued and constant, compassionate service to St Mike's.

While we're at it I should probably say a big welcome to Jim McKay who I have badgered and cajoled into taking over – I know I owe Tracey a lot of Gin by way of an apology!

Finally, I couldn't complete a year in review without saying a big thank you to Claire. To come from a curacy to a church the size of St Mike's and then be hit with the worst pandemic in nearly 100 years and still be here, delivering services, offering pastoral care, still

energetic for the journey ahead – you've done and are doing an absolutely smashing job, and, much like I said in the report last year – I'm still very glad you're here!!

We are a people who live by faith, fed with hope. Let us by hopeful and prayerful that better times and a better year are on the way.

Blessings

Chris Dronfield - Churchwarden

Rector's Report

I was delighted at the start of the year to attend my first St Mikes, annual retreat to Holy Island. It was good to get to know those attending a little better and enjoy the fresh air, the opportunity to connect with God and reflect. It was wonderful to join together on walks, for prayers and shared meals. It was wonderful to embrace nature and even a sea lion joined in our communion outside, on St Cuthbert's Island.

One of my favourite moments of the year I think though was being stuck in the mud as we became pilgrims across the causeway. The photo of Glynis is priceless.

What I did not realise at the time is how much that week would sustain me for the turbulent year ahead. It must be said that this was not the ideal during the first year of my first incumbency to be faced with one of the world's biggest pandemics in history.

In February we held a wedding preparation day where invited all the couples to spend a day with us talking through the possibilities for their weddings later in the year. Little did we know that none of these would take place due to Covid.

At the start of the year we held our luncheon clubs, Mikes Tikes toddler group and Chris Cross all these had to close when the country went into lock-down.

None of us had even really heard the word Covid or of the coronavirus at the start of the year. I think that at this point, as this may become a more historical document than usual that we explain what the pandemic was.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness and could potentially die from the virus.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The best way to prevent the virus from spreading is having limited interaction with others and regularly to wash your hands.

The Church of England under government guidance closed all places of worship on Monday 23rd March 2020. We were also given the message to stay at home. https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2020/27-march/news/uk/all-churches-are-closed-all-weddings-are-off

Here at Stoke, St Michael's we followed the guidance and our worship moved online. We quickly managed to get a booklet out to all on our electoral roll, *Praying in a Pandemic.*

We identified our more vulnerable members who may live alone or away from their families, those who over the age of 70. Those who may have needed extra help and support.

We then undertook to meet every afternoon at 3pm, on a new piece of software called Zoom to pray for our parish, our nation and ourselves.

As people were isolated, as a church we quickly put our support networks in place to go shopping for one another, making regular pastoral phone calls. I became a regular at Tesco's in Clifford Bridge where I shopped for eight households, it was delight that they opened a personal till for my array of shopping each week.

On a personal level the Rectory was full as my children were sent home from school and university.

At the height of the pandemic it was a very sad time, the funerals started to come in quickly and at one point I had eight funerals being prepared at the same time. Those who died of Covid were the most unexpected, challenging and saddest to take.

At this point we lost one of most valued members of our congregation Julia Wright, it was difficult that we could not be physically alongside Julia in her final few weeks and days. We and were also limited on the small amount of people who could attend her funeral. It was good though that many of us took the opportunity to light a virtual candle and say prayers at the appropriate time.

I am blessed to have had a previous career in digital media and this helped us a church community connect and we held Holy Week and Easter online.

Good Friday was a fraught day as our technology failed and I only just managed to get the service online at 2pm for the last hour. I was also interrupted by a lorry arriving in the church yard to fly tip, we soon got a new gate on the entrance!

On Easter Sunday whilst we could not meet in church, we held our Dawn service in the back garden of the rectory, helped along by Callum my son tending to the fire pit. The cat doing its business in the border behind was perhaps not the most joyous thing about the broadcast on Facebook live! But it was wonderful that the reach across Facebook was over 1,000 people.

We were very blessed with the weather during this time and it was great to share with one another our baking, our books, our plants, and our successes in the garden, I think Zoe, had the best vegetables as we watched from afar as she cultivated her new allotment.

