THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WHYKE, ST GEORGE WITH RUMBOLDSWHYKE, ST MARY AND PORTFIELD, ALL SAINTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1133301

Details

Other names	ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-12-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

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

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£103,213	£112,207	-	-
2023-12-31	£93,007	£87,945	-	-
2022-12-31	£88,582	£88,211	-	-
2021-12-31	£128,482	£93,291	-	-
2020-12-31	£67,323	£81,862	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Angus David Ingvar Reid	Chair	2021-12-13
Alison Davis		2021-05-30
Catherine James		2020-10-11
Christine Patricia Harrison		2022-05-22
Ginnie Wyllie		2024-05-19
JILL MARGARET MERRY		2025-09-28
Mary Howick		2020-03-15
Mary Poole-Smith		2026-05-10
NICOLA LOUISE EDGE		2012-10-01
Rebecca Hulse		2024-05-19
SUSAN HOWELL-EVANS		
Sam Bushby		2026-05-10
Susan Elizabeth Bainbridge		2015-04-05

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Accounts

The Parish of Whyke, St. George Rumboldswyke, St. Mary & Portfield, All Saints

Diocese of Chichester

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024

With accounts and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

Presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 18 May 2025

Incumbent: The Revd Dr Angus Reid

Registered Charity No. 1133301

Parish of Whyke, St George, Rumboldswyke, St Mary & Portfield, All Saints

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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Parish of Whyke, St George, Rumboldswhyke, and St Mary & Portfield, All Saints

The Annual Parochial Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 18 May 2025 at 11.30am in St George's Church

Agenda

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

Annual Parish Meeting

3. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4. Approval of the Minutes from the previous year's meeting, 19 May 2024

5. Any matters arising from the Minutes

6. Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod

7. Election of representatives to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner

9. Report on the Electoral Roll

10. Trustees' Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and activities of the parish during 2024

11. Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2024 and Independent Examiner's Report

11. Report on the Fabric and Furnishings of the Church

12. Deanery Synod Report

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14. Rector's Report

15. Any Other Business

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WHYKE
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting held on Sunday 19th May 2024
at 11.30am in church.

Present: Fr Angus Reid (Chair) plus 29 attendees.

1. Fr Angus welcomed the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mary Howick, Louise James, Elizabeth Carlisle.

Annual Parish Meeting

3. Election of Churchwardens
Sam Kelly was elected unanimously as Churchwarden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4. Minutes of meeting held on 21st November 2022
The minutes were agreed unanimously and will be signed by Fr Angus.

5. Any matters arising not covered below
There were no matters arising.

6. Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod
Penny Mason was elected as representative to the Deanery Synod.

7. Election of representatives to the PCC
Alison Davis
Catherine James
Nikki Edge
Sue Howell-Evans
Ginnie Wyllie
Rebecca Hulse
All were elected unanimously.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner
Stewardship was appointed as Independent Examiner.

9. Report on Electoral Roll
There are 147 people on the electoral roll. Fr Angus thanked Lesley Valerio and Rosemary Lay for compiling the Electoral Roll.

10. Trustee's Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and activities of the parish during 2023

The meeting approved the annual report.

11. Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2023 and Independent Examiner's Report

Alison outlined the financial statements. Our auditor has requested to share our format as a good example for other parishes. There was a discussion about Easy Fundraising, but there were no questions.

12. Report on the Fabric and Furnishings of the Church

Fr Angus presented the Annual Fabric and Furnishings Report. There were no questions.

13. Deanery Synod Report

Fr Angus presented the Deanery Synod Report. There were no questions.

14. Safeguarding report

Fr Angus presented the 2023 safeguarding report. Correction to the printed report: one safeguarding issue was reported in 2023 and was dealt with appropriately.

15. Rector's Report

Fr Angus gave the Rector's report.

Life of Worship and Prayer

The Sunday Eucharist has grown and developed in the past year. New people have joined and become involved. Easter 2023 was quiet in terms of congregation numbers. The church will rethink patterns of worship and enter a dialogue to engage people. The re-think was evident in 2024 and Easter was more positive. Christmas was also encouraging and engaged people in various services. Numbers were still lower than we'd hoped, but we're thinking about how to engage people more. Meditation has been an important part of our worship and continues to develop.

Children and Families

Zara has been an excellent colleague for Fr Angus to creatively plan and deliver children's work.

Community Engagement

We have been working on engaging people across generations and family groupings.

- Friends of St Mary's Churchyard has been an enormous benefit to the St George's Community.
- The community food hub in partnership with UK Harvest is fighting food poverty and fighting food waste. People from the wider community come and find St George's a place of welcome.
- Rumboldswhyke School:
    - Fr Angus and two congregation members are governors.
    - Fr Angus leads meditation and worship.

- Sue visits for music with the children and has recently started a children's choir.
- Sam has been in to talk about ecology and work outdoors with the children.
- Some Rumboldswhyke children and families now attend St George's and are being prepared for first communion.

Events
The team has worked hard, led by Mary Acland, bringing new events to our calendar. Our first Autumn Show was a great success and brought in new people.
Christmas Fair, Breakfasts, Fish & Chips Quiz nights, WRAP Chat were also enjoyed by many and raised much needed funds.

Resources and Volunteers
Fr Angus has taken on a lot of additional duties in the absence of a PCC secretary and churchwardens. The lack of willingness for people to participate is partly due to the historic expectations of the roles. Despite the headline vacancies, we have been agile in teams to complete the work required. For example we have three deputy churchwardens running services effectively, the building team has undertaken a great deal of work, finances and PCC have been taken care of well. There are people who willingly help, but fear being on a rota. We have a challenge to ensure that people see that the roles can be life giving rather than life draining. We have a duty to care towards the people who work hard for us.

Safeguarding
It is an absolute priority to ensure that people who come to our church are safe, especially those who are vulnerable in any way. Our processes must be set up to ensure that reporting and resulting actions are fit for purpose. We must create and maintain a culture which creates trust and dignity in all our interactions. We must embody our values in everything we do. We are under resourced but keeping our standards as high as possible, particularly as we grow and welcome more people.

Ecological Focus
We have a deep commitment to caring for God's world. How we care for God's creation as a community reflects our values. It is not an option to switch off our minds to the improvements we must make. If all churches do this as communities, the impact will be invaluable.

There were no questions.

16. Any other business

i. Deanery meeting about integrating families, and environmental priorities, Sat 29th June, St Paul's Church, 9.00-1.30, Chris Harrison extended an open invitation.
ii. Diocese Environment Day, 15th June, Horsham. Sam & Zara attending, Sam extended an open invitation.
iii. Fr Angus thanks:

1. Sue Howell Evans and the choir
2. Sarah Pack, Chris Harrison, Greg James, Rebecca Hulse, Amy Sweetapple, Ginnie Wyllie and all the volunteers who have helped with the J-team and our children's events
3. Zara Cross, Youth Worker
4. Nikki Edge and all the serving team, particularly all the children who have joined the serving team.
5. Readers, intercessors, and lay ministers of the Eucharist
6. Siân Thomas - Churchwarden
7. Jill Merry, Mark Arnold, Mike Mower – Deputy Wardens
8. The stewards, meeters and greeters
9. Fr Bill Johnston & Fr Philip Meader
10. Rosemary Lay, who keeps the parish office running efficiently
11. Jill Merry and Mary Poole who serve as sacristan, taking over from Sue Stevenson-Watt
12. Jill Merry, Judy Emmett, Penny Mason, Mary Poole, Fr Bill and Fr Phillip for their healing ministry
13. Sue Bainbridge and the flower team
14. Mary Acland and the members of the events and fundraising committee
15. The cleaning team
16. Isabelle Poole for cleaning the centre
17. Dan Perkins, Roy Barratt, Peter James, Ian Attwood, Jill Merry, Geoff Merry for their being part of the building team.
18. All who attended and help with the Meditation Sessions
19. All those on the catering team who provide refreshments after Mass and at events.
20. Ken Green for everything he has down to promote the life of St George's.
21. Sam Kelly, Gerladine Burrows, Ian Attwood, Liz Ashurst – members of the Friends of St Mary Churchyard committee
22. John Fitch and Ken Green for their work on the history and heritage of the churchyard.
23. All the other friends of St Mary's
24. Mary Poole for her acting as the link person between St George's and Lakeview Grange care home, and for others who come to help at the service of Holy Communion.
25. Geraldine Burrows – for her work as cashier and WRAP-CHAT
26. All who volunteer at WRAP CHAT and all speakers.
27. WRAP CHOIR – Geraldine Burrows, Nikki Edge and Jason Howard.
28. Mike Nation, who deals with bookings for the Centenary Centre
29. Geoff Merry, as Health & Safety Officer, and for co-ordinating the team of volunteers at the Community Food Hub
30. All those who provide hospitality at the Community Food Hub
31. All members of the PCC, Standing Committee, Finance Committee, Deanery Synod, Safeguarding team.
32. Alison Davies – Treasurer
33. Mary Howick – Parish Safeguarding Officer
34. Kim Mcnamee, Lead Recruiter (DBS checks)
35. Jenny Harding, who served as PCC Secretary

36. Ramblers
37. Lesley Valerio, and Rosemary Lay the Electoral Roll Officers.
38. Eddie Tuke – helping with technical issues
39. Steve Blighton-Sande, who acts as webmaster and looks after social media
40. Lisa Harris, the staff and parents and pupils at Rumboldswhyke
41. The volunteers who run the Friday concerts, and all the performers.
42. All others who give of themselves, often unnoticed

iv. Nick Taunt proposed heartfelt thanks to Fr Angus for everything he does, and everyone present agreed.

St George's PCC Chichester

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Parish Office Cleveland Road Chichester PO19 7AD
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS	PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2011
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1133301
MEMBERS OF THE PCC	*Ex Officio members:* Revd. Dr Angus Reid (incumbent)
	Elected members Hugh Acland Susan Bainbridge Alison Davis Mavis Dolton Nicola Edge Christine Harrison Susan Howell-Evans Mary Howick Rebecca Hulse (elected May 2024) Jessica Hunter Penelope Mason (elected May 2024) Catherine James Samantha Kelly Ruth Taunt Ginnie Wyllie (elected May 2024)
BANKERS	Barclays Bank UK PLC CCLA Investment Management Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Trustees' Annual Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Whyke, St George with Rumboldswhyke, St Mary and Portfield, All Saints

For the year ending 31st December 2024

Website: www.stgeorgeschichester.org

Incumbent: The Revd Dr Angus Reid

Independent Examiner: Stewardship Services Ltd, 1 Lamb's Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB

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St George's, Whyke, Chichester Trustees' Annual Report for 2024

This report follows the guidance documents produced by the Diocese for use in the preparation of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Statutory Annual Report under English Law as required by the Charity Commission.

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Dr Angus Reid, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Providing practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

Activities planned to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. To this end, the council continues to make safeguarding a key priority in the life of St George's seeing it as intrinsic to the Gospel mandate to respect and champion the dignity of every person, especially people who are vulnerable and at risk, while also learning from failures in the past to protect those who are vulnerable and respond well to victims and survivors of abuse. Making safeguarding an integral part of all that we do at St George's means working to overcome any sense in which safeguarding is considered a marginal concern, doing so in tandem with an approach that promotes a healthier and safer ethos across all activities and events, and encourages a more transparent, collaborative, and proactive attitude to safeguarding within the life of the parish and in partnership with the diocese and other partner organisations. This has taken on a higher urgency this year given the significant safeguarding failures in the Church of England, highlighted by the Makin Report, which led to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

At St George's our commitment to making our church as safe as possible for children, vulnerable adults, and all people has included, amongst other things, a) ensuring volunteers and the leaders within the church, especially in relation to children's work, are not only properly trained and checked but also supported and challenged to build a positive culture of attentiveness, welcome and care for all so that safeguarding is seen to be everyone's responsibility and people feel able to share whatever concerns they have with the appropriate person; b) ensuring good communication and working relationships between the incumbent, the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, other key officer holders, and council members around matters of safeguarding best practice, reflection, and learning; and c) building up a safeguarding team to support the incumbent and PSO and reflect constructively and critically, within a framework of mutual accountability and the bounds of confidentiality, on the safeguarding culture and practices at St George's, the Diocese, the wider Church, and society as a whole.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, and learning about the Gospel in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Continuing to build up our provision for families, children, and young people so that they have a sense of belonging and can grow in their faith and participation in the Church community.
- Forging closer links with the local Rumboldswhyke Church of England Primary School
- Supporting the work of the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard as a sub-committee of the PCC to care for, celebrate, research and enhance our churchyard as a sacred space, historical site and haven for wildlife
- Developing partnerships with other organisations committed to the common good
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of events such as the Autumn and Christmas Fairs, a Plant Fair, coffee mornings, breakfast, quiz nights, and holding family focused events related to Shrove Tuesday, Halloween and Christmas
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a focus of church and social life in the parish

2024-25 Key Events

Archdeacon's Visitation

On 4 July members of the PCC welcomed the Archdeacon for a visitation. Under church law, Archdeacons are required to arrange for regular visitations to churches within their jurisdiction. As well as fulfilling legal duties, the visits also aim to foster cooperation and mutual understanding in the Church's mission and ministry. The church was required to provide information to the Archdeacon about the life of the church ahead of his visitation and Fr Angus, the church warden, deputy church wardens and members of the PCC met with him during the course of the day. The visitation proved to be a very valuable experience with the Archdeacon producing a positive report on his findings on the life of St George's.

Stewardship Campaign

A successful Stewardship Campaign was run during October and November this year. The campaign asked members of the congregation to consider how they might contribute to the life of our parish in terms of both increased financial support and giving of their time and talents. A letter and booklet setting out the aims of the campaign were circulated to all members of the church, along with a questionnaire which provided people with the opportunity to offer skills, time or talent to the church. The campaign had a positive impact and resulted in an 11% increase in planned giving to the church and new volunteers signing up to a wide variety of roles.

Impacts and Achievements

Attendance at worship

St George's strives to be a welcoming place of worship to visitors from both within the parish boundary and from further afield. We seek to welcome people of all ages and from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We maintain that voluntary attendance to worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as revealed in Jesus Christ and the life of the Church, is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The average regular weekly attendance, counted during October was 122 adults and 38 children. We continued to see an increasing number of new families coming to St George's over the past year and openly welcome the enriching impact that this is having on our church community, both in worship and the wider life of the church.

Our offer for the younger members of our church family has grown and developed over the past year, ably led by our Youth Worker. During term time we offer a weekly "J Team" for older children, "Diddy Disciples" for younger children and a new group for older children, all of which take place during our main Sunday Eucharist. These groups are led by a dedicated team of volunteers headed up by our Youth Worker. This team of volunteers now includes a number of young people who work with younger children, supported by our adult volunteers. We are grateful for those who lead and nurture our young people with such creative and engaging activities.

Our monthly All-Age Eucharist, which takes place in term time, has become an integral and much valued part of our sacramental worship life. The service has a shorter interactive sermon. Children are actively encouraged to participate in the service by serving, reading, singing, leading prayers and making crafts to give as part of the offering of gifts. In the last year, two of our older children, who take communion themselves, have joined the Lay Ministers of Holy Communion team, and serve as important role models for others. We have also incorporated into the All-Age Eucharist, our new St George's Children's Choir which is made up of children from the church and wider community. The service continues to provide a valuable opportunity for everyone in our church family to interact more closely through collective and inclusive worship, and to learn how to worship God together in reverence and generosity.

Our bi-monthly ministry of healing is now well established as part of the main Sunday Eucharist. After Communion anyone who wishes is welcome to go to the Lady Chapel for the Laying on of Hands by lay minister and Anointing with Oil by a priest. A team of lay volunteers, drawn from the congregation, has been formed for these purposes and they work alongside retired clergy and the incumbent. We continue to see many people go up to receive this ministry. The ministry team also meets after the service for debriefing and prayer.

During the week, the church offers two mid-week Mass services, one on Wednesdays at 11.30am, followed by refreshments and fellowship; the other on Thursdays at 9.30am. We also offer Morning Prayer at 8.45 Monday to Thursday and the church is open for private prayer from Monday to Thursday. In addition, we hold an evening meditation session on Mondays, during term time, in which a text on meditation is read, followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation and the recitation of a poem.

Alongside our regular worship we have also enjoyed a wide range of special services to mark festivals throughout the year.

We marked the start of Lent with two Eucharistic services with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. During Lent we also offered a weekly meditative service of Stations of the Cross. Holy Week provided the opportunity to experience the wonder and mystery of the passion through a Maundy Thursday Eucharist with foot washing and a watch until midnight in the Lady Chapel, a Good Friday Service with the Veneration of the Cross and Communion, and an Easter Vigil on Easter Saturday. This year, we were keen to promote the mystery and richness of the Easter Vigil service to a wider group of people, including families and children. Accordingly, while incorporating the full depth of the traditional Vigil, the service was adapted to enable the involvement of children and young people, with more people attending than in previous years. As part of the celebration of Easter, the Vigil service was followed by a BBQ and the chance for fellowship, which included activities and a film for children, and a sleepover party of older children. We welcomed 272 people for our Easter services.

Our Patronal Festival was celebrated on Sunday 21 April. The service included a performance of the story of St George and the Dragon by members of our J Team and was followed by a blessing of our new community herb garden which has been developed at the front of the church for use by the whole community. After the service, there was a bring-and-share picnic in the centenary centre.

During the year, we held funeral and memorial services for two longstanding members of the St George's congregation, Ken Green and Fred Corbin. Both had been part of the life of the church for several decades, serving in many different capacities and contributing in countless ways to building up the life and mission of the parish. Both services drew large numbers of people from both the church and wider community to pay tribute to both Fred and Ken and commit them to God.

The Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday 13 October. Food, toiletries and other items were donated to the Church at the Harvest Festival by Rumboldswhyke Church of England Primary School and parishioners. These items were passed on to the Chichester District Foodbank. A new church lawnmower, which had been paid for by donations, was also blessed as part of the service.

An evening choral Eucharist was held on All Souls Day in which the names of the deceased were read out.

Remembrance Sunday was observed on 10 November, with the laying of wreaths and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

The J-Team Nativity Play, put on by the children of the J-Team in the sermon slot during the Parish Mass on Sunday 15 December, was enjoyed by the congregation with many new families attending from Rumboldswhyke School and the wider community.

Beautiful services of Advent Liturgy and Christmas Carols were also held, together with Carol singing at various locations in the parish. A Compline service was also held on a Tuesday evening through Advent which provided a valuable opportunity for contemplative prayer and reflection. Both Rumboldswhyke Primary School and Kingsham Primary School held their Christmas services in the church with Fr Angus offering prayer, reflections and a blessing. This year we also held a Christmas Concert for the first time, which showcased people of different age groups playing musical instruments, singing as part of the Children's Choir, and performing a play. Fr Angus opened and closed the event with prayer. 231 people attended services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Twelve children were baptised at St George's during 2024. There was also one marriage and nine funerals, the latter held either in church, at the graveside in St Mary's Churchyard, or the crematorium.

After a period of preparation, some of our children were admitted to their First Holy Communion on 22 July. 4 teenagers and 3 adult candidates were also confirmed by Bishop Will Hazelwood in Chichester Cathedral on 24 July. Adults and young people took part in separate preparation classes in the weeks leading up to confirmation and the young people took part in a day hike to Halnaker, giving them an opportunity to spend more time together talking and learning about their faith and reflecting on the decision to be confirmed.

Several new people have also come forward to join the team of lesson readers, intercessors and servers.

A Lent Group met for five weeks looking in depth at the book *Saying Yes To Life by Ruth Valerio*. This attracted a good mix of people from the congregation for learning, discussion and fellowship, and linked well into our efforts to engender a greater awareness of ecological questions. It also firmly linked to our commitment to follow the guidance of Eco-Church in order to review and develop how we might, as a parish, become more proactive in our stewardship and protection of the natural world and its environment

Evangelism and outreach

Youth Worker and Children's Work
Our Youth Worker Zara Cross has continued to nurture and grow our offer to children and young people, using her creativity and energy to excite young and old alike about God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and the life of faith at St George's. Amongst other things, as Youth Worker, Zara works alongside Fr Angus, the J-team and other volunteers to encourage children and their families in their faith, spirituality and life of prayer and service, rooting this in the Eucharistic worship and sacramental vision of St George's. With the J team, Zara helps to develop children's activities on Sundays and throughout the year. She also encourages and assists older children and adults to volunteer in supporting our children's provision.

A key part of the role has also been to continue to grow and develop work with our teenagers, including providing a regular session where they have the opportunity to meet together for activities, build friendships, discuss and debate questions of faith, explore prayer, spirituality and mission. The youth group meets twice a month in term time where one session is led by Zara and Fr Angus and the other by Zara and another volunteer. In July, the J Team held an election to vote for their first ever Youth Faith Leader, chosen by our young people from amongst them.

Zara has also been key in developing the children's area in church and in the parish centre, helping Fr Angus to continue to develop the All-Age Eucharist and encourage more children to assist and serve. As a very positive offshoot of this a number of young people have now taken on the role of serving and administering the chalice in the main Sunday Eucharist. Zara and Fr Angus also prepare children together for baptism, first communion, and confirmation.