We all kept each other safe and prayed alongside each other at home, many of us made prayer chains and it was wonderful when we were able to worship again in church and join these all together.

We began on the 21st June by opening our church for private prayer. This was after rigorous health and safety covid assessments, we re-arranged the church, added sanitisers, cleaning, and registering stations and carefully re-arranged the chairs to keep social distance with one another.

By 2nd July it was wonderful to start to worship once again, face to face. Although we could have no procession, the gospel was read at the lectern, our choir were socially distanced and masked at the back of church. Our communion was in one kind and served at our seats.

Also in July our local Headteacher of Ravensdale School resigned and as community governor I was involved in the recruitment process and strange as it seems we interviewed over Zoom and successfully recruited Suzie Wilson to the post.

It was also great to welcome our new Curate Daniel Bennett and his wife Victoria and their two children Felicity (2) and Theo (3 months). Dan was licenced as a lay leader as his planned Peterstide ordination was postponed due to restrictions on the numbers who could attend services and life events being cancelled at this time.

August saw our first virtual holiday club where Dan was thrown in at the deep end creating online craft activities for the children to watch. Bags to accompany the club were duly delivered to those taking part.

September saw the addition of our new Reader Christopher Dronfield and it has been wonderful to see him join our Reader team. This year I have had amazing support, love and care from our Readers Ann, Janet and Suzanne, it has been wonderful to share our ministry with alongside one another. Dan was also duly ordained on a sunny afternoon at Coventry Cathedral.

As we moved into the Autumn and Harvest time as our children were not back in church we had our first virtual Harvest Festival, where Suzanne did a fantastic skit with the cereal boxes and our young people led the service, I think I have may have some competition from young Zoe.

Dan and I delivered Suzanne's talk to the children of Pattison's College face to face at their Harvest Festival one of the only assemblies that we were able to conduct this year.

Towards the end of October there was a spike in more Covid cases and we made the difficult decision to go back online with our worship from the 2nd November.

We worked through the restrictions and launched our first Wild Messy Church with our 9.30 families, we all had a socially distanced tables in the children's garden and carved pumpkins, played games and planted bulbs in the church yard. Finally finishing our afternoon with hot chocolate and marshmallows. It took a great deal of time to plan we had to quarantine all the things we used for three days before the event, to stop the spread of covid.

Our annual service of thanksgiving for All Souls could not take place due to restrictions, the Readers, Dan and I held a very moving outdoor service in the remembrance garden where we lit a candle for those who sadly died this year.

On Remembrance Sunday we stayed at home and worshipped online, but I was privileged to have the two minute silence in the church yard with William Fry as we stood by his father's grave, as we recorded the remembrance assembly for our local schools.

By this point in the year it was cold and wet and we were missing each other greatly, so we launched our 11.00 am coffee morning on Zoom, the idea being we would watch the online service then about ten of us would meet after the service 'live' for coffee,

We virtually had to give to our Christmas appeals, our toys were bought off Amazon and sent direct to the City Mission project for distribution, we collected bits for our shoe boxes but our efforts were somewhat thwarted due to us not being together to fill them.

In December the PCC recruited a professional fundraiser Anna- Marie Keane to project manage the refurbishment of the church centre.

With the season of Advent approaching as a church we followed the Church of England prayer series Comfort and Joy, safely once again from our own homes. We were able to safely meet for our Wednesday communion service but it was deemed too risky for our Sunday worship so we remained online. Praying that we would be able to meet at Christmas face to face.

We held our first ever Nativity Trail, where we invited our local community through our gates, socially distanced and booked through Eventbrite so everyone didn't arrive together. A series of posts were erected throughout the church yard where we could link up our mobile phones with the QR code to hear the relevant Christmas carol. Baby Jesus was found in the doorway, the donkey was in the tree, a star dangled from another and our sheep that Colin had pruned for a number of years donned his tinsel and was the final Christmas symbol that the children had to find.

Nearer Christmas we held another wild messy church, where outside in the cold winter air we made our Christingles, sang the twelve days of Christmas, said star prayers and hunted the candy canes around the church yard.