This year Zara, together with a few volunteers, ran an Eco-Church programme during the summer for those families and children who attended church during the school holidays. In previous years, there had been no provision for families and children. The sessions focused on ecological themes and including a children's toy and clothes swap shop. This has a very positive response and forms part of our continued effort to bring ecological question into the heart of our teaching and activities, especially with children.

In addition, Zara has played a central role in organising, planning and putting on specific events geared towards children and families such as the Pancake Party, Halloween Party, the Christmas Concert, the Christmas Crib service.

We look forward to continuing to develop the role of the Youth Worker and our Children's Work in 2025. As part of this, Zara has been approved to undertake the Diocesan Authorised Lay Minister's Course in Youth Work in 2025. At the end of the year, we also submitted a successful grant application to the local charity, Saint John's Trust, Chichester, with the trustees generously agreeing to award St George's a £15,000 grant, to be paid over three years, to support our youth work.

Music at St George's

Music is central to the life of St George's and our choir continue to play an important role in our worship, ably led by our Musical Director Sue Howell-Evans. There is a growing focus on promoting singing in all forms of worship, and especially amongst children and families.

This ambition has received a significant boost in the past year with the launch of the St George's Children's Choir. The choir, which is run by Sue Howell-Evans and Mandy Roberts, has been steadily growing since its launch, with members now drawn from other schools in the parish. The choir meet weekly in church, and the culmination of their hard work is now regularly witnessed when the choir join All-Age Eucharists, robing and sitting in the choir stalls with the adult choir, leading the congregation in singing and performing pieces they have rehearsed during the service.

The Last Friday of the Month Concert series, which has been running for around seven years, continued this year as part of St George's commitment to fostering and supporting music and musicians in the local community. This year the series including both returning musicians and new performers, including cello and piano performances by the Luc Family, Horsham Town Band and Tim Rivalde, Assistant Organist at Chichester Cathedral.

The first St George's Christmas Concert was held in church on 14 December. The concert included performances from St George's Children's Choir, St George's Youth Group and various adult and young soloist. It was a wonderful showcase of the talent of our church and the wider community.

A band of merry carollers took to the streets of the parish on 19 December, meeting at Eastgate Square and making their way to Royal Close where mince pies and hot drinks were served. It was a joyous occasion which provided a valuable opportunity for members of the church to witness out and about in the local community.

Rumboldswhyke Church of England Primary School

Rumboldswhyke Primary School is now a full primary school and part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership.

The links between the school and St George's have continued to grow and strengthen in the past year. Fr Angus sits as a foundation governor and chair on the school's governing body which meets to plan the strategic vision of the school, oversee finances and hold the school leadership and its performance to account. There are also several parent governors from the St George's congregation.

Fr Angus leads collective worship at school each Tuesday morning and continues to teach and lead meditation has part of the collective worship, enlisting students to help. The children have shown a willingness to embrace stillness and silence and see how the practice of meditation relates to broader questions of spirituality, ethics, and faith and the message of the scripture. Fr Angus also provides regular support in the teaching of RE, inviting children from Rumboldswhyke, and indeed, Kingsham Primary, to explore St George's and examine the different objects and symbols in the church as part of their interactive learning on local history and religion. Sue Howell-Evans, St George's Director of Music, continues to lead a music session at the school every Friday.

St George's has welcomed the whole school, staff and parents to a number of school services held in the church over the past year, including an end of term service in the summer, a Harvest Service and a Nativity Service. Each service includes music, prayers, readings and presentations of work, which the children rehearse in advance. Some of the services have also been Eucharistic, with children taking on serving roles which, through their active participation, have encouraged them to learn more about the significance of the Eucharist to Christian worship and practice. It has been wonderful to welcome an increasing number of Rumboldswhyke children and their families to St George's and to witness their growing sense that the church is an increasingly important part of their school experience. This has been especially apparent in the number of school families attending the Pancake Party and Halloween Party, children joining the Children's Choir, and parents and children's active participation in the Christmas Fair and Christmas Concert.

Several families with children at the school are regular worshipers at St George's with many of the children attending the J-team and some of the parents taking an active role in the church.

Friends of St Mary's Churchyard

The Friends of St Mary's Churchyard, established in March 2023, continues to seek to a) to participate in the practical care and maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard; b) to raise and administer funds for the maintenance and improvement of Churchyard; and c) to encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the Churchyard and its use by the whole community as well as enhance its value to local wildlife. The group is run as a sub-committee of the PCC.

The group currently has over 70 active members, drawn from the church, local community and further afield. The Friends, together with the PCC, help oversee the churchyard's management plan which recognises the different profiles of the various sections of the churchyard from an ecological perspective as well as remembrance and burial. The Friends have also hosted several successful events, including wildlife related activities such as bat walks, ecological surveys, and a Love Your Burial Ground family and community event on 8 June. In addition, a regular series of working parties made up of volunteers have helped restore, maintain and transform the churchyard, managing it both for the purposes of allowing access to graves and to encourage local wildlife to flourish. Some of the oldest sections of the churchyard have, over the course of the year, been brought back to life with the removal of dense bramble scrub, revealing long hidden gravestones. As a consequence of the work of the Friends, the churchyard has been revitalised as a source of life within the local community and serves as a meeting point for many different people from different walks of life with various interests.

WRAP-CHAT

The monthly social group WRAP-CHAT has continued in its third year, meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month (excluding August) in the Centenary Centre. The group provides a valuable opportunity for people to socialise over refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere and to hear from a wide variety of interesting and engaging speakers.

St George's Tots
Tots meets on Monday mornings in term time, offering term-time sessions of soft play, stories and singing for families with young children. It offers an easy introduction to church life and the wider community. Between 12-20 children normally attend with a parent or carer.

Sister Act
This year has seen the launch of Sister Act, a new group which aims to provide a space for the women of St George's to have fun and get to know each other better. Events so far have included a pudding club, a 'walls walk', cinema trip and wreath making.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
A Pancake Party for families with young children was held on 8 March. Following a time for crafts, a story and singing in church, pancakes were enjoyed by about 40 children and their families in the Centenary Centre.

Halloween Party
On Sunday 3 November, a Halloween Party was held for children and families. The party provided an opportunity for people to remember those who have gone before and have some fun in a way that creatively reconnects Halloween to the feast of All Souls and All Saints. The party welcomed 35 children, with some families coming into the church for the first time.

Other outreach events:

A number of other events have taken place during the last year which have provided an opportunity for outreach and engagement with the wider community. These include a fish and chip quiz night, two Happy Café events in which a full breakfast was cooked and served by volunteers, coffee mornings, a Vintage Tea Party hosted by members of the congregation, and Christmas wreath making workshops.

Pet Blessing Service
On 12 October a family-friendly Pet Blessing Service took place, with all creatures great and small welcomed into St George's for a blessing. The service also provided a chance to remember and give thanks for pets who had died. The service coincided with the time of year when St Francis of Assisi is commemorated by the church.

Autumn Fair and Produce Show
A Harvest Fair and Produce Show was held on 14 September. The event included a produce competition which encouraged people to enter their produce or artistic creation. There were a wide range categories for bakers, gardeners and artists. In addition, refreshments were served and there were a number of stalls and games for all the family. The event proved to be a great success with many people entering items into the produce show and a good selection of people from the wider community taking part in the other activities. The organisers and volunteers ensured the event was well organised with a hospitable and joyful atmosphere that was appreciated by many who attended.

Christmas Fair
Our Christmas Fair on 30 November was again one of the year's highlights and saw many people attend from the local area. Stalls included home-made cakes, craft items such as hand-knitted hats and scarves, books, toys, a tombola, festive raffle, and Father Christmas in his grotto. Teas, coffees and mince pies were enjoyed and provide a good opportunity for conversation and for meeting others. Again, the event relied on the effort, time and generosity of the event's organisers and volunteers. Their contribution was appreciated by many.

Plant Fair

This year we launched a Plant Fair on 20 April which we hope will run as a regular event each year. The fair comprised a morning for the whole family with plant stalls, gardening items for sale, books, children's activities along with refreshments and musical performances. People also had the opportunity to sell their own plants and gardening equipment. In preparation for the fair, many members of the congregation grew plants from seed to sell and there was a Sow a Seed Family Workshop held in March to encourage children to be involved and grow plants for the fair. There was a very large turnout on the day with a positive atmosphere which saw people both from St George's, Whyke, and the wider area attend.

World Day of Prayer

This year, St George's hosted a service for the World Day of Prayer on 1 March. The service was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine with the theme "I beg you, bear with one another in love". The service started with a soup lunch and refreshments were served after the service.

Eco Champion and Eco Church

This year the PCC nominated Sam Kelly to be our parish Eco Champion. This is something that every parish in the Diocese was asked to do. Sam, our churchwarden and a professional ecologist, had already done much to promote the importance of ecological questions at St George's. Many people at St George's are passionate about this pressing issue and eager to work together to prioritize environmental and ecological matters as central to our faith and commitment to the common good of all.

In addition, St George's also achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award. Eco Church is run by the Christian charity A Rocha in partnership with Christian Aid, the Church of England, the Methodist Church and Tearfund. A Rocha works for the protection and restoration of the natural world, both as a response to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and as a demonstration of Christian hope for God's world. Eco Church is a web-based survey and award scheme with three levels of award – bronze, silver and gold. The survey enables churches to record what they are already doing to care for God's earth, and to reflect on what further steps they can take to that end and then act accordingly. It is designed to motivate and resource churches in making ecology an integral part of their everyday work and witness. The hope is that we at St George's can make the vision of Eco Church our own: to create a network of churches that act as local centres and beacons of care for the earth and all that lives.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

A high value is placed on the provision of discreet pastoral care for parishioners. Alongside providing pastoral support in conjunction with confession, funerals, baptism and weddings, Fr Angus regularly met with people to talk through questions of faith and pastoral need. He has also visited people in their homes, bringing communion to those who are unable to attend church. The Deputy Church wardens and Healing Ministry Team also provide additional lay support.

The church has a growing relationship with the residential care home, Lakeview Grange, which opened at the beginning of 2023 and Fr Angus has offered a monthly communion service with assistance from parishioners. During Advent, this included singing carols with Sue Howell Evans and several parishioners helping.

Care and tangible support for others

Throughout the year, St George's has continued to support the Chichester District Foodbank, a project founded over ten years ago by local churches and community groups to alleviate food poverty in the local area.

The partnership with the charity UK Harvest has continued to strengthen. This has involved hosting a fortnightly community food hub in the Centenary Centre. 'Fed and Nourished' seeks to address the twin issues of food poverty and food waste. In return for a modest donation, anyone can come and fill a shopping bagwith groceries and fresh food, with 1,191 bags of food being distributed during 2024. 19 volunteers from St George's provide a warm and friendly welcome and serve refreshments. The project also connects people with organisations that offer long-term support.

Charitable giving
We continue to collect milk bottle tops and used stamps that help to raise funds for the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice and St Wilfrid's Hospice respectively.

Financial Review

Income and Outgoings
During the year income increased by £10,200, to £103,200, and expenditure increased by £24,300, to £112,200. As a result, the cash held by the charity decreased by £9,000, to £62,900, of which £59,100 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The last quinquennial inspection was held in 2023; work on the roof and the electrics were completed during 2024. There were other areas highlighted for minor repairs and maintenance, all of which have been completed in 2025.

Sharing ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester
The Parish Share goes towards meeting the costs of clergy stipends, housing, training, and pensions, as well as national church responsibilities. The PCC reduced the Parish Share to the Diocese to £52,500 to ensure the church maintains its reserves in accordance with the reserves policy.

Money held in reserve.
It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, returning funds to our current account as and when finances are required to pay day-to-day bills. At the year end, the total cash held by the charity decreased by £9,000 to £62,900, of which £59,100 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The PCC have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £43,000 (which equates to roughly 5 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £59,100.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011, its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of ex-officio members (the incumbent, the churchwardens, members of the Deanery/Diocesan or General Synods) and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to encourage a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by

Fr Angus Reid
Fr Angus Reid (May 8, 2025 09:16 GMT+1)

Rev'd Dr Angus Reid, PCC Chairman

Date: May 8, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICESTER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St George's PCC Chichester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 15 to 19 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

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Date: May 8, 2025

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICESTER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	77,018	-	2,876	79,895	72,911
Fundraising income	2(b)	5,064	-	-	5,064	4,541
Church activities	2(c)	14,053	-	829	14,882	12,427
Investment income	2(d)	3,362	-	11	3,373	1,625
Insurance claim		-	-	-	-	1,503
Total receipts		99,497	-	3,716	103,213	93,007
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		52,500	-	-	52,500	50,000
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	9,162	-	4,240	13,402	8,799
Church running expenses	3(b)	37,503	3,072	4,417	44,992	28,487
Fundraising expenses		313	-	-	313	-
Mission giving and donations	4	1,000	-	-	1,000	658
Total payments		100,478	3,072	8,657	112,207	87,945
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(981)	(3,072)	(4,941)	(8,994)	5,062
Transfers between funds	6	(1,476)	350	1,127	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,457)	(2,722)	(3,814)	(8,994)	5,062
Cash funds as at last year end		16,903	47,339	7,634	71,876	66,814
Cash funds at this year end	A	14,446	44,616	3,820	62,882	71,876

The notes on pages 17 - 19 form part of these accounts.

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICESTER

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	7,863	-	3,610	11,473	15,791
Notice deposits	6,554	44,616	-	51,170	55,876
Prepaid card balance	29	-	-	29	-
Petty cash	-	-	210	210	210
	14,446	44,616	3,820	62,882	71,876
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	496	-	-	496	880
Other debtors	701	-	-	701	-
	1,197	-	-	1,197	880
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Taxes due	499	-	-	499	437
Fee for Independent Examination	1,290	-	-	1,290	1,200
	1,789	-	-	1,789	1,637

D Assets retained for charity's own use

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets.

E Investment assets

		Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2024 £	Value 2023 £
CCLA investment fund income shares (bid market value)	Note 6	Restricted	2,069	1,952
Parish Trust investments	Note 6	Endowment	21,118	20,499
			23,187	22,451

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Fr Angus Reid

Fr Angus Reid (May 8, 2025 09:16 GMT+1)

Revd. Dr Angus Reid

Date: May 8, 2025

The notes on pages 17 - 19 form part of these accounts.

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICESTER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
2	**a) Voluntary income**					
	Donations	42,083	-	2,707	44,790	42,156
	Parish Giving Scheme (including recovered gift aid)	22,259	-	-	22,259	19,616
	Gift aid recovered	11,525	-	169	11,694	10,999
	Other donations and grants	1,151	-	-	1,151	141
		77,018	-	2,876	79,895	72,911
	b) Fundraising income					
	Events	4,796	-	-	4,796	4,206
	Other	268	-	-	268	335
		5,064	-	-	5,064	4,541
	c) Church activities					
	Fees for weddings and funerals	7,239	-	-	7,239	4,556
	Concerts	1,833	-	-	1,833	1,887
	Other activities	2,325	-	829	3,154	2,264
	Lettings for community use	2,657	-	-	2,657	3,720
		14,053	-	829	14,882	12,427
	d) Investment income					
	Interest from cash deposits	3,067	-	11	3,078	1,429
	Dividends from CBF investment funds	295	-	-	295	196
		3,362	-	11	3,373	1,625

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
3 a) Clergy and staffing costs						
Cost of payroll	Note 5	5,892	-	4,240	10,132	5,666
Running costs for clergy accommodation		3,270	-	-	3,270	3,133
		9,162	-	4,240	13,402	8,799

Revd. Dr Angus Reid (who is a clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of this stipend is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipends. Revd. Dr Reid was also provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy; these costs are also disclosed in the above note.

b) Church running costs					
Church repairs, maintenance and equipment	9,466	-	2,926	12,392	8,861
Utilities	5,051	-	-	5,051	4,986
Hall repairs, maintenance and running exps	241	3,072	-	3,313	449
Ministry costs, activities, admin and support	8,723	-	1,491	10,214	7,848
Insurance	3,323	-	-	3,323	2,898
Governance	1,224	-	-	1,224	1,500
Quinquennial inspection and associated repairs	9,204	-	-	9,204	1,680
Other legal and professional fees	270	-	-	270	266
	37,503	3,072	4,417	44,992	28,487

4 Mission giving and donations					
Organisations:					
Disaster Emergency Committee	-	-	-	-	468
Sanctuary in Chichester	1,000	-	-	1,000	40
Individuals	-	-	-	-	150
	1,000	-	-	1,000	658

5 Transactions with related parties

Susan Howell-Evans, a trustee, served as the church organist and was paid £6,250 [2023: £4,990] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee.

6 Movement on designated and restricted funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	16,903	99,497	(100,478)	(1,476)	14,446
Designated funds					
Kay Glover fund	47,339	-	(3,072)	(17,269)	26,998
Fabric fund	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Mission and outreach	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Youth worker	-	-	-	2,269	2,269
Flower fund	-	-	-	350	350
	47,339	-	(3,072)	350	44,616
Restricted funds					
Churchyard	608	245	(688)	689	854
Flower fund	706	846	(1,200)	-	353
Flower tin	210	-	-	-	210
Children's activities	351	595	(291)	-	654
Organ and choir	581	230	-	-	811
Organ tuning	-	1,050	(1,488)	438	-
Girl's choir	247	-	-	-	247
Iris Woodhams fund	4,240	-	(4,240)	-	-
WRAP chat	691	-	-	-	691
Lawnmower	-	750	(750)	-	-
	7,634	3,716	(8,657)	1,127	3,820
Total funds	71,876	103,213	(112,207)	-	62,882

The Kay Glover fund relates to a legacy that had no conditions attached, so the PCC have decided to designate part of these funds for fabric, youth worker, and mission and outreach.

The Churchyard relates to funds provided for the purpose of maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard and the development of The Friends of St Mary's Churchyard.

The Flower fund is for donations for the purchase of the church flowers.

The Flower Tin is also for the purchase of church flowers but is the cash element for day to day purchases. Receipts need to be shown for all purchases.

Children's activities consist of Tots and J Team and funds for this purpose are used for these groups.

Funds given for the Organ and choir fund are used for the purchase of music and other choir related costs.

Funds given for organ tuning were spent specifically on this expenditure during the year.

Girl's choir relates to funds given for this particular youth activity.

Iris Woodhams fund has been put towards the cost of a youth worker.

The WRAP chat fund relates to funds given to support this monthly social group.

The lawnmower relates to funds given specifically to purchase this equipment.

In addition to the bank and cash balances in restricted funds are the following held as investments whose movements do not therefore form part of the receipts and payments accounts:

		Opening balance £	(decrease) in value £	Closing balance £
Restricted				
CBF Fixed interest securities [Rumboldswyke, Whyke and Portfield PCC]		1,541	87	1,628
CBF Fixed interest securities [Rumboldswyke & Portfield churchyards]		411	30	441
		1,952	117	2,069
Endowment				
Parish Trust investments	Sale Langdale Ave	9,099	275	9,374
Parish Trust investments	Salehall Portfield	11,400	344	11,744
		20,499	619	21,118
		22,451	736	23,187

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE FABRIC AND FURNISHINGS OF THE CHURCH

The Rector and one of the Deputy Church Wardens have continued to take responsibility for the fabric and furnishings of the Church.

In January, a full tree inspection and report was undertaken of 28 trees in St Mary's Churchyard. The work was undertaken by Jonathan Rodwell of Beechdown Arboriculture Limited. A ground level visual assessment of the trees was undertaken to identify potential defects that may represent a risk of failure leading to injury or damage to property; management recommendations to mitigate risks were made; and an appropriate re-inspection schedule and review process was identified.

Also in January, the audio-visual system in the centre and the sound system in the church were upgraded with new hardware. These were kindly installed and donated by a parishioner.

In March, the outside gutters and downpipes were cleared by Silverlock Window Cleaning. The total cost of the work was £320.

During April, repairs and maintenance work were carried out to the church roof by Tarrant Group, a company of steeplejacks. The works were identified by our inspecting architect in the Quinquennial Report and included replacing many broken tiles, including many at high heights, the removal of moss from the north face of the church roof and vestry roof, making repairs to tiles in the valley section of the roof between the church building and the centre, and replacing the broken bell wire in the Lady Chapel. The total cost of the works was £9,204.

In May, Beechdown Arboriculture Limited undertook tree pruning work in St Mary's Churchyard, as identified in the Arboriculturist Report. The works cost £450.

In June, the floor in the centre was sanded and treated with three coats of floor sealer. This treatment was much needed as the floor had become worn over the years. The work was recommended in the Quinquennial Report. The work cost £3,072 and was undertaken by Jeremy Green of Timber Flooring Services.

Also in June, work was carried out on many items by our electrician Lord & Taylor. This included replacing damaged trunking in the centre, fixing lighting in the sacristy and boiler room, securing speaker cable in the church, repairing the hostess trolly, and disconnecting the hand drier in the toilet next to the choir room. The work cost £475.72

Bradley Electrical, as they had done in previous years, completed the EICR Inspection on the church's electrical system in June. The report found the condition of the installation to be satisfactory while also identifying several areas in which improvements were recommended. The total cost was £1466.40. The inspection and the report were subject to many delays, having originally been requested by the Rector in August 2023 and followed up by him on repeated occasions. In light of this poor level of service, the decision has been made to use our current electricians, Lord and Taylor, when the next inspection is due.
In July the annual servicing of the fire alarm system and emergency lighting within the Centenary Centre was carried out. The annual servicing of the fire extinguishers as well as the fired heater and gas installation took place.