Singing was once again banned but we did manage to come together to go carol singing and about twenty of us visited some of our more isolated members of our congregation so they could enjoy the Christmas jollity.

For the first time ever we produced a virtual carol service, where our wonderful choir recorded their individual parts and Chris Dronfield merged and mixed them together, we had socially distanced recorded our readings and over 1.1k of people watched online our efforts.

Due to our usual numbers we could not meet on Christmas Eve for the blessing of the crib and our annual Christingle service, this was all held online. Our midnight mass was live streamed on Facebook into people's homes with just Dan, me and the church wardens present.

On Christmas Day we opened our doors to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Dan was made to sing Abba "thank you for the music" as we gave thanks for the goodness of God's provision.

As we went our separate ways to eat our Christmas dinner little did, we know that would be our last service in church until Psalm Sunday on the 28th March 2021.

People have said that our churches have been closed over the last year, I like to think that if they read this report they would see that we had just moved online, worshipped and supported one another in different ways,

Wow what a year!

Rev Claire x

Choir Report

January 2020 saw our choir excited at the prospect of three events which were planned for 2020. We were to sing highlights from 'Messiah' on Good Friday, in September we had a date to sing choral evensong at Birmingham cathedral and in October, a return visit to Stow-on-the Wold , also for choral evensong.

As you can imagine, everything was in place for Good Friday. The choir, joined by our tenor and bass friends from Southam, had been practising since January and we were poised to begin final practices with organist and soloist. March 23rd. put paid to all these plans and our library copies of 'Messiah' have been gathering dust ever since.

It was lovely to be able to meet and sing once again in late summer but this taste of liberty was soon cruelly snatched away. I would like to thank those choir members who have unstintingly, week by week recorded their own voices singing whatever is requested and also to thank Chris Dronfield who performs what to me is a miracle (will he be walking on water next, or perhaps changing water into wine would be more to his taste!) of putting all the individual recordings together so that 'the choir' can always feature in our online services so brilliantly put together by Rev Claire and team.

Linda Green

Mother's Union Report

Mothers' Union is a wonderful worldwide community which began 140 years ago,

(in modern times you no longer need to be a mother, married or a woman).

An organisation that promotes and supports family life and aims to make a safer, fairer world for families, encouraging parents to develop the faith of their children. To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service that helps those whose family life has met with adversity.

An organisation that campaigns on social issues regarding families, women and children. It is acknowledged that MU continue to be relevant in today's society where family structures take many forms.

This year sadly due to the pandemic we have not been able to have our monthly meetings, we have all missed those times of being together in fellowship with one another.

We had planned to admit three new members on Mothering Sunday 2020 and had offered to purchase the plants we give everyone, but that was the first Sunday of the first lock down.

We are hopeful that we can start to meet again on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in the Centre. We usually have a varied program, of speakers and prayerful worship, a supportive and pleasant place for fellowship and easy conversation.

Support is regularly given to The Haven a local Women's Refuge, and we also give finacially to enable disadvantaged families to have a holiday.

This year we have also missed out on meeting others from around the Coventry Diocese for services to celebrate Lady Day, Advent, retreats and quiet evenings.

For those able to access the internet there have been services on line and a daily midday prayer.

Please pray for the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide, and for our own St Michaels' branch.

Janet Pocklington, (Branch Leader)

Bellringing Report

Along with all other church related groups, the lockdown regulations introduced in March to control covid-19 brought an abrupt halt to the ringers' regular activities and plans for the year. For the first time since 1939, towers fell silent as Churches closed completely. None of the joy this year as on Easter Sunday the bells ring out following our self imposed silence during the preceding Holy Week. Once non congregational services became possible we did find a recording of the band, ringing not here but in a competition, which courtesy of Rev Claire, has been a regular introduction to our shared online worship. Along with many other bands of ringers, an up-to-date audio recording of our ringing will be one of the jobs for later in 2021.