During the year, officers from the local fire brigade visited the church to advise us on fire safety matters and evacuation procedures.

In September, a new St George's flag was purchased and installed to replace the old flag which had become warn. The new flag included the insignia/logo for the Diocese of Chichester in line with church guidelines when flying the St George's flag. The cost was £72.93.

In October, several broken paving slabs around the war memorial and near the main entrance to the church were replaced. A number of slabs were also replaced or re-lifted in the courtyard at the back of the church. The work was carried out by Cathedral Gardeners and cost £1,620.

In October, at the Harvest Festival Service, the Chichester Combined Church Recording Group, co-ordinated by Jennifer Woolfrey, presented the results of their work recording St George's fixture and fittings. Their work began before the Covid outbreak in 2020. Fr Angus formally received from them a hardback bound volume that includes photographs, detailed descriptions, and the history of the fittings and furnishings of the interior of the church. This be an invaluable record. The Recording Group were thanked and presented with a gift by Fr Angus after the service.

In December, further electrical works were carried out by our electrician Lord & Taylor. These included replacing the trunking over the doorway in the centenary centre; fixing the sacristy office lighting as well as the main entrance foyer light; clipping and securing speaker cables in the church; disconnecting and removing the hand drier in the disabled toilet in the centre, and remedial work to various lamps. The work cost £315.

Also in December, a de-humidifier was purchased for use in the parish office to help reduce the dampness level which was affecting paper documents and the photocopier. This item cost £143.90.

At the end of the year, the cellar area under the church nave, which been used as a storage space, was cleared and all the items were removed as recommended in the Quinquennial Report.

A protective box and hazard warning strip was placed over an exposed pipe in the boiler room as advised in the Quinquennial Report. The work was kindly carried out by a member of the congregation.

Throughout the year, the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard, have continued to maintain the grounds of the churchyard where a regular series of working parties made up of volunteers have helped restore, maintain, and transform the churchyard; managing it both for the purposes of allowing access to graves and to encourage local wildlife to flourish. The costs for fuel, maintenance and large equipment are borne by the PCC with the Friends raising funds for other items and equipment.

Fr Angus Reid and Jill Merry, deputy church warden
March 2025

Report on the meetings of the Deanery Synod held in 2024/25.

The Chichester Deanery Synod met in February and the following and January (2025) with a Deanery Day in June, all meetings were held at St Paul's Church, Chichester.

The meeting in February began with a presentation of the FSW (Society for Fallen Women) by Martin Auton-Lloyd which was created in 1890 and developed through the twentieth century to provide support and assistance to unmarried mothers until the 1950s. The society (a registered charity) continues today with 18 workers with a specialist background in Social Services or teaching. They offer a holistic approach, really getting to know the families they support. Most families are supported for 3-6 months at a time. FSW also run a foodbank and deliver enough food for 20 meals on a monthly basis. At Christmas, 200 hampers were distributed, and 400 families had presents for children and toiletries for children to gift to their parents. Funds are depleting and parishes were asked to consider supporting the charity.

The Deanery Day in June was an open meeting with good attendance by lay and clergy. St Paul's offered a warm welcome and generous hospitality throughout the busy day. The day comprised two workshops, two keynote addresses and two panel discussions. Workshop 1 – Children and Young People – A Catholic Perspective, facilitated by Mr Rachel Gledhill, St John's Upper Norwood. Mr Rachel provided a highly inspirational account of how St John's went from a church with no regular CYP presence to a thriving community of around 100 each Sunday. Mass remained traditional with children involved in all areas of worship. CYP are divided, like St George's along key educational stages. St John's host monthly meals inviting children and their families to eat together, transforming the church into refectory-style seating, encouraging families to fully integrate with their neighbours. Workshop 2 – Care for Creation – Fifth Mark of Mission, facilitated by Mrs Karen Park, Eco Church Lead, Horsham Churches Together. Mrs Park delivered another very inspiring workshop explaining how Horsham Churches attained their gold eco award. The day finished with lunch where Mr Martha was wished a fond farewell in her new role in Oxford.

January's meeting was hosted by the new Rural Dean, Fr Paul Diock – new to Chichester – but not new to being Rural Dean having previously held the position for five years in another deanery and seems keen to run an effective and efficient "ship". Fr Doick is keen to recruit the following to the Deanery Synod, if anyone feels called: Lay Co-Chair – to share the role of chairing meetings, sit on Diocesan Pastoral Committee (3-4 meetings a year, all on Zoom). Treasurer – not onerous, mainly paying expenses and applying for grants. A short discussion was held around the subject of what the Deanery Synod to look like/do? Feedback from different churches was fairly similar around working together better, improving communication between parishes, sharing resources, sharing ideas etc. The next Meeting will be held on 11 June – Rev Jo King, Diocesan Disability Co-ordinator attending, location to be confirmed.

Hugh Acland
Christine Harrison
Penny Mason
Deanery Synod Representatives
March 2025

Annual Safeguarding report - St Georges Church, Whyke

Commitment to Safeguarding

As set out in the Trustee's Annual Report, the Rector and PCC of St George's continue actively to make safeguarding a key priority in the life of St George's seeing it as intrinsic to the Gospel mandate to respect and champion the dignity of every person, especially people who are vulnerable and at risk, while also learning from failures in the past to protect those who are vulnerable and respond well to victims and survivors of abuse. Making safeguarding an integral part of all that we do at St George's means working to overcome any sense in which safeguarding is considered a marginal concern, doing so in tandem with an approach that promotes a healthier and safer ethos across all activities and events, and encourages a more transparent, collaborative, and proactive attitude to safeguarding within the life of the parish and in partnership with the diocese and other partner organisations. This has taken on a higher urgency this year given the significant safeguarding failures in the Church of England, highlighted by the Makin Report, which led in 2025 to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and General Synod passing resolutions to have independent oversight of safeguarding in the Church of England as well as introducing new safeguarding policies and procedures at every level of the Church.

At St George's our commitment to making our church as safe as possible for children, vulnerable adults, and all people has included, amongst other things, a) ensuring volunteers and the leaders within the church, especially in relation to children's work, are not only properly trained and checked but also supported and challenged to build a positive culture of attentiveness, welcome and care for all so that safeguarding is seen to be everyone's responsibility and people feel able to share whatever concerns they have with the appropriate person; b) ensuring good communication and working relationships between the incumbent, the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, other key officer holders, and council members around matters of safeguarding best practice, reflection, and learning; and c) building up a safeguarding team to support the incumbent and PSO and reflect constructively and critically, within a framework of mutual accountability and the bounds of confidentiality, on the safeguarding culture and practices at St George's, the Diocese, the wider Church, and society as a whole.

Parish Overview

The past year has seen the congregation flourish and grow, with attendance at Sunday services and other activities increasing across all age groups, and children and families in particular.

The following groups have continued over the past year and, in general, have seen an increase in numbers attending:

- J Team / Diddy Disciples
- Tots Group
- St George's Choir
- First Communion Classes
- Confirmation Classes for adults
- Confirmation Classes for children
- WRAP Chat
- Youth group
- Lent group
- Friends of St. Mary' Churchyard
- Community Food Hub (run in partnership with the charity UK Harvest)
- Servers Team including both adults and children.

The following groups have started up during the past year:

- Sister Act
- St George's Children's Choir – this was previously based at Rumboldswhyke School but has moved to the church and opened up to the wider community for all children in year one and above, with the choir numbers increasing. The Choir performs at regular intervals at All Age Sunday services and also sang this year at the new Christmas Concert event.

Other events taking place throughout the year:

- Pancake party for children and families
- Halloween Party for children and families
- Easter Vigil and sleepover – for the first time, and in a bid to encourage more participation from families and children, the Vigil service involved children in every part of the liturgy and was followed by a BBQ for all attendees, culminating in a sleepover for youth and children members, with adult supervision.
- Happy Café breakfasts
- Fish and Chips Quizzes
- Plant Fair
- Summer Fair
- Christmas Fair

In light of all these activities and events, and as the church continues to grow and expand the activities it offers, the Safeguarding Officer will continue to work with the incumbent and other church officers, employees and volunteers, to ensure that all necessary safeguarding procedures are in place and relevant checks have been implemented as new groups start and different activities are organised.

The Youth Worker continues to be employed by the Church which enables more activities to take place and a more structured plan of Sunday school learning which enriches the experience for the children in attendance. The Youth Worker also helps plan and run the Youth Group evenings, first communion and confirmation classes. Together with the incumbent and the Safeguarding Officer, the Youth Worker plays a key role in implementing the safeguarding policies and procedures at St George's and helping to foster a safer, healthier and more transparent culture around safeguarding.

St George's Safeguarding Policies and SQP

Ginnie WYLLIE has been appointed as the new Parish Safeguarding Officer, taking over from Mary HOWICK who moved to the role of Parish Secretary.

Level one of the Diocese of Chichester's new safeguarding programme, SQP, was obtained in 2020. This programme aims to improve safeguarding at parish level. As part of this J Team, church choir, Monday Tots and Servers have a folder containing all relevant safeguarding policies and forms, which are regularly reviewed. The Diocese has also announced that in May 2020, they will be launching a new online tool to help parishes with their safeguarding compliance called "Parish Dashboard". This will replace SQP. The dashboard is a user-friendly and effective tool that is already being used by most other dioceses across the country. The goal is to make safeguarding compliance simpler by providing safeguarding officers with everything they need in one place.

The Safeguarding Sub-Committee continues, which includes Fr Angus, Parish Safeguarding Officer and three members of the PCC. This group meets regularly to discuss the church's overall approach to

safeguarding, ensure effective procedures, and monitor practice.

The PCC reviewed and adopted the parish safeguarding policy preferring to use the pro forma template issued by the Church of England rather than the Diocese. This was done in consultation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Along with the safeguarding policy, the PCC also reviewed and adopted the following safeguarding policies and documents: 1) Responding to Safeguarding Allegations in the Parish: Parish Policy and Guidance; 2) E-Safety Policy; 3) Expressing Concerns and 'Whistleblowing': Policy and Guidance; and 4) Code of Conduct for Volunteers Working with Children.

A Youth Helpers Code of Conduct has also been introduced for children over 14 years old who help directly with children under the supervision of adult leaders. As with the adult code of conduct, this is there as a vital part of the provision we offer as a church and as a charity interacting with children. As a minimum, it ensures we comply with the legal and safeguarding frameworks we are duty bound to follow, as well as the requirements of our insurers, under our employer's liability, to take all reasonable care with respect to those who volunteer for us. More than that, however, the code is there to give a clear standard of care not just for young volunteers but also for adult volunteers and for children and families who attend church, so they know what to expect when they hand their children into our care and so that everyone can feel safe and enjoy themselves. To this end, the code of conduct seeks to make clear that volunteering with children is a specific role with clear duties and responsibilities for which volunteers are accountable. The related guidelines for adult leaders also helps adults be clear about their own responsibilities towards young helpers who remain under their care and supervision. For example, in no circumstances can young helpers be counted as in the adult to child ratios.

The PCC also abides by the Charity Commission's requirement for reporting any Serious Safeguarding Incidents to the Charity Commission.

There were 7 safeguarding issues raised and reported in 2024. Where necessary, these were all referred to the Diocese Safeguarding Team and/or statutory agencies by the incumbent and Safeguarding Officer.

Training

The Church of England's Child and Adult Safeguarding Protection Training (C1 module) is available online for members of St Georges undertake. This training is compulsory for all those eligible for a DBS check and it is also open to all church members. The majority of PCC members have now completed the Basic and Foundation level training, and J Team Leaders have all completed Basic and Foundation training.

Leadership training has been completed for all of those in positions of safeguarding leadership within the Church.

Additional courses of Modern slavery and Human Trafficking, Raising awareness of domestic abuse and Safer recruitment and people management have been identified as required for completion by a number of people in particular roles; this is in progress.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer maintains a training log to ensure it is kept up to date and ensures that all new volunteers are notified of the training requirements.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Kim McNAMEE continues as the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) administrator.

Kim keeps up to date with any changes in policy or legislation regarding DBS checks. Kim also keeps up to date with any changes to volunteer roles or new members whose role requires a DBS check.

Since the last report, All PCC members have had a DBS check.

DBS checks carried out prior to the 4th of January 2022, remain valid for 5 years. Due to a change in policy, DBS checks carried out after this date, are valid for 3 years only. Kim will ensure that new checks are carried out when they are due for renewal.

At the time of this report, there is one DBS check outstanding for a volunteer role. Arrangements are being made for the completion of this.

No issues have been flagged up from any of the DBS checks carried out for St Georges.

Report by:

Ginnie WYLLIE Safeguarding Officer and Kim McNAMEE DBS Administrator
10.03.2025

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ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Parish Office Cleveland Road Chichester PO19 7AD
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2011
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1133301
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Trustees' Annual Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Whyke, St George with Rumboldswhyke, St Maryand Portfield, All Saints

For the year ending 31st December 2023

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St George's, Whyke, Chichester Trustees' Annual Report for 2023

This report follows the guidance documents produced by the Diocese for use in the preparation of theParochial Church Council (PCC) Statutory Annual Report under English Law as required by the Charity Commission.

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Dr Angus Reid, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of theChurch of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Providing practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest,irrespective of level of need or ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. To this end, the council has made safeguarding a key priority in the life of St George's, seeing it as intrinsic to the Gospel mandate to respect and champion the dignity of every person, especially people who are vulnerable and at risk, while also learning from failures in the past to protect those who are vulnerable and respond well to victims and survivors of abuse. Making safeguarding an integral part of all that we do at St George's means working to overcome any sense in which safeguarding is considered a marginal concern, doing so in tandem with an approach that promotes a healthier and safer ethos across all activities and events, and encourages a more transparent, collaborative, and proactive attitude to safeguarding within the life of the parish and in partnership with the diocese and other partner organisations. This has included, amongst other things: a) ensuring volunteers and the leaders within the church, especially in relation to children's work, are not only properly trained and checked but also supported and challenged to build a positive culture of attentiveness, welcome and care for all so that safeguarding is seen to be everyone's responsibility and people feel able to share whatever concerns they have with the appropriate person; b) ensuring good communication and working relationships between the incumbent, the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, other key officer holders, and council members around matters of safeguarding best practice, reflection, and learning; and c) establishing a safeguarding team to support the incumbent and PSO and reflect constructively and critically, within a framework of mutual accountability and the bounds of confidentiality, on the safeguarding culture and practices at St George's, the Diocese, the wider Church, and society as a whole.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Holding a PCC away day to discuss the life, vision and mission of the parish, together with safeguarding
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, and learning about the Gospel in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Forging closer links with the local Rumsboldswhyke Church of England Primary School
- Forming the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard as a sub-committee of the PCC to care for, celebrate, research and enhance our churchyard as a sacred space, historical site and haven for wildlife
- Developing partnerships with other organisations committed to the common good
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of events such as the Autumn and Christmas Fairs, coffee mornings, breakfast, quiz nights, and holding family focused events related to Shrove Tuesday, Halloween and Christmas
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a focus of church and social life in the parish

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. We wish to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We maintain that voluntary attendance to worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit as revealed in Jesus Christ and the life of the Church is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The average regular weekly attendance, counted during October, was 101 adults and 22 children. Over the course of the year, we have continued to see an increasing number of new families come to St George's. A central focus of our worshipping life is to foster the intergenerational makeup of our congregation, deepening faith for all ages. Our children's church provision on Sunday now has two offerings, the "J Team" for older children and "Diddy Disciples" for younger children. These groups have been led both by volunteers and by our newly appointed Youth Worker. We are grateful for those who lead and nurture our young people in this way.

Alongside this provision for children, we offer a monthly All-Age Eucharist in term time with a shorter interactive sermon. This enables children to participate more fully in the service by serving, reading, leading prayers and making craft to give as part of the offering of gifts. This service has seen people of all ages interact more closely as part of the worshipping life and has helped a greater sense of inclusivity at the heart of our worship in which, both young and old, families and those who are single, value each other's presence and gifts.

A new bi-monthly ministry of healing began in Advent as part of the main Sunday Eucharist. After Communion anyone who wishes is welcome to go to the Lady Chapel for the Laying on of Hands by lay ministers and Anointing with Oil by a priest. A new team of lay volunteers drawn from the congregation has been formed for these purposes and they work alongside retired clergy and the incumbent. The initial response has seen many people go up to receive this ministry of healing. The ministry team also meets after the service for debriefing and prayer.

During the week, the church offers two mid-week Mass services, one on Wednesdays at 11.30am, followed by refreshments and fellowship; the other on Thursdays at 9.30am. This year we have also started new regular meditation sessions in term time, one on Mondays at 5:30pm and the other on Thursdays at 10:15pm.
The church is also open for private prayer from Mondays to Thursdays.

Two Eucharistic services with the impositions of ashes were held on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. During Lent we also offered the meditative service of Stations of the Cross together with prayer before the sacrament of the Eucharist. We welcomed 199 people to our services at Easter.

Our Patronal Festival was celebrated on Sunday 23 April, during which children from the J-Team reenacted the story of St George and the Dragon. After the service, people enjoyed a bring and share where we welcomed people from both the church and the wider community.

The Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday 8 October and followed on from our Autumn Fair and Produce Show held the day before. Food, toiletries, and other items were donated to the Church at the Harvest Festival by Rumboldswhyke Church of England Primary School, the Autumn Fair and parishioners. These items were passed on to the Chichester District Foodbank.

An evening choral Eucharist was held on All Souls Day in which the names of the deceased were read out.

Remembrance Sunday was observed on 12 November, with the laying of wreaths and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

An additional Remembrance service was held on 18 November lead by Fr Angus and in collaboration with Dillistone & Wraighs Funeral Directors where people were invited to remember a loved one who had died.

The J-Team Nativity Play, put on by the children of the J-Team during the sermon slot during the Parish Mass on Sunday 17 December was enjoyed by the congregation with many new families attending from Rumboldswhyke School.

A contemplative service of night prayer was held every Wednesday during Advent. Beautiful services of Advent Liturgy and Christmas Carols were also held, together with Carol singing at various locations in the parish. Both Rumboldswhyke Primary School and Kingsham Primary School held their Christmas services in the church with Fr Angus offering prayer, reflections, and a blessing. 218 people attended services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Nine children were baptised at St George's during 2023. There were also two marriages and six funerals, the latter held either in church, at the graveside in St Mary's Churchyard, or the crematorium.

After a period of preparation, some of our children were admitted to their First Holy Communion on 16 July. Three adult candidates were also confirmed by Bishop Martin Warner at the Parish Mass on 12 March.

Several new people have also come forward to join the team of lesson readers, intercessors and servers.

Three members of the congregation signed-up to the Diocesan Living Faith Course, a course for lay Christians to find and develop their gifts and explore what discipleship and calling means for them.

A Lent Group met for five weeks looking in depth at the book of the Psalms. This attracted a good mix of people from the congregation as for learning, discussion and fellowship, and ended with praying the psalms together.

On Thursday afternoons during Advent, there was an Advent Reflection Group reading and reflecting on poetry in the light of faith and mission. This saw only a few people attend, with the afternoon slot not being convenient for many people.

Evangelism and outreach

Youth Worker and Children's Work

The PCC appointed Zara Cross as our Youth Worker in September 2023. Zara has been a member of St George's for several years and already volunteers in the J-team where she has been using her creativity and energy to excite young and old alike about God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and the life of faith at St George's. As Youth Worker, amongst other things, Zara works alongside Fr Angus, the J-team and other volunteers to encourage children and their families in their faith, spirituality and life of prayer and service, rooting this in the Eucharistic worship and sacramental vision of St George's. With the J team, Zara helps to develop children's activities on Sundays and throughout the year. She also encourages and assist older children and adults to volunteer in

supporting our children's provision. A key part of the role has been to help establish and supervise a regular session for our teenagers, giving them a chance to meet together for activities, build friendships, discuss and debate questions of faith, explore prayer, spirituality and mission. The youth group meets once a month and is currently led by Zara and Fr Angus. Zara has also been key in developing the children's area in church, helping Fr Angus to shape the All-Age Eucharist and encourage more children to assist and serve. In addition, Zara has played a central role in organising, planning and putting on specific events geared towards children and families such as the Halloween Party, the Christmas Crib service. We look forward to continuing to develop the role of the Youth Worker and our Children's Work in 2024.

Rumboldswhyke Church of England Primary School

Rumboldswhyke Primary School has flourished in the past year, culminating in an OFSTED inspection in September 2023 which judged the school to be overall 'Good' and 'Outstanding' in Early Years Provision. The school is still in the process of converting into a full primary school as part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership. There are now children in reception class up to year 5 with the school looking to have children all the way up to year 6 by 2024/2025.

The links between the school and St George's have continued to grow and strengthen in the past year. Fr Angus sits as a foundation governor on the school's local governing body which meets to plan the strategic vision of the school, oversee finances and hold the school leadership and its performance to account. There is also one parent governor from the St George's congregation.

Fr Angus also leads collective worship at school each Tuesday morning. This year Fr Angus has started to teach and lead meditation as part of the collective worship, enlisting students to help. There have been promising signs as the children learn to embrace stillness and silence and see how the practice of meditation relates to broader questions of spirituality, ethics, and faith and the message of the scripture. Earlier in the year, Fr Angus invited one of the classes to St George's to explore and examine the different objects and symbols in the church as part of their interactive learning on local history and religion. He also joined the school for an outing to Chichester Cathedral. Sue Howell-Evans, St George's Director of Music, continues to lead a music session at the school every Friday. There are also plans to explore the possibility of starting a choir for the children in partnership with St George's.

St George's has welcomed the whole school, staff and parents to a number of school services held in the church. These included an end of term service in the summer, a Harvest service, and a Nativity service. At each service the children sang songs and hymns which they had rehearsed; led prayers; read passages of scripture and other texts; and interactively presented different themes drawn from their lessons in the classroom. Some of the services have also been Eucharistic and seen children take on serving roles and, through their active participation, learn more about the significance of the Eucharist to Christian worship and practice. It has been a delight to welcome the children and their families to St George's and to witness their growing sense that St George's is an increasingly important part of their school experience.

This was further evidenced in several of the school families attending the Pancake Party, the Autumn Fair, the Halloween Party and Christmas Fair at St George's, with some families helping with games and stalls at the Fair.

Several of the families with children at the school are regular worshipers at St George's with many of the children attending the J-team and some of the parents taking an active role in the church.

Friends of St Mary's Churchyard

In March 2023, a new group called the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard was set up by Dr John Fitch and Dr Sam Kelly. This was in recognition of the need to attend to the churchyard which had become overgrown during the Covid pandemic as well as acknowledging the rich ecological, social, historical and spiritual significance of the site. The group is run as a sub-committee of the PCC, with the following objectives: a) to participate in the practical care and maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard; b) to raise and administer funds for the maintenance and improvement of Churchyard; and c) to encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the Churchyard and its use by the whole community as well as enhance its value to local wildlife. Since its first inaugural meeting, the Friends has attracted a great deal of interest with many people signing up to be a Friend of the churchyard with members coming from both the church, local community and further afield. The membership currently stands at over 70 people who receive their quarterly newsletter, and there are also over 130 following and interacting with the group on their Facebook page. The Friends have put together a management plan for the churchyard that recognises the different profiles of the various sections of the churchyard from an ecological perspective as well as remembrance and burial. The Friends have hosted several successful events about the history of the site and the stories of those buried there, as well as wildlife related activities including bat walks, ecological surveys, children's activities and much more. Many more are planned for 2024, with increasing collaboration with other local interest groups. In addition, a regular series of working parties made up of volunteers have helped restore, maintain, and transform the churchyard; managing it both for the purposes of allowing access to graves and to encourage local wildlife to flourish. Some of the oldest sections of the churchyard have, over the course of the year, been brought back to life with the removal of dense bramble scrub, revealing long hidden gravestones. As a consequence of the work of the Friends, the churchyard has been revitalised as a source of life within the local community and serves as a meeting point for many different people from different walks of life with various interests. A history of the churchyard and of those buried there is currently being written by some of the volunteers.

WRAP Community Choir

After careful consideration the PCC decided not to continue with the WRAP community choir at St George's. The choir was set up in 2012 as part of St George's outreach work, welcoming anyone and everyone to come along and sing. In addition to a mutual love of singing and a willingness to try new things, a great sense of fellowship formed around the choir. The choir performed two concerts each year and donated all the proceeds to local charities. Unfortunately, however, membership of the choir and income were both significantly impacted by the Covid pandemic and was no longer sustainable. The hope is that a future opportunity to form a new community-focused choir will arise, perhaps linked to our church choir. Fr Angus and the PCC, on behalf of everyone at St George's, would like to extend their gratitude to Jason Howard, Geraldine Burrows and Nikki

Edge for founding and co-ordinating the WRAP Choir as well as thanking all those who have contributed to the life of the choir and the wider community over the years.

WRAP-CHAT

The monthly social group WRAP-CHAT has continued in its second year, meeting in the afternoon in the church centre on the 1st Wednesday of each month, excluding August. The group offers a chance for people to socialise over refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere while also having a focal point such as visiting speakers giving a talk, music entertainment, board games etc. The meeting continues to be popular and draw in a various crowd of people. Speakers have included: Claudia Deamer from Digital Ambassadors, Digital, Safety & Wellbeing, part of West Sussex County Council on how to protect oneself online; Edward Gray presenting on life in the world of hospitality; Margaret Barratt talking about her experience at Sue Ryder Charity; Ken Green on the history of Chichester Cathedral and an illustrated talk titled 'Chichester Remembered'; Dr Rhiannon Lloyd, a former medical doctor and psychiatrist, on her pioneering workshop called Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict in post-genocide Rwanda and her experience developing healing and reconciliation teams to carry on this work in many other countries; one of our sixth form students on her experiences from her recent trip to Mbeye in Tanzania with the Bishop Luffa sixth form and Grassroots charity; John Wilton, member of St George's church choir, telling about his journey on the Trans-Siberian railway; David Dodd, a multi-gold award winner at numerous Chelsea Flower Shows, taking us behind the scenes of this hugely popular annual show; Fr Philip Meader, who, with original costumes, talked about Palestinian wedding dresses, bridal customs, children, and the background to the Christmas Story. There was also a pre-Christmas tea party with Sue Howell Evans leading us in Christmas songs. We look forward to the events arranged for 2024.

Music at St George's

The choir remains a central part of our worship with Sue Howell-Evans as our musical director. The number of choir members has remained steady over the year and the hope is that more people will be encouraged to join in the coming year, particularly after the WRAP CHOIR has stopped. Fr Angus and Sue Howell Evans are both keen to promote singing in church amongst the children and families and continue to develop the music for the All-Age services. Conversations have also begun with the head teacher of Rumboldswhyke Primary School to explore a joint church and school choir for children.

This year we celebrated Sue Howell Evans' 50 years as our Director of Music. The celebration was held as part of our Last Friday of Month Concert series and a collection was taken for a gift. A stone birdbath engraved with a message of thanks and appreciated was given to Sue from the congregation of St George's, thanking her for her long and faithful service.

The Last Friday of Month Concert series, which has been running for some six years, continued this year as part of St George's commitment to fostering and supporting music and musicians in the local community. The series included both returning musicians and new performers, including cello and piano performances by the local Luc Family; a celebration to mark Sue Howell Evans' at St Georges with the choir the Siena Singers; a singalong with

Arthur Robson together with organ and vocal solos. There was also more in the "Young, Talented and Local" category which showcased local musicians Tim Stewart (Cathedral Organ Scholar) and Luke Haydn; the Kelsall-Barnett Family offering guitar performances coupled with beautiful singing; stories and piano music from the life and times of Ivor Novello presented by Canon David Nason; the Eolandra Brass Quartet & Cuckoo Singers; the Horsham Borough Band; and Sophie Middleditch (recorders) and David Pollock (harpsichord) performing a programme of baroque and modern music.

Building on last year's success, towards the end of the year, a group of people met to go Carol Singing round the parish. They met first at Eastgate Square in Chichester and made our way to Royal Close where mince pies and hot drinks were served. It was a joyous occasion with several passers-by joining in along the way.

St George's Tots
Tots meets on Monday mornings in term time, offering term-time sessions of soft play, stories and singing for families with young children. It offers an easy introduction to church life and the wider community. Between 12-20 children normally attend with a parent or carer.

Coronation of King Charles III
To mark King Charles III's coronation, we held a toast after Mass on Sunday 7 May and sang a few rousing songs with nibbles.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
A Pancake Party for families with young children was held on 19 February. Following a time for crafts, a story and singing in church, pancakes were enjoyed by about 40 children and their families in the Centenary Centre.

Halloween Party
On Sunday 29 October, a Halloween Party for families and some 45 children was held at St George's. This included activities and crafts in the centre and a time of prayer in the church to remember those who have died, as a way of reconnecting Halloween to the feast of All Souls and All Saints.

Other outreach events
St George's Rambles continue to organise walks with an opportunity to explore local walkways, enjoy other people's company and an opportunity for refreshments and conversation. Again, this year, in September people from St George's took part in the Ride & Stride cycling and walking event with other local churches in partnership with the Sussex Historic Churches Trust. During the year, two quiz nights with fish and chip suppers were held, the event being very popular and a good opportunity for fellowship. There were also two Happy Café events in which a full breakfast was cooked and served by volunteers, which attracted people from within the church and wider community. Coffee mornings and a Vintage Tea Party also took place.

Autumn Fair and Produce Show

On 7 October, we held our first Autumn Fair and Produce Show at St George's. The event included a produce competition which encouraged people to enter their produce or artistic creations. There were categories for vegetables, fruit, flowers, preserves, cakes and bakes and young gardeners as well as young artists. In addition to the produce competition, there were refreshments, a fire engine, face painting, different stalls and games for all the family. The event proved to be a great success with many people entering items into the produce show and a good selection of people from the wider community taking part in the other activities. The organisers and volunteers ensured the event was well organised with a hospitable and joyful atmosphere that was appreciated by many who attended. We plan to repeat this event in 2024, holding it earlier in the autumn and growing season.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair on 9 December was again one of the year's highlights and saw many people attend from the local area. Stalls included home-made cakes, craft items such as hand-knitted hats and scarves, books, toys, a tombola, festive raffle, a Friends of St Mary's stall, Father Christmas in his grotto and music played by some of our older children. Teas, coffees and mince pies were enjoyed and provide a good opportunity for conversation and for meeting others. Again, the event relied on the effort, time and generosity of the event's organisers and volunteers. Their contribution was appreciated by many.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

As indicated above, the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard was set up this year as a sub-committee of the PCC. They have drawn in a large number of volunteers who have helped to main the churchyard and graves, while also managing the site as a rich haven for wildlife and research the history of the people buried there.

A cake, plant and book sale was held after the service on Sunday 16 July which raised money towards a community herb garden which a group of volunteers planted in the raised beds at the entrance to the church car park.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

A high value is placed on the provision of discreet pastoral care for parishioners. Alongside providing pastoral support in conjunction with confession, funerals, baptism and weddings, Fr Angus regularly met with people to talk through questions of faith and pastoral need. He has also visited people in their homes, bringing communion to those who are unable to attend church. The Deputy Church wardens and Healing Ministry Team also provide additional lay support.

A new residential care home, Lakeview Grange, opened in the beginning of 2023 and Fr Angus has offered a monthly communion service with assistance from parishioners. During Advent, this included singing carols with Sue Howell Evans and several parishioners helping. Fr Angus also conducted a service in which he blessed all the different floors and main rooms in the care home.

Care and tangible support for others

Throughout the year, St George's has continued to support the Chichester District Foodbank, a project founded over ten years ago by local churches and community groups to alleviate food poverty in the local area.

The partnership with the charity UK Harvest has continued to strengthen. This has involved hosting a fortnightly pop-up pantry/community food hub in the Centenary Centre. 'Fed and Nourished' seeks to address the twin issues of food poverty and food waste. In return for a modest donation, anyone can come and fill a shopping bag with groceries and fresh food. Volunteers from St George's provide a warm and friendly welcome and serve refreshments. The project also connects people with organisations that offer long-term support.

The pilot of the new community-based project, Food for Friends, which allows Afghani refugee groups to access the Centre kitchen and eating space, to be together with befrienders, and to shop for and cook their own dishes, came to an end this year. The project was run by Jenny Cole in partnership with St George's, Transition Chichester and the Quakers. The projected attracted grants from Church Urban Fund, Arun and Chichester Food Partnership and the Coop Midshires Food stores. Due to a new hostel for migrants being set up in another part of Chichester, it was decided that a different venue was needed for the project to be easily accessible to those housed there. It is hoped that the lessons learnt from the project's time at St George will put it in good stead for this next chapter.

Charitable giving

A collection was held for the Turkey and Syria Disaster Fund at the beginning of the year following the earthquake in the area. £468 was received and forwarded to the DEC Disaster Fund.

We also continue to collect milk bottle tops and used stamps that help to raise funds for the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice and St Wilfrid's Hospice respectively.

Financial Review

Income and Outgoings

Total receipts were £93,000 of which £41,500 related to unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £11,000 was from Gift Aid, and £19,600 received through the Parish Giving Scheme. Overall income has increased by £4,400 which includes restricted donations that are detailed in Note 5 to the accounts. £40,000 was transferred to the CCLA deposit account to maximise on increased interest rates. Fundraising activities included quiz nights, vintage tea party and the Christmas fair, well done to all involved in fundraising activities.

Using funds from the Glover bequest, a new dishwasher was purchased for the centre costing £3,048. Our utilities have increased by £1,015 due to the continuation of high energy prices. The quinquennial inspection was carried out during the year at a cost of £1,680 and a further £2,330 was spent on church maintenance and repairs.

Sharing ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The PCC reduced the Parish Share to the Diocese to £50,000 to ensure the church maintains its reserves in accordance with the reserves policy. The Parish Share goes towards meeting the costs of clergy stipends, housing, training, and pensions, as well as national church responsibilities.

The PCC also pays to insure the church with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The cost of the policy in 2023 was £2,898.

Staff Costs

Our organist, who is also a trustee, received payments totalling £4,990 during 2023 for their role as church organist and not for being a trustee. The Iris Woodham fund has been used to pay for our youth worker; £1,492 has been used in 2023 for HR and wages.

Office costs

The PCC is fortunate in that office administration is carried out by able and hard-working volunteers. There have been no major purchases for the office during 2023.

Money held in reserve.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, returning funds to our current account as and when finances are required to pay day-to-day bills. At the year end, the total cash held by the charity increased by £5,100 to £71,900, of which £64,200 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The PCC have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £43,000 (which equates to roughly 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestrictedcash of £64,200.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011, its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of ex-officio members (the incumbent, the churchwardens, members of the Deanery/Diocesan or General Synods) and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to encourage a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev'd Dr Angus Reid, PCC Chairman:

Angus Reid
Angus Reid (Apr 26, 2024 14:36 GMT+1)

Date Apr 26, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St George's PCC Chichester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 15 to 18 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Jaimée Young
Jaimée Young (Apr 29, 2024 10:03 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young

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Date: Apr 29, 2024

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income receipts						
Donations		41,474	-	822	42,296	46,044
Gift aid receipts		10,704	-	295	10,999	10,564
Parish giving scheme		19,616	-	-	19,616	12,000
Fundraising		4,206	-	-	4,206	5,140
Other grants		-	-	-	-	1,175
Charitable activities		5,455	-	3,252	8,707	6,592
Income from letting of facilities		3,720	-	-	3,720	5,537
Investment income		1,625	-	-	1,625	710
Insurance claim		1,503	-	-	1,503	-
Other		335	-	-	335	820
Total receipts		88,638	-	4,369	93,007	88,582
Payments						
Parish share		50,000	-	-	50,000	55,000
Fundraising		-	-	-	-	271
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	29,858	3,048	4,381	37,287	30,822
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	190	-	468	658	2,118
Total payments		80,048	3,048	4,849	87,945	88,211
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		8,590	(3,048)	(480)	5,062	371
Transfers between funds	5	965	-	(965)	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,555	(3,048)	(1,445)	5,062	371
Cash funds as at last year end		7,349	50,387	9,079	66,814	66,443
Cash funds at this year end	A	16,903	47,339	7,634	71,876	66,814

The notes on pages 17 - 18 form part of these accounts.

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	8,156	-	7,634	15,791	50,984
Notice deposits	8,537	47,339	-	55,876	15,630
Petty cash	210	-	-	210	200
	16,903	**47,339**	**7,634**	**71,876**	**66,814**
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	698	-	182	880	2,434
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	1,786
	698	**-**	**182**	**880**	**4,220**
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Taxes due	437	-	-	437	249
Fee for Independent Examination	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,140
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	416
	1,637	**-**	**-**	**1,637**	**1,805**

D Assets retained for charity's own use

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the charity assets.

E Investment assets

		Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2023 £	Value 2022 £
CCLA investment fund income shares (bid market value)	Note 5	Restricted	1,952	1,827
Parish Trust investments	Note 5	Endowment	20,499	19,416
			22,451	21,242

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Angus Reid — Angus Reid (Apr 26, 2024 14:36 GMT+1) date Apr 26, 2024

Revd. Dr Angus Reid

The notes on pages 17 - 18 form part of these accounts.

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Clergy and staffing						
Cost of payroll	Note 4	4,174	-	1,492	5,666	4,320
Running costs for clergy accommodation	Note 4	3,133	-	-	3,133	3,572
Training and other expenses		-	-	-	-	86
Church running costs						
Church repairs and maintenance		5,088	3,048	725	8,861	7,124
Utilities		4,986	-	-	4,986	3,971
Hall repairs, maintenance and running exps		449	-	-	449	1,165
Ministry costs, activities, admin and support		5,684	-	2,164	7,848	7,916
Insurance		2,898	-	-	2,898	2,558
Governance		1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Quinquennial inspection		1,680	-	-	1,680	-
Other legal and professional fees		266	-	-	266	110
		29,858	3,048	4,381	37,287	30,822

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:					
Disaster Emergency Committee	-	-	468	468	1,451
Organisations < £1,000	40	-	-	40	20
Individuals	150	-	-	150	-
	190	-	468	658	1,471

4 Transactions with related parties

Revd. Dr Angus Reid (who is a clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of this stipend is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipend. Revd. Dr Reid was also provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy; these costs are also disclosed in the above note.

Susan Howell-Evans, a trustee, served as the church organist and was paid £4,990 [2022: £4,990] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee. A non-monetary gift was given in recognition of long-service and this was mostly funded from members.

A person connected to the trustee Ken Green was paid £1,119 [2022: £550] for his gardening services.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	7,349	88,638	(80,048)	965	16,903
Designated funds					
Kay Glover fund	50,387	-	(3,048)	-	47,339
	57,735	88,638	(83,096)	965	64,242
Restricted funds					
Churchyard	1,469	704	(725)	(839)	608
Flower fund	533	909	(736)	-	706
Flower tin	200	10	-	-	210
Children's activities	112	330	(91)	-	351
Organ and choir	344	238	-	-	581
Girl's choir	247	-	-	-	247
Iris Woodhams fund	5,732	-	(1,492)	-	4,240
WRAP chat	-	612	(108)	188	691
WRAP community choir	443	745	(800)	(388)	-
Gift for long-service	-	354	(429)	75	-
Turkey Appeal	-	468	(468)	-	-
	9,079	4,369	(4,849)	(965)	7,634
Total funds	66,814	93,007	(87,945)	-	71,876

The Kay Glover fund relates to a legacy received in a previous year; there were no conditions attached to the legacy. This has now been transferred to a designated fund.

The Churchyard relates to funds provided for the purpose of maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard and the development of The Friends of St Mary's Churchyard. The transfer relates to the reimbursement of payments made out of general funds.

The Flower fund is for donations for the purchase of the church flowers.

The Flower Tin is also for the purchase of church flowers but is the cash element for day to day purchases. Receipts need to be shown for all purchases.

Children's activities consist of Tots and J Team and funds for this purpose are used for these groups.

Funds given for the Organ and choir fund are used for the purchase of music and other choir related costs.

Girl's choir relates to funds given for this particular youth activity.

Iris Woodhams fund remainder to be used for youth related activities with the hope for it to be put towards the cost of a youth worker.

WRAP community choir funds were for use of the community choir which has now stopped running. £200 was transferred to general funds to contribute towards the cost of using the church space up to when the group closed, and the remaining £188 was transferred to the WRAP chat fund - both transfers were with permission from the choir committee.

The Turkey appeal raised funds to support people affected by the earthquake and was sent to the Disaster Emergency Commission.

In addition to the bank and cash balances in restricted funds are the following held as investments whose movements do not therefore form part of the receipts and payments accounts:

		Opening balance £	Increase/ (decrease) in value £	Closing balance £
Restricted				
CBF Fixed interest securities [Rumboldswyke, Whyke and Portfield PCC]		1,423	118	1,541
CBF Fixed interest securities [Rumboldswyke & Portfield churchyards]		404	7	411
		1,827	126	1,952
Endowment				
Parish Trust investments	Sale Langdale Ave	8,618	481	9,099
Parish Trust investments	Salehall Portfield	10,798	603	11,400
		19,416	1,083	20,499
		21,242	1,209	22,451

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ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Parish Office Cleveland Road Chichester PO19 7AD
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2011
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1133301
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Revd. Dr Angus Reid Susan Bainbridge Geraldine Burrows Fred Corbin Alison Davis Mavis Dolton Nicola Edge Steven Godfrey Ken Green Jennifer Harding Christine Harrison (appointed May 2022) Ann Howarth (resigned October 2022) Susan Howell-Evans Mary Howick Catherine James Kim McNamee (resigned October 2022) Sian Thomas
BANKERS	Barclays Bank UK PLC CCLA Investment Management Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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The Parish of Whyke, St. George Rumboldswyke, St. Mary & Portfield, All Saints

Diocese of Chichester

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2022

With accounts and financial statements for the year ending

31st December 2022

Incumbent: The Revd Dr Angus Reid

Registered Charity No. 1133301

Trustees' Annual Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Whyke, St George with Rumboldswhyke, St Mary and Portfield, All Saints

For the year ending 31st December 2022

Website: www.whyke.info

Incumbent: The Revd Dr Angus Reid

Independent Examiner: Stewardship Services Ltd, 1 Lamb's Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB

Bankers: Barclays Bank, East Street, Chichester PO19 1HR

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St George's, Whyke, Chichester
Trustees' Annual Report for 2022

This report follows the guidance documents produced by the Diocese for use in the preparation of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Statutory Annual Report under English Law as required by the Charity Commission.