The relaxations in the summer when we could meet in Church for "socially distanced" worship, allowed some very limited access back into the tower for a little ringing to take place. We took advantage of having a "family bubble" of six ringers, comprising the "Poulton group" of Clare, Noah, Oliver and Zack Poulton, Audrey Alldrick & myself, to ring for the permitted 15 minutes before a Sunday service. This was after putting in place and continuing with the necessary biosecurity measures. With the mutual agreement of the rest of the band they were precluded from this activity to comply with the nationally agreed guidelines, so most of the band have not been in the tower since last March. This ringing, like everything else however, came to an abrupt end with the next lockdown phase again closing churches for public worship although we did take advantage of the Christmas relaxation and "the bubble" again rang out on Christmas morning. We rang for 13 Sunday services (and even 3 on a Wednesday during school holidays!) in this period. We were indeed one of the very few towers within the Diocese who were able to meet the regulations imposed on our ringing. We are very grateful to the Rev Claire for her full agreement and support in enabling this ringing to take place.

At the time of writing this we still await full confirmation of what ringing we will be allowed to do when in 2021. There will be some "new normal" to adapt to which will no doubt affect what ringers see as centuries old traditions. We all look forward to resuming regular service ringing and, as we found during the year, our very necessary regular practices on a Wednesday to improve and hone our ringing skills.

There is still work that needs doing on the bells to improve and maintain them as indicated in a previous years' bell founders report. We look forward to working with the church on funding this and helping minimise cost by our own active involvement as "skilled labourers". The fabric within the base of the tower needs professional inspection for damp ingress as well as attention to the overall poor state of the decoration.

2021 will be a year of rebuilding the band and re-establishing the ringing traditions at Stoke. Anyone wishing to know more is welcome to contact us and we will see what arrangements are possible to teach newcomers or just as importantly welcome lapsed ringers back into the tower.

Andrew Alldrick on behalf of Stoke St Michael's Bell Ringers

Stoke St Michael's Fabric Report for 2020

Church

The dampness on the west wall has not been drying out. Further investigation suggested that some problems with the lead on the roof might be the cause.
Dampness on the ceiling of the choir vestry has been attributed to the vestry roof covering. Faculties will be raised to resolve both of these problems with the necessary repairs.
Some redecoration is needed in the choir vestry but will be delayed until the roof has been sorted out.
The church's gas central heating boiler had its annual service.
The fire extinguishers and the fire blanket were tested in October.
The lightning conductor was tested in November.
The organ was tuned and maintenance work was carried out in December.

Centre

The flat roof continues to be a problem with all four internal downpipes now leaking. Some consideration has been given to a long-term solution with the installation of a pitched roof.
Improvements are needed to the whole Centre and a fundraiser has been engaged to help us plan and fund a large project. This will look at work in the carpark and parts of the churchyard as well as in the Centre.
The gas central heating boiler was serviced early in the year.
The fire extinguishers and the fire blanket were tested in October. Two of the fire extinguishers were recharged.

Churchyard

The container in the car park provides storage for some of our equipment, but we are investigating the installation of a more permanent, secure shed to be situated near the Centre.
We entered into a hire agreement with Hammons Solicitors for their staff to use the carpark. Eight spaces along the boundary fence have been assigned for them to use during the day from Monday to Friday.

A large limb of a tree fell down at the back of the churchyard. When the Council came to inspect it, they found five other trees that were dead or dying. A faculty was raised, and the trees were felled. Replacement trees will be planted nearby.

General

During the year, we discovered we had a few animal problems – wasps' and rats' nests in the churchyard, and mice in church. We set up a contract with Coventry City Council Pest Control who have been monitoring and sorting things for us with regular visits.

We have been quite badly affected by the COVID pandemic with footfall reduced dramatically, but, with the vaccination programme under way, there is some light at the end of the tunnel.

Malcolm Vanston-Rumney and Chris Dronfield, Churchwardens

Safeguarding

Throughout the year, we have adhered to the Covid requirements in order to keep both our centre and church operating safely. All groups that have be hiring our centre have completed risk assessments in line with their activities. At various intervals throughout the year the PCC made the decision to close our buildings due to the rise in Covid infections in the local area and in order act upon Government guidance.

There were no reported safeguarding incidences requiring report or escalation during the year.