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Dr Angus Reid, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Providing practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, and learning about the Gospel in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of the Christmas Fair and offering food and fun on Shrove Tuesday
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a focus of church and social life in the parish.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. We wish to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We maintain that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The average regular weekly attendance, counted during October, was 114 adults and 23 children. Over the course of the year, it has been a great encouragement to welcome new families to St George's. Whilst we look to encourage the deepening of faith for all ages, we have sought this year to enhance our provision for young people by launching a dedicated programme, 'Diddy Disciples', for the youngest children, led by some of our teenagers. This sits alongside the 'J-Team' activities for those of school age. We give thanks for those who lead and nurture our young people in this way.

A significant initiative has been the introduction of a monthly All-Age Eucharist with a shorter interactive sermon. This enables children to participate more fully in the service by serving, reading and leading prayers. As they bring their sense of wonder and curiosity into our worship, both young and old benefit as they learn to value each other's presence and gifts.

Two mid-week Mass services have been introduced: one on Wednesdays at 11.30am, followed by refreshments and fellowship; the other on Thursdays at 9.30am. The church is also open for private prayer from Mondays to Thursdays.

A Lent Group met for five weeks and proved to be so popular that the meetings had to be moved into church in order to accommodate everyone who wished to attend. We were also able to offer the meditative service of Stations of the Cross during Lent and welcomed 145 people to our services at Easter.

Our Patronal Festival was celebrated on Sunday 24 April. After the Mass, the 'Flute for the Day' group entertained everyone. We then enjoyed a cooked 'bring and share' lunch, followed by a fun and action-packed production of 'St George and the Dragon'.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It was with a deep sense of sadness that we learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September. During her long reign she was a source of strength and stability for the nation, the Commonwealth and the world, sustained by her strong Christian faith and deep sense of vocation.
The union flag was flown at half-mast and the church was open from 9am to 6.30pm each day, where members of the public could sign a Book of Remembrance, light a candle, say a prayer or just sit for a period of quiet.
A special Commemorative Choral Service with prayer, remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Her Late Majesty was held at St George's at 6pm on Sunday 18th September.

Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday 9th October and the gifts received were donated to the Chichester District Foodbank. The service was followed by a Ploughman's Lunch after which Fr Bill Johnston spoke about Harvest & Food in Africa.

Remembrance Sunday was observed on 13th November, with the laying of wreaths and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

J-Team Nativity Play
The J-Team Nativity Play, which was enjoyed by a packed congregation, took place during the Parish Mass on Sunday 18th December.

A contemplative service of night prayer was held every Wednesday during Advent, whilst on Thursday afternoons there was an Advent Reflection Group offering prayer and reflection with scripture, art and music. Beautiful services of Advent Liturgy and Carols were also held, together with Carol singing at various locations in the parish. 209 people attended services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Eight children and one adult were baptised at St George's during 2022 and five funerals were held, either in church or at crematoria.

After a period of preparation, some of our children were admitted to their First Holy Communion on 17th July. Three candidates have also been prepared for confirmation.

Several new people have also come forward to join the team of lesson readers and intercessors.

Evangelism and outreach

Rumboldswhyke Church of England Primary School
The vision of Rumboldswhyke Primary School is to provide a nurturing, creative Christian community where everyone achieves with confidence and enjoyment. A key component of this vision is to build relationships with the local community and parish church. It has been encouraging to see this vision take shape and take hold over the last year as the school has grown considerably under Mrs Lisa Harris, the new headteacher appointed in 2021, and as part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership (a small multi-academy trust which includes Bishop Luffa Church of England Secondary School). There are now children in reception class up to year 4 with the school looking to have children all the way up to year 6 by 2024/2025.

The links between the school and St George's have continued strengthen in the past year. Fr Angus sits as a foundation governor on the school's local governing body which meets to plan the strategic vision of the school, oversee finances and hold the school leadership and its performance to account. Fr Angus also leads

collective worship at school each Tuesday morning. Earlier in the year, Fr Angus invited one of the classes to St George's to explore and examine the different objects and symbols in the church as part of their interactive learning on local history and religion. He also joined the school for an outing to Chichester Cathedral. Sue Howell-Evans, St George's Director of Music, has, for most of the year, also been leading a music session at the school every Friday.

St George's has welcomed the whole school, staff and parents to a number of school services held in the church. These included an end of term service in the summer, a Harvest service, a Christingle and a Nativity service. At each service the children sang songs and hymns which they had rehearsed; led prayers; read passages of scripture and other texts; and interactively presented different themes drawn from their lessons in the classroom. It has been a delight to welcome the children and their families to St George's and to witness their growing sense that St George's is an increasingly important part of their school experience. This was further evidenced in several of the school families attending the Christmas Fair at St George's with some of the students performing Christmas carols and some of the families helping with games and stalls at the Fair.

Several of the families with children at the school are regular worshipers at St George's with many of the children attending the J-team and some of the parents taking an active role in the church.

Looking ahead, it is anticipated that the partnership with the school will continue to develop and grow. In consultation with Mrs Harris and the board of governors, Fr Angus plans to meet and greet parents and students every Monday morning at the school gates. Together with Mrs Harris and Sue Howell-Evans, Fr Angus is exploring the possibility of an after school worship club and a termly school Eucharist in which the children take an active role in worship. It is also hoped that more families associated with the school will attend St George's Sunday worship.

WRAP Community Choir

With the shut-down of social activities brought about by Covid during 2019/2020, the choir eventually regrouped in September 2021 with a few enthusiastic members. Come 2022 membership had increased but others were still very cautious and, in reality, have since taken the decision not to return to community singing. There has been so much enthusiasm from those attending although there had been a few weeks when insufficient funds to meet the weekly fee of the Director of Music had been received.
To enhance the rehearsals, one of the members, an excellent pianist, volunteered her services enabling the leader to concentrate on encouraging members in their singing, of which members have been much appreciative, both of the leader and the pianist.

On returning from the summer break, in September it was agreed the choir should go for what had been a very regular event in the church's calendar, a Christmas concert. With less members compared to previous concerts an entertaining programme was put together including solo performances and readings. As always, instead of charging an admission fee, donations were requested for two local charities, this year, Children on the Edge and Contact 88, and a total of £150 was shared between them both.

WRAP-CHAT

As mentioned in the WRAP Choir item, due to the impact COVID had had on social gatherings, the Wednesday Tea & Chat, that had been such a popular weekly get together of many years standing, had ceased and, in the summer of 2022, it was agreed a new social meeting group should be formed, replacing Tea & Chat, to meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month, excluding August, to be called WRAP-CHAT. The idea being to organise a different event each month, visiting speakers, music entertainment, board games etc. Already the meetings are proving to be popular, at the first meeting, held in October, Fr Angus Reid shared with us his journey from the day of the 9/11 attack to ordination, in November Fr Philip Meader talked us through the life of a Biblical Shepherd, producing authentic items from the Holy Land and in December we celebrated with a festive tea party and raffle, music was provided by Yuriko Luc and community singing was encouraged by Sue Howell Evans. We look forward to the interesting events arranged for 2023.

Music at St George's

The last year has seen the musical life of the church cautiously growing back to pre-pandemic levels of activity. Fr Angus has encouraged all aspects of music in the church and has introduced a new style for the All-Age services which have been well received. There is scope to develop the choral opportunities in this service and we look forward to hearing more of the children's voices.

The new WRAP-CHAT pre-Christmas afternoon tea event featured a 'singalong between the cakes'. This was an opportunity to sing a wider range of Christmas music and the high standard of singing was a worthy successor to that of 'Tea and Chat' and gives an indication of very healthy congregational singing.

Towards the end of the year there was a concerted effort to take our Carol Singing round the parish. As well as fine weather, we were also given encouragement with mince pies and hot drinks. This provided a good platform on which to build next year.

St George's Tots

Tots meets on Monday mornings, offering term-time sessions of soft play, stories and singing for families with young children. It offers an easy introduction to church life and has led to the baptism of one young attendee.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

Inspired by Messy Church, a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party for families with young children was held on 1st March. Following a time for crafts, a story and singing in church, pancakes were enjoyed by about 20 children and their families in the Centenary Centre.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

At Pentecost, St George's joined with the residents of Cleveland Road to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a street party. Tea and coffees were served outside after the morning service and people then enjoyed a 'bring your own food' picnic lunch. Afternoon events included a face painting competition, scooter races, egg and spoon races, and games such as 'splat the rat'.

St George's Ramblers

The ramblers have enjoyed a varied programme of walks this year: along the canal towpath to Hunston; from Fishbourne to Dell Quay; around West Dean Woods to see the spring daffodils; from Boxrove Priory to Halnaker Windmill; a tour of the city's parks; and a pre-Christmas walk around the lakes to Runcton where we joined with non-walkers from St George's for coffee and conversation.

Other outreach events

During the year, two quiz nights with fish and chip suppers were held. A coffee morning with raffle, cake stall and table-top sale took place in July.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair on 10th December was one of the year's highlights, keen anticipated by church members and visitors from the local community alike. Stalls included home-made cakes, craft items such as hand-knitted hats and scarves, books, toys, a teddy tombola, festive raffle and Father Christmas expertly assisted by elves in his grotto. The choir from Rumboldswhyke Primary School sang beautifully for us, watched by proud parents and friends. Teas, coffees and mince pies were enjoyed as conversation flowed and new friendships were made. The organisers and everyone involved did a wonderful job to ensure it was a memorable day.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

Thanks to the generosity of a donor, who gave their time, labour, pots and plants, we now have a fine garden on the west side of the church, behind the War Memorial. Fr Angus blessed the garden after the Parish Mass on 24th April.

During the year the PCC has also been looking at how it can better fulfil its responsibilities for St Mary's Churchyard, working to ensure that the grounds and graves are properly maintained. The aim is to make the churchyard into a place of peace and calm that visitors can enjoy. In tandem to this, a wildlife maintenance plan is also being developed

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

A high value is placed on the provision of discreet pastoral care for parishioners. A new residential care home was due to open in the parish late in 2022, and beginning in February 2023 Fr Angus will be offering communion services and pastoral care to residents. It is hoped that there will be opportunities for other forms of volunteer engagement via things such as music, art and reading.

Care and tangible support for others

Throughout the year, St George's has continued to support the Chichester District Foodbank, a project founded ten years ago by local churches and community groups to alleviate food poverty in the local area. Shockingly, demand for its services have increased considerably in 2022 as people face ever rising food and fuel costs.

In a new outreach initiative, we have been pleased to partner with the charity UK Harvest to host a fortnightly pop-up pantry in the Centenary Centre. **'Fed and Nourished'** seeks to address the twin issues of food poverty and food waste. In return for a modest donation, anyone can come and fill a shopping bag with groceries and fresh food. Volunteers from St George's provide a warm and friendly welcome and serve refreshments. The project also connects people with organisations that offer long-term support.

From November, the Centenary Centre has also been used to host the pilot of a new community-based project, Food for Friends. The project allows various refugee groups to access the Centre kitchen and eating space, to be together with befrienders, and to shop for and cook their own dishes. The project is run by Jenny Cole in partnership with St George's, Transition Chichester and the Quakers.

Charitable giving

The people of St George's responded generously to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and £1,451 was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee in order to help provide food, water, shelter and healthcare to the refugees and displaced families.

We pray: Lord of all the earth,
be present with the people of Ukraine at this time of danger, fear and conflict.
Grant that wise and peaceable counsels may yet prevail,
and give to all suffering nations the freedom they desire and deserve.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Additionally, donations received at the pet blessing service in October were divided between Mount Noddy (RSPCA Animal Centre) and the Chichester District Foodbank. We also continue to collect milk bottle tops and used stamps that help to raise funds for the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice and St Wilfrid's Hospice respectively.

Financial Review

Income and Outgoings

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £81,700 of which £55,800 related to unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £10,600 was from Gift Aid. Excluding the legacy received last year, overall income has increased by £14,700, which includes restricted donations that are detailed in Note 5 to the accounts. Fundraising activities including quiz nights, vintage tea party and the Christmas fair raised £2,790 (after expenses) and the concerts raised £2,077. Well done to all involved in fundraising activities.

The remaining £610 from the Chichester District Council fund was used towards the replacement of the cupboard doors in the kitchen and the remaining £1,126 was taken from the bequest from Kay and Vince Glover. The bequest also funded the new notice boards for the hall which cost £104. Our Utilities have increased by £1,027 due to the gas and electric costs doubling. We have received an energy cost grant of £275 and a deanery synod donation of £900.

Sharing ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The PCC continued to pay £55,000 Parish Share to the Diocese. The Parish Share goes towards meeting the costs of clergy stipends, housing, training, and pensions, as well as national church responsibilities.
The PCC also pays to insure the church with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The cost of the policy in 2022 was £2,558.

Staff Costs

Our organist, who is also a trustee, received payments totalling £4,990 during 2022 for their role as an organist and not for being a trustee.

Office costs

The PCC is fortunate in that office administration is carried out by able and hard-working volunteers. There have been no major purchases for the office during 2022.

Money held in reserve.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account as and when finances are required to pay day-to-day bills. At the year end, the total cash held by the charity decreased by less than £400 to £66,800, of which £57,700 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The PCC have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £43,000 (which equates to roughly 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £57,700 and the charity is holding excess funds in order to meet any costs for the quinquennial, which is now overdue.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011, its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year 2022 the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Dr Angus Reid	
Deanery Synod:	Geraldine Burrows	Lay Vice-Chair
	Fred Corbin	
	Christine Harrison	
	Sian Thomas	
Elected Members:	Sue Bainbridge	
	Alison Davis	Treasurer
	Mavis Dolton	
	Nikki Edge	
	Steven Godfrey	
	Ken Green	
	Jenny Harding	PCC Secretary
	Ann Howarth	(Resigned 16th October 2022)
	Susan Howell Evans	
	Mary Howick	Safeguarding Officer
	Catherine James	
	Kim McNamee	(Resigned 19th October 2022)
		DBS Administrator (ongoing)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of ex-officio members (the incumbent, the churchwardens, members of the Deanery/Diocesan or General Synods) and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to encourage a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Rev'd Dr Angus Reid, PCC Chairman:

Revd. Dr Angus Reid Date *07 May 2023*

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St George's PCC Chichester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 16 to 20 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Jaimée Young

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Date: *09 May 2023*

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds: General Funds £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income receipts						
Donations		55,785	-	2,530	58,314	52,525
Gift aid receipts		10,564	-	-	10,564	9,451
Legacies		-	-	-	-	54,808
Fundraising		5,140	-	-	5,140	6,027
Other grants		-	-	1,175	1,175	-
Charitable activities		3,186	-	3,136	6,322	2,591
Income from letting of facilities		5,537	-	-	5,537	2,561
Investment income		710	-	-	710	294
Other		820	-	-	820	440
Total receipts		81,741	-	6,841	88,582	128,697
Payments						
Parish share		55,000	-	-	55,000	55,000
Fundraising		271	-	-	271	1,372
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	22,919	1,840	6,063	30,822	36,606
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	647	-	1,471	2,118	1,520
Total payments		78,837	1,840	7,535	88,211	94,498
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		2,904	(1,840)	(694)	371	34,199
Transfers between funds	5	(213)	52,226	(52,013)	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,691	50,387	(52,707)	371	34,199
Cash funds as at last year end (restated)	6	4,658	-	61,786	66,443	32,245
Cash funds at this year end	A	7,349	50,387	9,079	66,814	66,443

The notes on pages 18 - 20 form part of these accounts.

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	7,349	43,193	443	50,984	50,924
Notice deposits	-	7,194	8,436	15,630	15,320
Petty cash	-	-	200	200	200
	7,349	**50,387**	**9,079**	**66,814**	**66,443**
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	2,434	-	-	2,434	2,144
Other debtors	1,786	-	-	1,786	1,459
	4,220	**-**	**-**	**4,220**	**3,603**
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Taxes due	249	-	-	249	-
Fee for Independent Examination	1,140	-	-	1,140	-
Accrued expenses	416	-	-	416	389
	1,805	**-**	**-**	**1,805**	**389**

D Assets retained for charity's own use

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the charity assets.

E Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2022 £	Value 2021 £
CCLA investment fund income shares (bid market value)	Note 5	Restricted	1,827	2,004
Parish Trust investments	Note 5	Endowment	19,416	22,425
			21,242	24,429

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by *Revd. Dr Angus Reid* date *07 May 2023*

The notes on pages 18 - 20 form part of these accounts.

ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

In the previous year, the charity presented accounts prepared on the accruals basis using the Charities SORP. However, as the charity's income is less than £250,000, it has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis and the results reported previously have been restated; further information is given in note 6 below.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Clergy and staffing						
Cost of payroll	Note 4	4,320	-	-	4,320	4,407
Running costs for clergy accommodation	Note 4	3,572	-	-	3,572	500
Training and other expenses		86	-	-	86	-
Church running costs						-
Church repairs, maintenance and utilities		7,003	1,840	2,252	11,095	22,249
Hall repairs, maintenance and running exps		1,165	-	-	1,165	1,280
Ministry costs, activities and support		4,105	-	3,811	7,916	5,685
Insurance		2,558	-	-	2,558	2,485
Other legal and professional fees		110	-	-	110	-
		22,919	1,840	6,063	30,822	36,606

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:					
Disaster Emergency Committee [Ukraine Appeal]	-	-	1,451	1,451	-
Rumboldswhyke school	-	-	-	-	1,110
Organisations < £1,000	647	-	20	667	-
Individuals	-	-	-	-	410
	647	-	1,471	2,118	1,520

4 Transactions with related parties

Revd. Dr Angus Reid (who is a clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of this stipend is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipend. Revd. Dr Reid was also provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy; these costs are also disclosed in the above note.

Susan Howell-Evans, a trustee, served as the church organist and was paid £4,990 for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee.

A person connected to the trustee Ken Green was paid £550 for his gardening services.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	4,658	81,741	(78,837)	(213)	7,349
Designated funds					
Kay Glover fund	-	-	(1,840)	52,226	50,387
	4,658	81,741	(80,677)	52,013	57,735
Restricted funds					
Churchyard	1,685	251	(467)	-	1,469
Flower fund	767	537	(905)	134	533
Flower tin	200	-	-	-	200
Children's activities	31	270	(257)	68	112
Organ and choir	287	45	-	11	344
Kay Glover fund	52,226	-	-	(52,226)	-
ChiDC (S106 Planning)	610	-	(610)	-	-
Girl's choir	247	-	-	-	247
Iris Woodhams fund	5,732	-	-	-	5,732
Pet blessing offering	-	20	(20)	-	-
Energy grants	-	1,175	(1,175)	-	-
WRAP community choir	-	3,091	(2,649)	-	443
Ukraine appeal	-	1,451	(1,451)	-	-
	61,786	6,841	(7,535)	(52,013)	9,079
Total funds	66,443	88,582	(88,211)	-	66,814

The Churchyard relates to funds provided for the purpose of maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard and the development of The Friends of St Mary's Churchyard.
The Flower fund is for donations for the purchase of the church flowers.

The Flower Tin is also for the purchase of church flowers but is the cash element for day to day purchases. Receipts need to be shown for all purchases.

Children's activities consist of Tots and J Team and funds for this purpose are used for these groups.
Funds given for the Organ and choir fund are used for the purchase of music and other choir related costs.
The Kay Glover fund relates to a legacy received in the previous year which was incorrectly allocated to restricted funds; there were no conditions attached to the legacy. This has now been transferred to a designated fund.
Girl's choir relates to funds given for this particular youth activity.
Iris Woodhams fund remainder to be used for youth related activities with the hope for it to be put towards the cost of a youth worker.
The funds donated at the pet blessing service were split between two charities.
Two energy grants were received in the year to help towards rising utility costs and these have been fully spent in the year.
WRAP community choir funds for the community choir which has now stopped running. Funds will be held until WRAP restarts or a new WRAP project is started.
The Ukraine appeal raised funds to support people affected by the war and was sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee.