Rev Claire

Annual Accounts Summary

EXPLANATORY NOTE CONCERNING THE PASTORAL RE-ORGANISATION

On 1st August 2019, a new Pastoral Scheme came into effect. It was made by the Church Commissioners pursuant to the 2011 Measure and signed by the Bishop of Coventry on 16th July 2019. The Scheme came about following an initial request by the PCC to the Coventry diocese, and numerous consultations which formed part of the formal process.

The PCC expressed concern that the Caludon Team governance and structures caused an inward focus on Team matters, with unnecessary duplication of administration, and wasted time, effort and finance in maintaining them. The PCC felt that this was to the detriment of an outward focus on ministry and mission.

The Scheme created the new Benefice and Parish of St Mary Magdalene with the Church of the Risen Christ, Wyken and the new Benefice and Parish of Holy Cross, Caludon. The Scheme also confirmed that St Catherine's, Stoke Aldermoor, which has been a Conventional District for the past few years, is now a new Benefice. The remainder of the Caludon Team Parish, which is the former district of St Michael has been re-named as the Benefice (or Parish) of Stoke St Michael, Coventry.

The PCC is keen to point out that the former districts of the Team remain on good terms and continue to support each other in a variety of ways. It is hoped and intended that these good relationships and 'informal partnerships' continue as each district identifies its own priorities for future ministry and mission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020 only relate to Stoke St Michael whereas the comparatives consolidate the incoming resources and resources expended of the Churches in the Team. For the DCC's of Holy Cross and Risen Christ this was only up to 31 July 2019 being the date on which they became independent exempted charities. The comparatives 2019 are therefore not totally comparable.

The total incoming resources were £429,562 compared to £290,261 in the previous year. Voluntary income was £409,438 (2019 - £200,237). The main reason for the increase was income from legacies which increased from £105,011 to £360,167. Such gifts are very much appreciated. Unfortunately, due to Covid other voluntary giving and income from Church Activities was down as we were not open.

Resources expended totalled £109,210 (2019 - £201,037). The Diocesan Parish share for 2020 paid by this Church Council amounted to £61,250 (2019 - £89,096), which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy and was met in full. Holy Cross and Risen Christ were responsible for paying their own share from 1 August 2019.

Expenditure to run the Churches and Halls can be seen in Note 7 of the Financial Statements.

Without the legacy of £360,167 we would have had a deficit of £39,815 which shows the effect Covid had on our finances

The net result for the year is that unrestricted funds including designated funds totalled £475,306. Free reserves that are unrestricted funds not committed total £450,087.

RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on free reserves (if possible) which equates to *approximately six months' unrestricted payments (£55,000),* to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time, such as Covid. The balance of free reserves was £395,087 in excess of this. The PCC is constantly reviewing the level of reserves and is currently looking at various essential maintenance and building projects.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Any surplus funds are placed on short-term deposit.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The PCC has continued to review the risks facing the Team, including the types of risk, the potential impact on the Church and means of mitigating these risks. Systems and procedures have been put in place to meet identified risks. The PCC will continue to review risks on an on-going basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In November 2018, the PCC co-opted two additional members as permitted by the Rules, to enable them to have full rights as Parish Representatives in the Appointment process. All who attend our services on a regular basis are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and be eligible to stand for election to the District Church Councils and the Parochial Church Council.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how funds of the Team are to be spent.

When meeting as representatives of the districts, our clergy and PCC consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish of Caludon is situated in the Coventry East Deanery and is part of the Diocese of Coventry within the Church of England

The correspondence address for the PCC is 365a Walsgrave Road, Coventry, CV2 4BG.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1133236.