In addition to the bank and cash balances in restricted funds are the following held as investments whose movements do not therefore form part of the receipts and payments accounts:

		Opening balance £	Increase/ (decrease) in value £	Closing balance £
Restricted				
CBF Fixed interest securities [Rumboldswyke, Whyke and Portfield PCC]		1,600	(177)	1,423
CBF Fixed interest securities [Rumboldswyke & Portfield churchyards]		404	-	404
		2,004	(177)	1,827
Endowment				
Parish Trust investments	Sale Langdale Ave	9,954	(1,336)	8,618
Parish Trust investments	Salehall Portfield	12,471	(1,673)	10,798
		22,425	(3,009)	19,416
		24,429	(3,187)	21,242

6 Reconciliation with previously reported funds

As explained in note 1 'Accounting Policies', in the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis; in the current year the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis. The comparatives presented in these accounts have been re-stated using the receipts and payments basis and a reconciliation with the reserves and results reported previously follows:

Reconciliation of reserves	2021	2020
	£	£
Previously reported reserves, at 31 December	92,692	59,204
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:		
Exclusion of previously included fixed assets	(24,493)	(26,195)
Exclusion of previously included debtors	(2,144)	(2,360)
Exclusion of previously included creditors	389	1,597
Re-stated reserves, at 31 December	66,443	32,246

Reconciliation of results	2021
	£
Previously reported results	33,488
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:	
Previously capitalised expenditure, less depreciation, now expensed	1,702
Excluded movements in debtors resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	216
Excluded movements in creditors resulting in the recognition of less / (more) expenditure	(1,208)
Re-stated results	34,198

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WHYKE, ST GEORGE WIT

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Accounts

The Parish of Whyke, St. George

Rumboldswyke, St. Mary

& Portfield, All Saints

Diocese of Chichester

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2021

With accounts and financial statements for the year ending

31st December 2021

Presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on 22nd May 2022

Incumbent: The Revd Dr Angus Reid

Registered Charity No. 1133301

Parish of Whyke, St George,
Rumboldswyke, St Mary
and Portfield, All Saints

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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PARISH OF WHYKE, St George, RUMBOLDSWYKE, St Mary and PORTFIELD, All Saints

The Annual Parochial Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 22nd May 2022 at 11.30am in St George's Church

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. **Annual Parish Meeting**

- Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4. Approval of the Minutes from the previous year's meeting, 30th May 2021
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Parish of Whyke, St. George with Rumboldswyke, St. Mary and Portfield, All Saints

The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 30th May 2021, held after the 10am Parish Mass at St. George's Church

1. **Welcome** - Fr John Hall opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed 26 attendees to the APM and the APCM.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Colette Gray, Mary Howick, Catherine James, Garry Long, Jane Martin, Kim McNamee and Mike Nation.

3. **Annual Parish Meeting**
   Election of Churchwardens
   Nominations had been received from two candidates: Geraldine Burrows and Jill Merry, both of whom were standing for re-election.
   Geraldine Burrows, *Proposer* Colette Gray, *Seconder* Mavis Dolton;
   Jill Merry, *Proposer* Judy Emmett, *Seconder* Margaret Kennard.
   There being no other nominations both were duly elected and greeted with a round of applause. On behalf of the congregation, Fr John expressed thanks to Geraldine and Jill for the vast amount of work that they undertake behind the scenes, largely unknown to others.

The APM closed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4. **Approval of the Minutes from the previous year's meeting, 11th October 2020**
   The Minutes of the previous year's meeting had been circulated in advance and all in attendance agreed that they were a true account of the APCM for 2020. Fr John signed the Minutes on behalf of all present.

5. **Any matters arising from the Minutes** – None.

6. **Election of representatives to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**
   Four candidates had offered themselves for election: Alison Davis, Nikki Edge, Sue Howell Evans and Kim McNamee. All had been proposed and seconded and so were duly elected.

7. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**
   Canon David Nason had confirmed that he was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. All present were in agreement that he should be re-appointed for a further year.

8. **Report on the Electoral Roll**
   Rosemary Lay reported that the revised electoral roll stood at 155 persons. During the course of the year three names had been removed through death, another eight had moved away and seven names had been added.

9. **Trustees' Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and activities of the parish during 2020**
   Jill Merry expressed thanks to Jenny Harding for compiling the report and stated that it was nice that it included photographs. The report was then received and accepted without further comment.

10. **Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2020**
    In the absence of the outgoing treasurer, Alison Davis commented that it had been a very challenging year financially. She expressed her thanks to Geoff Merry for the risk assessments of the church and Centenary Centre that he had undertaken and hoped that these would help us to resume income generation through lettings in due course.

    The independently examined financial statements were then received by the meeting and sincere thanks were placed on record for the commitment and hard work that Jane Martin had shown in role as treasurer over the past two years.

11. **Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric and Furnishings of the church**
    The report contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was noted. The churchwardens made particular mention of the generous volunteering given by Sara Fildes & Edward Hands in maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard, with additional help being offered once a month by the Scouts. The church building at St Mary's is currently being marketed for sale and will include a little land immediately to the right of the church. The churchyard will be unaffected.

12. **Deanery Synod Report**
    The report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod during 2020 contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was noted.

13. **Safeguarding Report**
    The Safeguarding report contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was received. Fr John emphasised the importance of Safeguarding in all aspects of parish life.

14. **Report on the year's proceedings from Fr John and Geraldine Burrows**
    Fr John said that he was looking forward to the time when St George's will have a new incumbent and was very hopeful that an excellent appointment would be made. In the meantime, he was enjoying his ministry at both St George's and the Cathedral. He was grateful for the kindness that had been shown to him and the faithful witness and commitment of the people at St George's. He expressed particular thanks to the churchwardens and also to Fr Philip Meader for covering some of the services.

Geraldine Burrows: 2020, What a year!

- Sunday 23rd February - Fr Toby's last day with us, drinks and nibbles in the Centre after Mass. Although sad, a cheerful occasion as Fr Toby would be moving to Swindon New Town to have his own parish, not just one church but three! We were all of one opinion that he would be alright, he would cope, take everything in his usual caring manner. Lucky Swindon New Town!
- The following Sunday, Fr Tim announced that he would also be leaving, this announcement had been held over from the previous Sunday, because of Fr Toby's last day. What a shock!
- On 11th March, Mary Howick, our Safeguarding Officer, Fr Tim and I attended a meeting with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team to see how we had faired with our SQP requirement, proving that all sections of the church were on the ball regarding safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We floated out of the Centre having passed with flying colours. The certificate is on the noticeboard in the West Porch.
- 21st March - The Church of England announced that all acts of Public Worship to be cancelled. Fr Tim sent an email to parishioners advising Sunday Mass and weekday services to cease. He would be offering Mass for our whole parish community, but alone. The church would be left open each Sunday with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for anyone to who would like to quietly attend church to pray.
- The 25th March should have been the licensing of Fr Toby. A coach had been booked to take parishioners from St George's to the event, coach paid for, should we cancel? Will the coach firm cancel? And so it went on, are we going, or not, until almost at the last minute the coach company decided that due to the pandemic it would be too risky. The Licensing eventually took place in Fr Toby's study via Zoom with his Bishop.
- 22nd March – The date of our 1st weekly St George's Newsletter, this Sunday is No. 62, and still going strong. The idea was to keep in touch with the church family and anyone who would like to receive a copy, to help in keeping isolation at bay. Between Fr Tim and the two editors all manner of issues were covered, Fr Tim with his gentle humour, weekly Homilies and later when we came out of lockdown, from which ever priest would be taking Sunday Mass.
- Because of Lockdown Fr Tim was not able to move to his new parish in West Worthing, remaining in the rectory until 27th May when he was able to move, with the following day being licensed in Bishop Martin's private chapel.
- Last year we missed out on Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday when we would normally walk through the Parish making lots of noise, bringing neighbours to their front doors, all the moving services normally held during Holy Week, but by the time Christmas was approaching we were able to hold those special services we all look so forward to, and we have Fr John to thank for being with us, enabling us to celebrate such meaningful services.
- What else happened in 2020 – Well, the Annual Parish Meeting was moved from April to October which saw Ken standing down after the maximum term of six years; Fr John endowed him with the title of Emeritus Churchwarden. The vacancy was ably filled by Jill Merry who has taken on the role and responsibly in a thorough and positive manner. We thank them both for their contribution to

the church! Ken continues by way of ensuring there is a priest to take each service and producing the weekly Service Sheets. Thank you, Ken!

- I would like to offer a very special thank you to Rosemary Lay, our Parish Administrator who, throughout the lockdowns and various restrictions has ensured the church continued as a working church, opening up the office each week to ensure the numerous administrative tasks were dealt with, providing support to the churchwardens, returning phone calls etc. We thank you Rosemary, most sincerely!
- A very sincere thank you to Fred Corbin, who celebrated his 97th birthday just three weeks ago and has within the past few weeks stood down from administratively helping with the church finances. Fred was in at the conception of Deanery Synods in 1970, becoming our first Deanery Synod Treasurer, also taking on the role of Treasurer at St George's as well as Churchwarden, for many, many years. His sound financial advice /guidance to St George's has always proved invaluable and we thank him, most sincerely!
- Without the support of our team of Holy Dusters, currently referred to as the Holy Sanitisers, and ably led by Mavis Dolton, we would not have been able to continue in the weekly opening of the church for Sunday Mass or Private Prayer on Wednesdays. Their contribution has been invaluable, thank you all.
- To our Sacristans, Sue Stevenson Watt and Jill Merry ensuring that each week the elements, altar frontals, candles etc. are ready to receive the visiting priest for our Sunday Mass. Thank you both.
- The Servers, so valued, providing support to the Minister who is taking the service, and although much diminished in numbers always ensuring everything runs smoothly for them. Our sincere thanks to Nikki Edge and team.
- To our team of Flower Arrangers, continuing to present such beautiful displays, ably led by Sue Bainbridge, they quietly pop in during the week ensuring the displays continue to look pristine. Easter Displays this year were so appreciated. Thank you!
- Where would the services have been without the wonderful playing of the organ by Sue Howell Evans, without fail Sue has been there playing the appropriate music for each Sunday service. Invariably entertaining parishioners at the end of Mass with music to hold all our attentions, no one wanting to leave until the very end. Sue, you have given so much pleasure, thank you so very much!
- During 2020 we have had the pleasure of members of the Luc family performing on the piano and oboe. We have been so fortunate with their musical contribution.
- As regulations settle down, and in line with Government Guidelines there is the gradual return of the church choir. Thank you to all who have been prepared to return and to give so much pleasure.
- To those who have stepped up in ensuring Track & Tracing has been carried out at each Service, an essential part of allowing the church to be open for Mass. Thank you!
- There would have been no church services during 2020 without the Ministers who have been so supportive during this period of Interregnum: Bishop Martin, Bishop Michael, Archdeacon Luke, Fr Lawson and of course Fr John who, over the months we have come to know and love. He has been asked so many times to

become our parish priest but, I'm afraid that is not going to happen! We must wait a little longer!

- I think we should thank Bishop Martin for approaching Fr John who had only recently moved to Chichester, having served as Dean of Westminster Abbey for 13 years, and continues to fulfil many other roles within the Church of England. As the 3rd Sequestrator, we have been so fortunate, supporting the Churchwardens in their responsibilities, as well as fulfilling the various ministerial roles of baptism, wedding, burials, interment of ashes etc. Thank you, Fr John, your presence at St George's has been such a comfort to us all during what has been an unprecedented period in all our lives. Thank you!
- As we gradually come out of the numerous restrictions, what of this year! You will see in this week's newsletter, and recently heard from Jill we have a number of exciting events lined up for the second half of this year. Paper copies of the newsletter are at the back, some fundraising, others, an opportunity of having fellowship together. Please do take a look and if you feel able to help in anyway, please either have a word with Jill or myself afterwards – our contact details are on the back of the weekly service sheets. Finally, thank you, all of you for continuing to attend St George's, your presence is so important to us.

15. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.46am.

Trustees' Annual Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Whyke, St George with Rumboldswyke, St Mary and Portfield, All Saints

For the year ending 31st December 2021

Website: www.whyke.info

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Independent Examiner: Canon David Nason

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St George's, Whyke, Chichester
Trustees' Annual Report for 2021

This report follows the guidance documents produced by the Diocese for use in the preparation of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Statutory Annual Report under English Law as required by the Charity Commission.

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Dr Angus Reid, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Providing practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

The challenges faced by communities throughout the world continued in 2021 when the UK moved into 'Lockdown 3' on 5 January. Despite the curtailment of in-person meetings and social activities, the PCC decided that for as long as it was legal public worship in the form of the Sunday Parish Mass should continue. Socially distancing, 'track and trace' and hygiene regulations were meticulously followed and the weekly parish newsletter continued to provide a link for all, but especially those who were unable to attend in person. Throughout all this the PCC remained mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The PCC has complied with section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Throughout 2021, we have continued to seek to meet the needs of both the regular worshipping congregation and the wider community by:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament

- Offering worship and prayer, and learning about the Gospel
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a focus of church and social life in the parish.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. We wish to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We maintain that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities. It has been a delight to welcome a number of newcomers into the worshipping community during the year and to see growth in the number of children attending J-Team.

It was good to once again be able to celebrate the many festivals of the church calendar, albeit with adjustments for social distancing, the wearing of face masks and numerous other Covid safety precautions. Although Lent groups were not permitted to meet, a reading list was put together for anyone interested in pursuing personal study. The resumption of J-Team activities on Sunday 12 September was another milestone and we give thanks for those who lead and nurture our young people in these sessions every week.

With thanks to George Cross for this holy dove

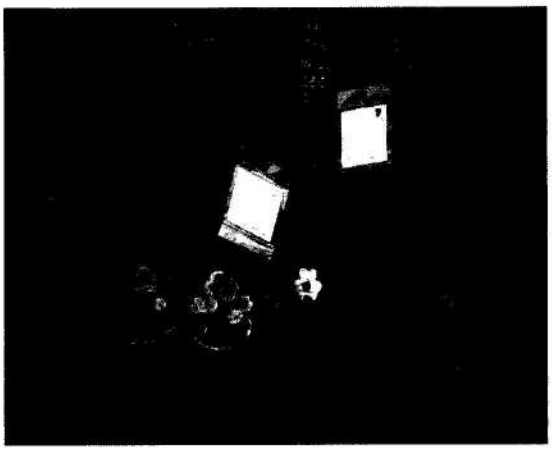
George & Alfred Cross' beautiful Easter garden

Following the death of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Union flag flew at half-mast over St George's during the period of national mourning. The Church was open each day from 10.00am until 7.30pm for public prayer and the lighting of candles.

Our Patronal Festival was celebrated on 23 April when Fr John blessed and dedicated the new main doors to the church. We are extremely grateful to the generous member of the congregation whose donation made this possible.

Prayer spoken by Fr John when blessing the new doors.

May the doors of this Church be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.
May they welcome all who have cares to unburden thanks to express, or hope to nurture.
May the doors of this Church be narrow enough to keep out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.
May they shut out all complacency, selfishness or harshness.
May the threshold of these doors be no stumbling-block to young or straying feet.
May this Church be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.
For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who said:
"I am the door, whoever enters through me will be saved, they will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:9)



Poppies made by members of the J-Team were laid beside the wreaths in front of the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

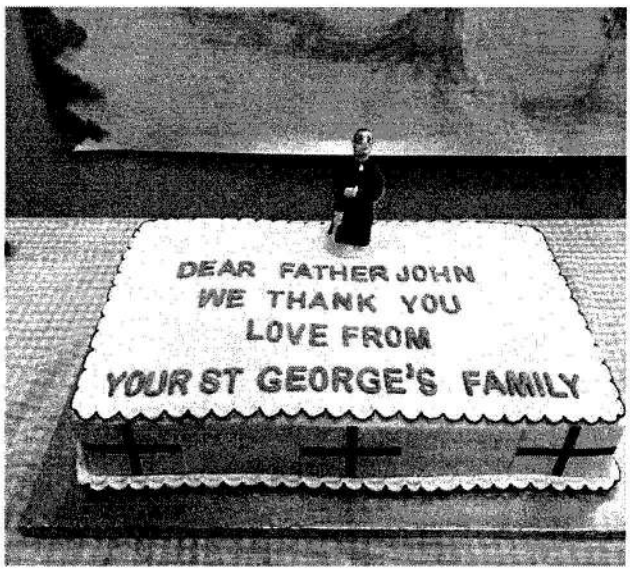
We welcomed 104 people to our services at Easter, whilst special services during Advent for the congregation and local community attracted 131 people. 131 people also attended Christmas services.

Two children and one adult were baptised at St George's during 2021 and two couples were married in church. One funeral was held in church, and four full funeral services, committals or burial of ashes were conducted elsewhere for deceased parishioners.

The J-Team Nativity service took place during the Parish Mass on 19 December. A wonderful way for our new Rector, Fr Angus to begin his ministry amongst us!

Adieu Fr John

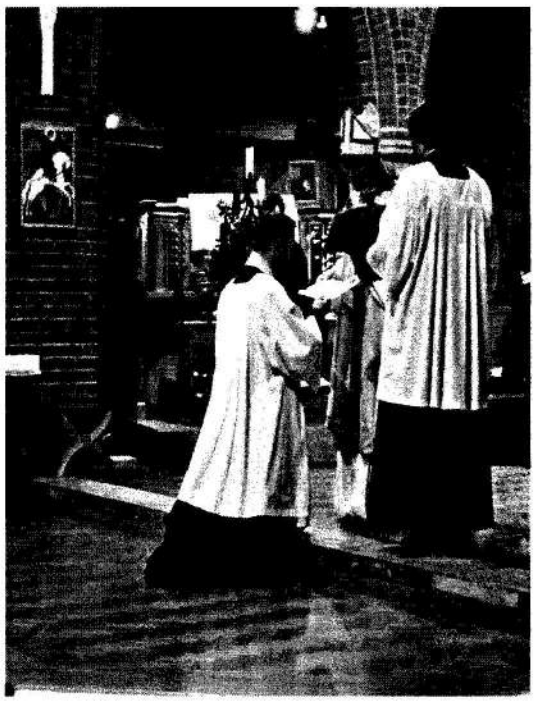
St George's is indebted to Fr John Hall for sustaining us in worship during a long interregnum. Not only did he preach stimulating sermons and spend time with people in conversation, but also engaged wholeheartedly in all our social and fundraising activities. During his last Mass with us on Sunday 12 December we were able to present him with a variety of gifts as a token of our love and affection.



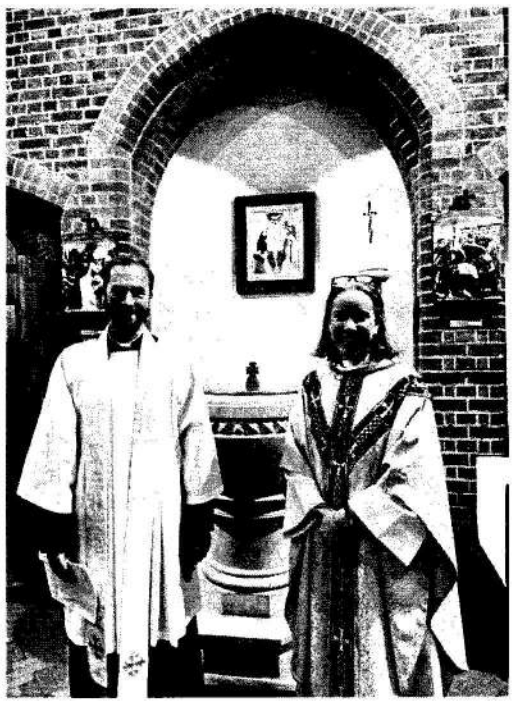
Welcome Fr Angus!

There was much excitement and eager anticipation when it was announced in October that Fr Angus Reid was to be our new Rector. He and his wife Jess and their two young sons moved into the Rectory in late November and he was licensed by the Bishop of Horsham on Monday 13 December 2021. Although the Omicron variant of Covid prevented some people from attending and meant that the provision of refreshments had to be scaled back, this did not diminish everyone's enjoyment of the occasion.

In his first newsletter as Rector, Fr Angus wrote of being made aware of just how precious a gift had been entrusted into his care – **the cure of all the souls in this parish**. He said that *"For me to hold the cure of souls means the following: to preach the word of God's undying love for all as revealed in Christ; to administer the sacraments of God's love that underpin the life of faith, reverence and worship; to foster the life of prayer and spirituality that help us grow in relationship to God; to build up a community of love in which we learn to treasure each other as made in God's image and nurture everyone's gifts; to celebrate all that is good and true about human life irrespective of whether people believe the same things as us or not; and, to reach out to all those in need whomsoever they may be in the knowledge that they are already loved by God."*



Fr Angus receiving the Cure of Souls from The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham



Fr Angus and Bishop Ruth

Evangelism and outreach

The St George's Ramblers group, open to all, whether members of the church or not, was able to resume its monthly programme in June when we walked from the RSPB reserve in Sidlesham down to the beach at Church Norton. Other rambles have taken us from Fishbourne to Dell Quay; along Centurion Way and through Brandy Hole Copse; whilst in early December we enjoyed a walk around some of the lakes before meeting up with others from St George's for coffee at the Walnut Tree in Runcton.

Regrettably, the ongoing Covid restrictions meant that neither **'Tea & Chat'** nor **'Tots'** were able to meet in 2021. Better news was that the WRAP Community Choir, which is part of St George's outreach mission, was able to resume meeting on 9 November. The choir which takes its name from the parish - Whyke, Rumboldswyke and Portfield – is for anyone who would love to sing but thinks they can't. Strong friendships are forged and community bonds strengthened with many members coming from outside the worshipping community.

Music: *a review of the year by Sue Howell Evans, Director of Music*

At the start of 2021 our singing voices were silent in church. After a few days of absurd reports suggesting the organ blowers could spread infection, we became accustomed to gentle organ music (so that speech would not need to project above it). This is how January and February found us and it was at the beginning of March that we moved from hymns or songs on the organ, (perhaps gently hummed!) to having a solo singer from the choir to sing small parts of the Holy Week liturgies at the beginning of April. We were fortunate to be able to call on Mary Howick, Jonathan Lacey, Alison Davis and Derek Price (with his cornet, on Easter Day) for each service in the Triduum; each one was beautiful and memorable but "This Is The Wood Of The Cross" on Good Friday still resonates! We are also indebted to Yuriko Luc for all her playing before and after the liturgy to add another sound-scape for our worship - a wonderful continuation of all the music she and Kenji had played the year before.