Name of Charity:	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry
Working name:	Stoke St Michael PCC
Contact:	Mrs Claire Thompson (PCC Secretary)

Rector:	Revd Claire-Louise McArthur
Assistant Curate:	Rev'd Dr Daniel Bennett (Lay Licenced from July 2020., ordained 27th September 2020)
Readers	Suzanne Sapiano
	Janet Pocklington
	Ann Brown
	Christopher Dronfield (Licenced September 2020)

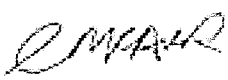
Ex Officio PCC Members:

Churchwardens:	Christopher Dronfield
	Malcolm Vanston- Rumney (Until 18th October 2020)
	Jim McKay (From 18th October 2020)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Sarah Little
	Neal McGrattan (Deputy Churchwarden from 18th October 2020)

Elected PCC Members:

Graham Medd	Emma Aspinall
Ann Brown	Bridget Harper-Spurgeon
Claire Thompson	Nicola Hopkins
Angela Dronfield	James Grubb (Resigned 18th October 2020)
Zoey Cardwell	Janet Pocklington
Suzanne Sapiano (From 18th October 2020)	

Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc
Address CV1 5RE.	High Street Branch, 30 High Street, Coventry, West Midlands,
Independent examiner:	Mark Spafford FCCA
	Luckmans Ducket Parker Ltd, 1110 Elliott Court, Herald Avenue, Coventry Business Park, Coventry, CV5 6UB

Approved by the PCC on Sunday 30th May 2021 and duly signed by Rev'd Claire McArthur on their behalf  **06/06/21**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 24 to 33

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of FCCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date...26th July 2021.....

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CALUDON, COVENTRY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £	2019 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	409,438	-	409,438	200,237
Activities for generating funds	3	-	-	-	6,991
Income from investments	4	5	-	5	378
Church activities	5	18,144	-	18,144	81,097
Other income	6	1,975	-	1,975	1,558
Total income		429,562	-	429,562	290,261
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	108,346	-	108,346	199,818
Raising funds	8	864	-	864	1,219
Total expenditure		109,210	-	109,210	201,037
Net expenditure before transfers		320,352	-	320,352	89,224
Transfer funds to Holy Cross and Risen Christ following them becoming PCC's	14	-	-	-	(308,727)
Net movement in funds for the year		320,352	-	320,352	(219,503)
Funds brought forward		154,954	-	154,954	374,457
Funds carried forward		475,306	-	475,306	154,954

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CALUDON, COVENTRY
BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		-		-
Current assets					
Stock of food		-		-	
Debtors	12	20,969		122,282	
Short term deposits		1,000		1,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		465,621		41,470	
		487,590		164,752	
Creditors:					
amounts falling due within one year	13	(12,284)		(9,798)	
Net current assets			475,306		154,954
Net assets			475,306		154,954
Funds					
Restricted funds	14		-		-
Unrestricted funds:					
- other charitable funds			475,306		154,954
			475,306		154,954

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes 1 to 17 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on Sunday 6th June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev'd Claire-Louise McArthur

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that operate independently and/or owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trustor bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be spent on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Investment income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party. All expenditure is classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding obligation of the PCC.

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross..

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Tangible fixed assets are dpreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	- not depreciated
Sound system	- 5 years
Office equipment	- 10 years
Solar panels	- 7 years

Short term deposits
These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank repayable within six months notice.

For the year ended 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £	2019 £
2	**Voluntary income**				
	Planned giving:				
	Gift Aid donations and planned giving	38,782	-	38,782	61,888
	Income tax recoverable	7,789	-	7,789	15,990
	Collections (open plate) all services	1,848	-	1,848	12,725
	Donations, appeals, etc.	852	-	852	4,623
	Legacies	360,167	-	360,167	105,011
		409,438	-	409,438	200,237
3	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	-	-	-	6,991
4	**Income from investments**				
	Bank and CCLA Deposit fund interest	5	-	5	378
5	**Church activities**				
	Fees	5,502	-	5,502	20,442
	Church hall lettings etc	9,682	-	9,682	37,124
	Magazines	-	-	-	5
	Lunch Clubs including Risen Christ	1,194	-	1,194	21,806
	Groups Activities	192	-	192	1,428
	Sundry income	1,574	-	1,574	292
		18,144	-	18,144	81,097
6	**Other income**				
	Solar panels	1,975	-	1,975	1,558