After Easter we were able to use three singers at each service which, with 2 hymns, the Alleluia and an Anthem, saw us through to Pentecost when we were allowed 6 singers and more service music; it felt very liberating! This pattern continued from the end of May until the end of July when all members of the choir were able to return and we were gradually

able to resume our normal repertoire of hymns, a setting of the Mass and an anthem, which we have maintained to the end of the year. We were able to sing for the Advent and Christmas Carol Services, with 17 out of a possible 18 singers taking part.

Largely motivated by the fine 'new' Nicholson organ, St George's has been able to promote three series of concerts which were given the title The Last Friday Concert Series. A fourth series was in preparation and we were able to rescue 3 of our regular contributors for September, October and November. The 'Young, Local and Talented' concert featured organists under the eye of Tim Ravalde (the Cathedral Assistant Organist). This much-appreciated event was followed by our own outstandingly wonderful Luc family with their large band of supporters. The 3rd concert brought the Chichester City Band together for their first concert under their new director (Alfie Hughes).

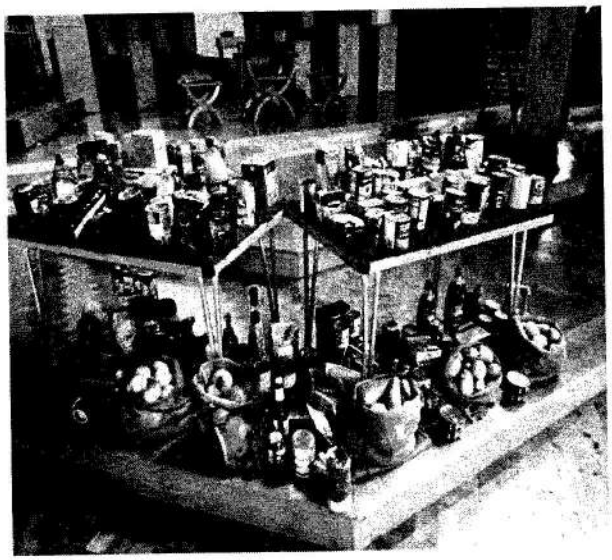
As a result of concerts like this, we are looking into the possibilities of improving the lighting over the nave dais so that performers can see the music and audiences can see the faces of the performers.
Next year's concerts are yet to be planned and fresh ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

We were very pleased to welcome Richard McVeigh to St George's to make a recording of the organ. He has a website called Beauty in Sound and he added us to his amazing portfolio in his Virtual Church series. So far it has been watched by over 6,500 people the world over. He gives a beautiful description of the church, organ and the music he plays and also includes his wife (a former pupil of mine) and baby Hugo to round off the program. If you haven't watched it yet, - do, it's free to watch and you can also sign up to support him.

Care for others

Members of St. George's continue to be involved in the HEART charity (Homeless Empowerment and Relational Transformation): Geoff Merry serves as a trustee and Chris Harrison advises on Safeguarding. Church members are also encouraged to support the annual Christian Aid Week appeal during May each year.

In September, a team of walkers from St George's took part in the sponsored Moonlight Walk in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. Over the same weekend, walkers from the church also participated in the annual sponsored 'Ride & Stride' event, raising funds for the Sussex Historic Churches Trust as well as for St George's itself.



As the economic effects of the pandemic grew, members of St George's willingly responded to appeals made by Chichester Foodbank for donations to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We continue to be grateful to Sue Bainbridge and Tom Batting for coordinating this.
Our Harvest Festival service was very well supported. Along with gifts from Rumboldswhyke Primary School the children of the J-Team brought up a wide selection of gifts which were all taken to the Foodbank.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

The first anniversary of the UK lockdown on 23 March was marked by a National Day of Reflection as we remembered those who had passed away due to Coronavirus and those left bereaved. The day was organised by the charity Marie Curie and supported by the Church of England. St George's was open for private prayer and reflection. At 12 noon a minute's silence was observed nationally and the church bell was rung in conclusion of the observance. Prayer sheets and tea-lights were both available. The church also continued to be open on Wednesdays throughout the year for private prayer and contemplation.

Following a relaxation of Government restrictions from 19 July, we were able to reintroduce refreshments with waitress service after the Mass and plan for a programme of social and fundraising activities that would bring church and our neighbours in the local community together.

Our Summer Fair on 24 July was opened by the Chichester Town Crier, Richard Plowman, resplendent in his full regalia. He stayed all morning engaging with everyone, posing for photos and making various announcements in his special way. The children enjoyed playing games and making badges while the raffle, bottle tombola, book and cake stalls proved a hit with the adults. The Fishbourne Mill Morris Dancers performed as people watched in the sunshine. As this happy event drew to a close, Fr John presented cups and rosettes for the best dressed scooter and the best homemade masks. Sincere thanks are due to Jill Merry for her meticulous planning which ensured that the day was a resounding success.

Mike and Hilary Nation hosted a Vintage Tea Party on Sunday 1 August. It was a lovely relaxing afternoon with wonderful homemade refreshments and good company. The event raised a very welcome £300 in aid of church funds.

A coffee morning was held in the Centenary Centre on 14 August. People socialized over refreshments and browsed the 'bring & buy', bric-a-brac and secondhand book stalls. All proceeds were donated to the J-Team leaders to purchase new materials for when sessions recommenced in September.

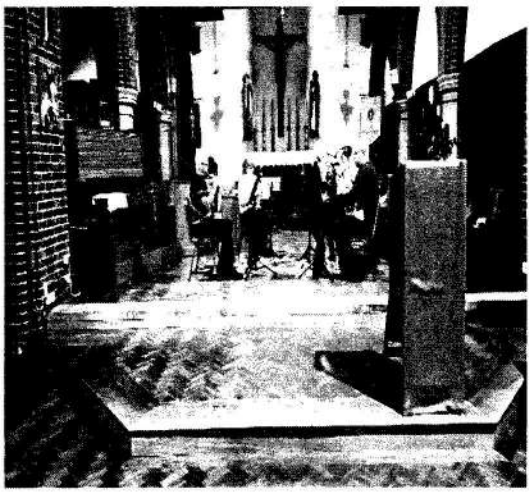
The Jumble Sale on Saturday 4 September was a mammoth event. Volunteers gave generously of their time sorting and setting up on the Friday, returning the next morning to run stalls, serve refreshments, chat to our guests and clear away at the end of the day. It would also be a slight understatement to say that we were a little overwhelmed by the generosity of so many members of the public who arrived with bags and boxes of items for us to sell. A long queue of bargain hunters eagerly waited for Fr John to declare the sale open and brisk business was done. In addition to raising over £500 for church funds, leftover saleable goods were taken to various charity outlets throughout the city, and other items were taken to the Amenity Centre and Clothes for Africa Centre for recycling, thus giving other causes the opportunity of receiving income.

"I could not believe that a jumble sale could make so much money, as well as helping those who cannot afford to buy new; providing opportunity for people to de -clutter; and so importantly, saving the environment by recycling so much stuff!"
"I had feedback on Sunday, from one of our customers that they like St George's jumble sales, fairs and such events because the people are so friendly!! How great is that!!"

On Saturday 2 October we held a Harvest event on the theme of food. The evening started off with a quiz in church which challenged our minds with some unexpected answers about food. We then enjoyed a 'bring and share' supper. After the meal Joanne Konabeka, CEO and founder of Chichester Foodbank, gave a talk about the work of the Foodbank, followed by a question and answer session. It was a thought provoking and memorable evening.

The year would not have been complete without our Christmas Fair on Saturday 27 November. Both the church and Centre were full of tempting stalls, including home-made gifts and cards, cakes, jewellery, books and toys and of course a raffle with an array of seasonal prizes. Children's activities were ably led by members of the J-Team and with help from Susie Godfrey they also built a grotto in church for a very special visitor, Father Christmas.

The Rumboldswhyke Primary School choir sang beautifully and Derek Price's brass quartet also entertained us. The fair raised over £1400 and leftover items were donated to local charities. Thanks are due to all who helped in so many ways, but especially to Bill Johnston who led the planning group.



Rumboldswhyke Church of England Primary School

In April the Education Department of the Diocese of Chichester launched its "*Growing Partnerships*" initiative. *"Growing Partnerships"* is all about building a foundation upon which school and church communities can grow together to fulfil God's mission through serving their locality. Through a mutual covenant schools and church communities will demonstrate a desire to "serve the common good" and be role models for how Christians should live a life based on love and care for others.

The churchwardens subsequently met with Mrs Lisa Harris, who as the new headteacher of Rumboldswhyke Primary School was very keen to develop links between St George's and the school, and the PCC responded with equal enthusiasm at its June meeting. Prayers are offered for the school each Sunday and since September Mrs Harris has been invited to attend PCC meetings as an observer and to report on how the school is thriving as part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership. Fr John has also regularly visited the school and on 27 September he blessed an outside table and benches donated to the school in remembrance of Vince and Kay Glover, paid for from their generous bequest to St George's.

On 30 September, the children, staff and nearly 30 parents from Rumboldswhyke School were welcomed to St George's for the school's Harvest Festival. It was a most joyous occasion with Fr John making everyone feel welcome and encouraging lots of participation from the children in answering questions. Each class took it in turn to sing a song relating to harvest. The prayers ended with resounding Amens from everyone. The tables set out to receive donations for the Foodbank were heavily laden, with thanks to the generosity of parents.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

During the year discreet pastoral care has continued for anyone in need of a listening ear, sacramental care or other form of support.

Charitable giving

Apart from those items mentioned elsewhere in this report, £55.50 was donated to The Children's Society.

Plans for the future

Our new Rector will bring a fresh vision and new ideas about how St George's may best serve all who live in the parish regardless of whether or not they are part of the regular worshipping community.

To help prepare for this, during 2021 the PCC has been working to develop a Mission Action Plan. We first looked at the Diocesan Vision for Growth 2020-2025 and its 'Four Mores' (more open; more converted to Jesus Christ; more generous; more engaged). A small group then met on a Saturday morning in August to work through a Community Audit and Mission & Ministry Audit paper sent to us by the Department for Apostolic Life. In the autumn we asked members of the congregation to complete a questionnaire that sought their views on what they like and value about St George's and areas where they would like to see change. We also sought feedback about the role that members feel that the church plays in the community and whether we are doing enough for good causes and charities. Drawing on all the information gathered, a Mission Action Plan was then prepared that seeks to identify some key areas and priorities for our mission over the next few years. This is very much a work in progress and will be refined and further developed during the year ahead.

Acknowledgement: Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this report, either with narrative, ideas or photographs.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The pandemic continued to place a strain on our financial resources and has left very little in our general funds. If it hadn't been for a considerable legacy donation we would now be in a very precarious position.

Sharing ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure for the PCC was the Parish Share to the Diocese which for 2021 was £55,000, which was £10,000 less than 2020. The Parish Share goes towards meeting the costs of clergy stipends, housing, training, and pensions, as well as national church responsibilities.

The PCC also pays to insure the church with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The cost of the policy in 2021 was £2,485.

Staff Costs

Our organist, who is also a trustee, received payment of £3,991 during 2021 and a further £988 was expended on employer social security costs for her.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC paid council tax, water and environment charges of £500 for the rectory
The new doors were purchased, as well as new mats and noticeboard for the porch, from an anonymous donation costing £11,163. The PCC agreed to donate a bench and table to Rumboldswhyke School costing £1,109 and purchased a new tree for the memorial garden costing £1477, including planting, out of the legacy from Kay and Vince Glover.

Office costs

The PCC is fortunate in that office administration is carried out by able and hard-working volunteers.

There have been no major purchases for the office during 2021.

Money held in reserve

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account as and when finances are required to pay day-to-day bills. As at the end of December our reserves consist of £14,568 and the CBF Church of England Investment Fund has a credit balance of £25,273.

As well as holding the above general reserves, from time to time the PCC may receive restricted legacies for expenditure on purposes defined by the donor. We aim to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving a legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011, its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.
During the year 2021 the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Dr Angus Reid	(From 13 December 2021)
Sequestrator	The Very Revd John Hall	(Until 13 December 2021)
Churchwardens:	Geraldine Burrows	Lay Vice-Chair
	Jill Merry	
Deanery Synod:	Geraldine Burrows	
	Fred Corbin	
	Neville Stevenson-Watt	
	Sian Thomas	
Elected Members:	Sue Bainbridge	
	Alison Davis	Treasurer (from APCM 2021)
	Mavis Dolton	
	Nikki Edge	
	Steven Godfrey	(From 17 November 2021)
	Ken Green	
	Jenny Harding	PCC Secretary
	Susan Howell Evans	
	Mary Howick	Safeguarding Officer
	Catherine James	
	Kim McNamee	DBS Administrator
	Jane Martin	(Resigned 30 May 2021)
	Garry Long	(Resigned 13 June 2021)
Co-opted member:	Ann Howarth	(From 14 Sept 2021)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of ex-officio members (the incumbent, the churchwardens, members of the Deanery/Diocesan or General Synods) and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to encourage a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Dr Angus Reid, PCC Chairman.

Date 27 March 2022

Statement of Financial Activities					
	Unrestricted Fund	**Restricted Fund/s**	**Endowed Fund/s**	**Total Funds 2021**	*Total Funds 2020*
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	*£*
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	58,115	58,453	-	**116,568**	*61,967*
Charitable activities	2,591	-	-	**2,591**	*1,520*
Other trading activities	8,588	-	-	**8,588**	*2,953*
Investments	734	-	-	**734**	*883*
Other receipts	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Total income	**70,029**	**58,453**	**-**	**128,482**	*67,323*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,372	-	-	**1,372**	*-*
Charitable activities	75,385	13,735	-	**89,120**	*81,135*
Other trading activities	1,691	1,109	-	**2,800**	*727*
Other expenditure	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Total expenditure	**78,447**	**14,844**	**-**	**93,291**	*81,862*
Net gains (or losses) on investments	**(1,596)**	**(106)**	**-**	**(1,702)**	*945*
Net income or (net expenditure)	**(10,015)**	**43,503**	**-**	**33,488**	*(13,594)*
Transfers between funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	*-*
	(10,015)	43,503	-	33,488	*(13,594)*
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Net movement in funds	**(10,015)**	**43,503**	**-**	**33,488**	*(13,594)*
Total funds brought forward	39,266	19,938	-	**59,204**	*72,798*
Total funds carried forward	**29,251**	**63,441**	**-**	**92,692**	*59,204*

Balance Sheet		
	Total Funds	*Total Funds*
	2021	*2020*
	£	*£*
Intangible assets	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-
Endowed investments	**24,493**	*26,195*
Total fixed assets	**24,493**	*26,195*
Stocks	-	-
Debtors	**2,144**	*2,360*
Investments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	**66,443**	*32,246*
Total current assets	**68,588**	*34,606*
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(389)	*(1,597)*
Net current assets or (liabilities)	**68,199**	*33,009*
Total assets less current liabilities	**92,692**	*59,204*
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-
Total net assets or (liabilities)	**92,692**	*59,204*
The funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	**22,425**	*24,021*
Restricted income funds	**63,386**	*19,938*
Unrestricted funds	**6,880**	*15,245*
Revaluation reserve	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	**6,880**	*15,245*
Total charity funds	**92,692**	*59,204*

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2021, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by The Revd Dr Angus Reid (Rector)

..... Date 27th March 2022

Notes to the financial report (continued)					
Analysis of income and endowments					
	Unrestricted Fund	**Restricted Fund/s**	**Endowed Fund/s**	**Total Funds 2021**	*Total Funds 2020*
	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	33,734	-	-	**33,734**	*38,715*
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	790	-	-	**790**	*3,549*
Loose cash collections	1,705	-	-	**1,705**	*2,418*
All Other Giving	12,651	3,646	-	**16,297**	*6,753*
Gift Aid recoverable	9,235	-	-	**9,235**	*10,199*
Legacies		54,807	-	**54,807**	-
Grants		-	-	**-**	*333*
Donations and legacies	**£58,115**	**£58,453**	**-**	**£116,568**	*£61,967*
Fees for weddings & funerals	2,591	-	-	**2,591**	*1,520*
Charitable activities	**£2,591**	**-**	**-**	**£2,591**	*£1,520*
Summer fete & Christmas market, jumble sale, Tea Party	5,150	-	-	**5,150**	*820*
Last Friday Concerts	871	-	-	**871**	-
Other Trading activities		-	-	**-**	*1,327*
Church centre hiring fees	2,561	-	-	**2,561**	*795*
Jenny's Books	7	-	-	**7**	*11*
Other trading activities	**£8,588**	**-**	**-**	**£8,588**	*£2,953*
Bank & CBF deposit interest	440		-	**440**	*446*
CBF investment fund dividend	294	-	-	**294**	*437*
Rent from letting of investment property		-	-	**-**	-
Investments	**£734**	**-**	**-**	**£734**	*£883*
Other receipts	-	-	-	**-**	-
Total income and endowments on all funds	**£70,029**	**£58,453**	**-**	**£128,482**	*£67,323*

Notes to the financial report (continued)					
	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**Endowed**	**Total Funds**	*Total Funds*
	Fund	**Fund/s**	**Fund/s**	**2021**	*2020*
	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Special appeals costs	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Stewardship costs	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Grants costs	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Investment management costs	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Other fundraising costs	1,372	-	-	**1,372**	*-*
Cost of raising funds	**£1,372**	**-**	**-**	**£1,372**	*-*
Missionary & Charitable Giving			-	**-**	*779*
Diocesan parish share	55,000	-	-	**55,000**	*65,000*
Parsonage House Expenses	500	-	-	**500**	*1,303*
Curate House Expenses		-	-	**-**	*305*
Ecclesiastical Church Insurance	2,485	-	-	**2,485**	*2,476*
Parish Training & Mission		-	-	**-**	*6*
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	4,407	-	-	**4,407**	*3,659*
Upkeep of services			-	**-**	*1,135*
Church running costs	5,557		-	**5,557**	*1,258*
Church maintenance and repair	7,306	13,735	-	**21,041**	*4,426*
Upkeep of churchyard			-	**-**	*788*
Ministry Expenses	128	-	-	**128**	*92*
Depreciation	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Governance	-	-	-	**-**	
Cost of charitable activities	**£75,385**	**£13,735**	**-**	**£89,120**	*£81,227*
Church Centre maintenance	1,280	-	-	**1,280**	*451*
Other Trading Costs	410	1,109	-	**1,520**	*276*
Cost of other trading activities	**£1,691**	**£1,109**	**-**	**£2,800**	*£727*
Total expended on all funds	**£78,447**	**£14,844**	**-**	**£93,291**	*£81,954*

Notes to the financial report (continued)

Missionary and charitable giving:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	*Total Funds 2020*
	£	£	£	£	£
Home:					
Heart for Homeless Project	-	-	-	-	*779*
	-	-	-	-	*779*

Staff costs

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	*Total Funds 2020*
	£	£	£	£	£
Remuneration					
Wages and salaries	3,659	-	-	**3,659**	*3,260*
Employer social security costs	748	-	-	**748**	*399*
Employer pension costs	-	-	-	-	-
	4,407	-	-	**4,407**	*3,659*

Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	*Total Funds 2020*
	£	£	£	£	£
Independent examination	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts production	-	-	-	-	-
Bookkeeping	-	-	-	-	*285*
	-	-	-	-	*285*

Notes to the financial report (continued)				
Fixed Assets				
a Investments				
	Unrestricted Fund	**Restricted Fund/s**	**Endowed Fund/s**	**Total Funds 2021**
	£	£	£	**£**
Market value 1 January 2021	24,021	2,174	-	**26,195**
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-
Net gains and revaluation	(1,596)	(106)	-	**(1,702)**
Market value 31 December 2021	**£22,425**	**£2,068**	-	**£24,493**
b Tangible fixed assets				
	Freehold land and buildings	**Audio visual equipment**	**Office equipment**	**Total fixed assets**
	£	£	£	**£**
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2020	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	-	-	-	-
Charge for impairment				
At 1 January 2020	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	-	-	-	-

Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2020	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	-	-	-	-

Notes to the financial report (continued)					
Analysis of net assets by fund					
	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**Endowed**	**Total Funds**	*Total Funds*
	Funds	**Fund/s**	**Fund/s**	**2021**	*2020*
	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	-
Investment fixed assets	22,425	2,068	-	**24,493**	*26,195*
Current assets (except cash)	2,144		-	**2,144**	*2,360*
Cash at bank and on deposit	65,226	1,217	-	**66,443**	*32,246*
Current liabilities	(389)	-	-	**(389)**	*(1,597)*
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
	£89,406	**£3,285**	-	**£92,691**	*£59,204*
Debtors					
	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**Endowed**	**Total Funds**	*Total Funds*
	Funds	**Fund/s**	**Fund/s**	**2021**	*2020*
	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Gift Aid recoverable	2,144		-	**2,144**	*2,360*
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	
	£2,144	-	-	**£2,144**	*£2,360*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**Endowed**	**Total Funds**	*Total Funds*
	Funds	**Fund/s**	**Fund/s**	**2021**	*2020*
	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	-
Roof Repair Work from Insurance Claim		-	-	-	-
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	389	-	-	**389**	*1,597*
	£389	-	-	**£389**	*£1,597*

Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					
	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**Endowed**	**Total Funds**	*Total Funds*
	Funds	**Fund/s**	**Fund/s**	**2021**	*2020*
	£	£	£	**£**	£
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	-
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-	-	-	-	-
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Notes to the financial report (continued)					
Prior year Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures for this year					
	Unrestricted Fund	**Restricted Fund/s**	**Endowed Fund/s**	**Total Funds 2020**	
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	61,316	651	-	**61,967**	
Charitable activities	1,520	-	-	**1,520**	
Other trading activities	2,953	-	-	**2,953**	
Investments	867	16	-	**883**	
Other receipts	-	-	-	**-**	
Total income	**66,656**	**667**	-	**67,323**	
Expenditure on:				**-**	
Raising funds		-	-	**-**	
Charitable activities	78,186	2,949	-	**81,135**	
Other trading activities	727	-	-	**727**	
Other expenditure	-	-	-	**-**	
Total expenditure	**78,913**	**2,949**	-	**81,862**	
Net gains (or losses) on investments	**818**	**127**		**945**	
Net income or (net expenditure)	**(11,439)**	**(2,155)**	-	**(13,594)**	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	**-**	
	(11,439)	(2,155)	-	(13,594)	
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	**-**	
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	**-**	
Reconciliation of funds:					
Net movement in funds	**(11,439)**	**(2,155)**	-	**(13,594)**	
Total funds brought forward	50,705	22,093	-	**72,798**	
Total funds carried forward	**39,266**	**19,938**	-	**59,204**	
Statement of funds					
	Balances			**Transfers**	**Balances**

	b/fwd			other gains	c/fwd
	1 Jan 2021	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**and losses**	**31 Dec 2021**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
Langdale Avenue 110001327F	10,662	-	-	(708)	*9,954*
Portfield Hall 110001266F	13,359	-	-	(888)	*12,471*
Total of all endowed funds	**24,021**	-	-	**(1,596)**	*22,425*
Churchyard	1,506	213		(34)	*1,685*
Flower Fund	667	757	(657)	-	*767*
Flower Tin	200	-	-	-	*200*
Childrens Activities		159	(128)	-	*31*
Organ & Choir	597	-	(310)	-	*287*
New Doors	8,702	2,462	(11,164)	-	*0*
Kay Glover Fund	5	54,808	(2,586)	-	*52,226*
ChiDC (S 106 Planning)	610	-	-	-	*610*
Girls Choir	247	-	-	-	*247*
Iris Woodhams Fund	5,732	-	-	-	*5,732*
CBF Investment 610278001F	1,672	-		(72)	*1,600*
Total of all restricted funds	**19,938**	**58,399**	**(14,844)**	**(106)**	**63,386**
General fund	14,576	70,752	(78,447)	-	*6,880*
Total of all unrestricted funds	**14,576**	**70,752**	**(78,447)**	-	*6,880*
Total funds	**£58,535**	**£129,150**	**£(93,291)**	**£(1,702)**	*£92,692*

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St George's Church, Chichester for the Year Ended 31st December, 2021

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of Whyke, Rumboldswyke and Portfield, Chichester, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:
The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement:
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement:
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below in Section B *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
   b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

** Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply*

Examiner's signature ..... David Nash .....