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £	2019 £
7 Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:	16	1,860	-	1,860	2,574
Ministry:					
- diocesan quota		61,250	-	61,250	89,096
- clergy expenses		-	-	-	1,782
Church running expenses		2,244	-	2,244	18,217
Repairs and redecoration to the church		5,693	-	5,693	7,971
Upkeep of services		6,954	-	6,954	12,229
Upkeep of churchyard		1,537	-	1,537	1,106
Church Hall running costs		11,335	-	11,335	19,947
Community activities and other		4,571	-	4,571	10,107
Lunch Club Risen Christ		-	-	-	15,058
Office expenses		6,599	-	6,599	7,142
Miscellaneous		1,405	-	1,405	3,650
Non apportioned Staff costs		3,698	-	3,698	2,790
Depreciation		-	-	-	3,746
Independent examiner's fees					
- independent examination		1,200	-	1,200	2,150
- other services		-	-	-	2,253
		108,346	-	108,346	199,818
8 Raising funds					
Fundraising expenese		864	-	864	1,219
9 Staff costs					
Wages and salaries				7,396	5,580
Social security costs				-	-
				7,396	5,580

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.
The two part time employees equate to less than one full time employee.

10 Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

The payments made to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No PCC members received any remuneration for acting as a trustee during the year.
As allowed under our governing document one PCC members/trustees received in total £7,396 for services to the charity (2019 two £7,140).
No PCC members/trustees were paid any expenses (2019 Nil).
There were no related party transactions

For the year ended 31 December 2020

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & equipment £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
1 January 2020	31,761	3,052	34,813
Additions	-	-	-
31 December 2020	31,761	3,052	34,813
Depreciation			
1 January 2020	31,761	3,052	34,813
Charge for year	-	-	-
31 December 2020	31,761	3,052	34,813
Net book amount			
31 December 2020	-	-	-
31 December 2019	-	-	-

	2020 £	2020 £
12 Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Income tax recoverable	18,520	10,731
Other debtors	2,449	111,551
	20,969	122,282
13 Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	4,023	7,795
Other creditors	8,261	2,003
	12,284	9,798

For the year ended 31 December 2020

14 Funds	Balance 1 January 2020 £	Movement in funds: Incoming resources and gains £	Movement in funds: Outgoing resources and transfers £	Balance transferred 31 December 2020 £
St Michael's				
Unrestricted for Stoke St Michael	130,301	417,131	(97,345)	450,087
Designated				
Fabric	1,599	-	-	1,599
Centre Fund	23,054	12,431	(11,865)	23,620
	154,954	429,562	(109,210)	475,306

Purpose of funds

The Fabric fund is being held for the upkeep of the Fabric of the Church. The Fabric Report indicates that there are problems with the roof which need to be resolved.

The Cntre Fund arises from surpluses made by the Centre and will be used to deal with the flat roof.

For the year ended 31 December 2020

15 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Net current assets	475,306	-	475,306
	475,306	-	475,306

16 Missionary and charitable giving

	2020 £	2019 £
Bethesda Ministries	1,560	1,560
Coventry Cathedral Investors in Hope	300	300
Disasters Appeal	-	47
Embrace Middle East	-	360
Pattisons College	-	130
Water Aid	-	177
	1,860	2,574

17 PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Income					
Voluntary income		-	200,237	200,237	163,103
Activities for generating funds		-	6,991	6,991	12,202
Income from investments		-	378	378	98
Church activities		-	81,097	81,097	102,021
Other income		-	1,558	1,558	163,479
Total income		-	290,261	290,261	440,903
Expenditure					
Church activities		1,487	198,331	199,818	257,094
Raising funds		-	1,219	1,219	1,190
Total expenditure		1,487	199,550	201,037	258,284
Net expenditure before transfers		(1,487)	90,711	89,224	182,619
Transfer of DCC contibutions to PCC for Parish Share and running costs		114	(114)	-	-
Transfer funds to Holy Cross and Risen Christ following them becoming PCC's		-	(308,727)	(308,727)	-
Transfer St Michael unrestricted funds at year end		154,954	(154,954)		
Net movement in funds for the year		153,581	(373,084)	(219,503)	182,619
Funds brought forward		1,373	373,084	374,457	191,838
Funds carried forward		154,954	-	154,954	374,457