Examiner's name (*CAPITALS*) ..... DAVID NASH .....

Date ..... 10th October 2022 .....

Examiner's address ..... The Gables, Heathfield Hill Road. .....

..... Chichester. PO18 8UT .....

Relevant professional qualifications (*if any*) ..... F.C.A. .....

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems *for example:* • accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; • any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; • any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and • any material inconsistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose	

CHURCHWARDENS' ANNUAL REPORT ON THE FABRIC AND FURNISHINGS OF THE CHURCH DURING 2021

At the start of the year 2021 we were still living under the coronavirus restrictions, and this obviously affected the work of the church. Also St George's was still in an interregnum. However, we were blessed to have The Very Revd. John Hall KCVO continuing to preside at most of our services with the help of Father Lawson Nagel and Father Philip Meader assisting. We are extremely grateful to them as this allowed us, as Churchwardens, to concentrate on other matters connected to the church.

In February the Monterey Cypress tree, which was located behind the War Memorial, was felled. Chichester Council consented to the tree being removed on condition a new tree was planted. In October the ground was levelled and a Golden Alder tree planted. We then proceeded to obtain from the congregation possible ideas as to people's wishes for that area. It is hoped that shortly in 2022 the garden area will be landscaped and ready to be used and enjoyed by the church.

Also in February work was carried out by a professional to reinstate a number of wooden floor blocks which over time had become loose in the Church and Vestry. This was necessary for safety reasons and the blocks were lifted reglued and put back in their correct positions.

In April the big project to replace the West Doors was finally reaching its conclusion. After many years, the red doors of the church were removed and replaced by a bespoke pair of oak doors especially made for the church. A lot of work behind the scenes was required for this to take place. Once installed the doors were blessed during a service conducted by Father John Hall. The doors have made a huge difference to the look of the church and will be a great benefit for many years to come. We are extremely grateful to the anonymous donor who paid for the new doors. Also in April the bell rope in the Lady Chapel which had been allowing water to leak in to the Chapel was repaired. It was necessary for scaffolding to be erected. The steel cable holding the bell rope was replaced, the protective cup was repositioned, and the bell serviced. It was during this time that some roof tiles to the church and Centre were also replaced due to them being cracked or missing.

Other tasks undertaken were repairs to the lighting in the church as various problems materialised and needed to be rectified. Also the church boiler and fire alarms were serviced.

Besides being responsible for the church we were also responsible for the Rectory while it was empty. Each week an inspection took place, and a report sent to Church House informing them of any jobs which needed dealing with during the interregnum. A soak away in the garden became blocked and a new one was created. Also a few windows needed replacing as the double glazing had blown. At regular intervals a gardener was employed to deal with the front and rear gardens.

St George's Church is also responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard. At the beginning of the year we applied to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a sign indicating the existence of war graves in the churchyard. The application was accepted, and a sign was fixed to the entrance gate in the latter half of the

year. Sara Jane Files and Edward Hands continue to oversee the cutting of the grass and pruning of bushes in the churchyard, and we are very grateful for their commitment to this strenuous work.

Last year proved a difficult year because of the reasons mentioned previously. But the year ended on a high with the appointment of Dr Angus Reid as our new Rector. After offering our sincere thanks to Father John Hall for all that he has done for St George's during the interregnum, a Licensing service took place on 13th December, and we were able to welcome Father Angus as our Rector together with his wife Jess and sons Jack and Alfred as they moved into the Rectory.

We could not have carried out our role as Churchwardens without the support and commitment of the fellowship and we are extremely grateful to everyone at St George's. We have come through a difficult time but been utterly amazed by how everyone has worked together to keep St George's open for worship and functioning as a church. THANK YOU!

Geraldine Burrows and Jill Merry
Churchwardens
January 2022

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2021

There were three regular meetings held of the Chichester Deanery Synod during 2021: 3rd March by Zoom, 29th June at St Peter's, Selsey and 3rd November at St. Pancras, Chichester.

Via Zoom, the Rural Dean, Fr David Jarratt, who was the Rector of Lavant, welcomed the 34 people who had joined the meeting through their computers and opened the meeting with prayer and a gospel reading. Parish representatives were then invited to respond to three questions: How has your church managed the lockdown? Has the number of parishioners taking communion in your church decreased? And how can we share our problems with each other? The members who had joined the meeting were then divided into six groups, which were each given six minutes to consider their responses. The responses, given by a spokesperson chosen by each group, were fairly positive on the whole, but there were some local difficulties, and the lack of music was regretted.

The second meeting in the year was held in St. Peter's Church, Selsey, and was attended in person by approximately 35 synod members. The meeting was addressed by Revd. Jack Dunn, from the diocesan office, whose main message was that the future of the Church of England was in crisis, with clergy redundancies possible. They were trying to discern the way forward, to make changes, and members were invited to report back to them with ideas. We need to use our resources in the best possible way. Action plans are needed, and local actions are welcomed.

The third meeting was held at St. Pancras. The Archdeacon of Chichester who should have attended was unwell so Lesley Lynn and Tim Redding, both from Church House presented the draft diocese budget for 2022. Visual slides preceded the presentation. Apparently only 11% of the parishes in the diocese pay more than their allotted share, and an appeal was made to parishes to increase their contributions. Chichester was not at the moment in a financial crisis, unlike some dioceses, but they did need to meet the cost of the 2022 budget proposals. The church works with local authorities to maximise the value of its assets. The meeting was told the Diocese has cut down on improvements to parsonages, short term. 79% of the parish share goes on clergy, including training of ordinands. There will no longer be costs of past cases in Safeguarding. Following the presentation questions were invited from the floor, including concern about selling off glebe land, and provision of part-time priests for poor parishes. Parishes were reminded that their giving is voluntary and are only asked to pledge what they can afford.

Geraldine Burrows
Fred Corbin
Neville Stevenson-Watt
Sian Thomas
Deanery Synod Representatives
January 2022

Safeguarding report for 2021 - St George's Church, Whyke

Covid-19 Pandemic

For the past year the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to impact on attendance at church and the number of activities taking place at St George's, with the following groups and activities being actively paused or reduced for much of the year:

- J Team
- Tots Group
- St George's Choir
- Communion Club
- Tea and Chat

This significant reduction in church activity has resulted in a decrease in all related safeguarding processes and procedures, including DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks for volunteers. The Safeguarding Officer and DBS Administrative Officer have remained contactable throughout should any concerns have arisen at any point.

As restrictions now begin to ease, the Safeguarding Officer will be working with Fr Angus and the Churchwardens to ensure that all necessary safeguarding procedures are in place and relevant checks have been implemented as activities restart and new groups start up.

As things stand currently, the J Team and St George's choir have started up again, however the Communion club, Tots Group and Tea and Chat have not yet restarted.

It is anticipated that activities will be increased as restrictions continue to ease.

St George's Safeguarding Policies and SQP

Mary Howick continues as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Level one of the Diocese of Chichester's new safeguarding programme, SQP, was obtained in 2020. This programme aims to improve safeguarding at parish level. As part of this J Team, church choir, Monday Tots and Servers now have a folder containing all relevant safeguarding policies and forms. These folders will now be reviewed as activities restart.

The church has adopted a Safeguarding Adults policy, which provides guidance and sets out procedures, should safeguarding concerns about an adult be raised.

There were no safeguarding issues reported in 2021.

Training

The Church of England's Child and Adult Safeguarding Protection Training (C1 module) is available online for members of St George's to undertake. This training is compulsory for all those eligible for a DBS check. It is also open to all church members. Leadership officers are required to undertake the C2 leadership module. As restrictions ease there will be a renewed

focus on ensuring that all relevant church members undertake the necessary training or refresher training as required.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Kim McNamee continues as the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Administrator.

All DBS checks for St George's are up to date and there is one renewal due. Kim keeps up to date with any changes to volunteer roles or new members whose role requires a DBS check.

Until very recently, all DBS checks within the diocese were valid for 5 years. There have been recent substantive changes to this timeframe which took effect from the 4th of January 2022. As laid out in "The Church of England's new Safer Recruitment and People Management" policy, the renewal period for DBS checks has now been shortened from 5 to 3 years. In practice, this means that anyone who has a new DBS check or renewal after 4th January 2022, will automatically go onto the three-year renewal cycle.

Report by:
Kim McNamee DBS Administrator and Mary Howick Safeguarding Officer
19.01.2022

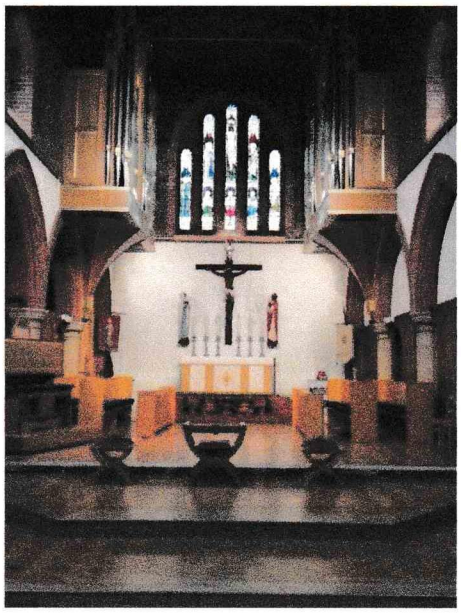
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WHYKE, ST GEORGE WIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133301

Accounts

The Parish of Whyke, St. George Rumboldswyke, St. Mary & Portfield, All Saints

Diocese of Chichester



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2020

With accounts and financial statements for the year ending

31st December 2020

Presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on

30 May 2021

Incumbent: Vacant

Registered Charity No. 1133301

Parish of Whyke, St George,
Rumboldswyke, St Mary
and Portfield, All Saints

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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PARISH OF WHYKE, St George, RUMBOLDSWYKE, St Mary and PORTFIELD, All Saints

The Annual Parochial Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 30 May 2021 @ 11.30am in St George's Church

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. **Annual Parish Meeting**

- Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4. Approval of the Minutes from the previous year's meeting, 11th October 2020
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Parish of Whyke, St. George with Rumboldswyke, St. Mary and Portfield, All Saints

The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 11th October 2020, held after the 10am Parish Mass at St. George's Church

1. **Welcome** - Fr John Hall opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed 32 attendees to the APM and the APCM.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Elizabeth Carlisle, Richard Carlisle, Christine Harrison and Sue Howell Evans.

3. **Annual Parish Meeting** – Ken Green was standing down from office, having served six consecutive years as churchwarden. Fr John paid tribute to Ken's long and dedicated service to St. George's in a variety of roles. His knowledge of fabric and maintenance issues and legal processes had been invaluable. In recognition of Ken's commitment to the church, the PCC had agreed that he should be awarded the honorary title of Churchwarden Emeritus and Fr John was pleased to confer this upon him now. Ken was then presented with a gift and responded with thanks.

   Election of Churchwardens
   Nominations had been received from two candidates: Geraldine Burrows, standing for re-election, *Proposer* Fred Corbin, *Seconder* Jenny Harding;
   Jill Merry, P*roposer* Geoff Merry, *Seconder* Greg James.
   There being no other nominations both were duly elected. Jill expressed her thanks to those who had elected her. Although she felt inadequate for the role, with God's help and guidance she would do her best for the parish.

The APM closed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4. **Approval of the Minutes from the previous year's meeting, 28th April 2019**
   The Minutes of the previous year's meeting had been circulated in advance and all with in attendance agreed that they were a true account of the APCM for 2019. Fr John signed the Minutes on behalf of all present.

5. **Any matters arising from the Minutes** – None.

6. **Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod**
   Three candidates, Geraldine Burrows, Fred Corbin and Sian Thomas, were seeking re-election for a three year term. All were duly elected. As Mavis Dolton was not seeking re-election, a fourth representative was sought and volunteers were asked to speak to Geraldine. During the course of the meeting Neville Stevenson-Watt offered to serve and so was duly elected.

7. **Election of representatives to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**
Six candidates had offered themselves for election: Sue Bainbridge, Mavis Dolton, Ken Green, Jenny Harding, Mary Howick and Catherine James. All had been proposed and seconded and so were duly elected. In order to adhere to the practice of a third of the elected membership standing down each year, four would serve for a three year term of office and two for the two year term. The duration of each individual would be drawn by lot at the first meeting of the new PCC.

8. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**
Canon David Nason had confirmed that he was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. All present were in agreement that he should be re-appointed for a further year.

9. **Report on the Electoral Roll**
Rosemary Lay reported that the revised electoral roll stood at 159 persons. During the course of the year four names had been removed through death, another four had moved away and five names had been added.

10. **Trustees' Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and activities of the parish during 2019**
Fr John, who had been appointed by Bishop Martin to serve as a sequestrator alongside the churchwardens and Rural Dean, reported that he had found St. George's to be in good spirits and a place of mutual support. The report was received and accepted without further comment.

11. **Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2019**
Jane Martin reported on the financial statements for 2019. The total funds carried forward at the end of the year amount to £72,798 (including nearly £10,000 for the replacement west doors). This compared fairly favourably with the previous year. Overall income was £500 up on 2018, including a small legacy. Expenditure was £700 higher than in 2018 but included electrical work, new heaters in the Lady Chapel, tree works and an increased Parish Share. Income from the hire of the Centenary Centre increased by £1,300 and income from trading and fundraising rose by £1,500. Income from planned giving had decreased, possibly reflecting an aging congregation. She also noted that the Parish Giving Scheme had not been taken up by many people.

Jane then reported on the impact that Covid-19 had made on parish finances in 2020. Income was likely to be £15,000 down at the end of the year, necessitating the PCC to authorise the drawing of £12,000 from reserves in order to meet its liabilities. This was not a sustainable position and the situation remained worrying as we look ahead to 2021. Planned giving from standing orders was approximately £400 lower per month than pre-pandemic, whilst Centre hire and fundraising had been virtually wiped out. The PCC was committed to honouring its Parish Share pledge of £65,000 for the current year but would not be able to maintain it at that level in 2021. Although there had been some reduction in church running costs during lockdown, bills were starting to come in again and emergency tree pruning had been costly.

Jane expressed her thanks to all who had been able to give a bit extra during the year. Some very generous donations had been received! Information would be going into the parish newsletter about the various ways of contributing financially, including yellow envelopes for Gift Aid donations, blue envelopes for non-taxpayers, and the Parish Giving Scheme for regular giving. A contactless giving machine was also due to be purchased.

On behalf of the meeting, Fr John expressed his thanks to Jane for all her hard work as treasurer throughout the year and for preparing and maintaining the accounts. The independently examined financial statements were then received.

12. Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric and Furnishings of the church

The report contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was noted. Additionally, the churchwardens reported that an application had been submitted to Chichester District Council for the removal of the large Monterey Cypress tree. The estimated cost of taking it down was £5,000. Indications from the Council suggested that permission would be forthcoming, conditional on one or two new smaller trees being planted.

Ongoing cleaning of the gutters and gullies was being undertaken by a volunteer. Funding was in place for the replacement of the west doors and it was hoped that the new doors might be in place by Christmas.

13. Deanery Synod Report

The report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod during 2019 contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was noted.

14. Safeguarding Report

The Safeguarding report contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was received without question or comment.

15. Any Other Business

On behalf of all present, Fr John expressed thanks to Geraldine for her tireless work as churchwarden, much of which is unseen by others. He stated that churchwardens have an important role in sustaining the life of a church, both in practical and spiritual terms, especially during a vacancy.

Fr John also expressed thanks to Sara and Edward Fildes for their continuing care of St. Mary's churchyard; to Sarah Pack, J-Team leader; our webmaster, Steve Blighton-Sande; and to Rosemary Lay, who keeps everything working smoothly in the parish office. He commented on how pleased he was to be attached to St. George's. All present expressed their delight at his presence here too.

16. Closing prayer

The meeting closed with prayer at 12.30pm.

Trustees' Annual Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Whyke, St George with Rumboldswyke, St Mary and Portfield, All Saints

For the year ending 31st December 2020

Website: www.whyke.info

Incumbent: Vacant

Independent Examiner: Canon David Nason

Bankers: Barclays Bank, East Street, Chichester PO19 1HR

Registered Charity No. 1133301

St George's, Whyke, Chichester
Trustees' Annual Report for 2020

This report follows the guidance documents produced by the Diocese for use in the preparation of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Statutory Annual Report under English Law as required by the Charity Commission.

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Providing practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

In an extraordinary year in which the entire world found itself in the midst of a global pandemic and most activities had to be stopped or severely curtailed, the PCC remained conscious of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The impact of Covid-19 on worshipping communities during 2020 was immense and St. George's was no exception. Nevertheless, we have continued to seek to meet the needs of both the regular worshipping congregation and the wider community by:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, and learning about the Gospel
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a focus of church and social life in the parish.

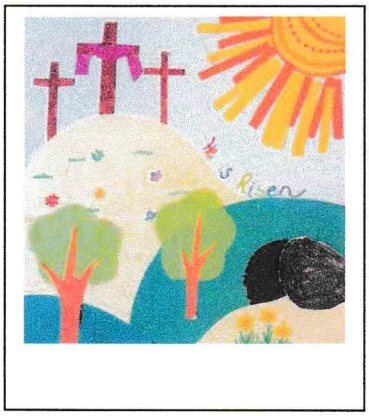
What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

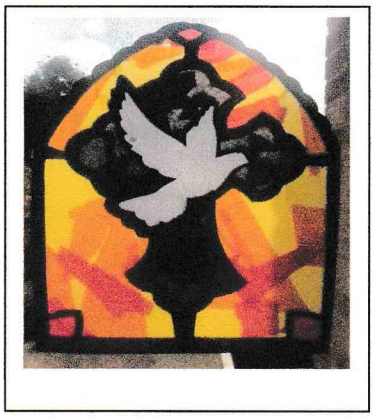
Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. We wish to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We maintain that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The familiar pattern of the liturgical year started normally and we observed Epiphany, Candlemas and Ash Wednesday. All this changed abruptly on 17 March 2020 with the suspension of public worship throughout the Church of England. With Fr Toby having left the parish in February at the conclusion of his curacy, March also brought the surprise news that Fr Tim would also be leaving us to move to a new parish in Worthing. Our churchwardens at the time, Ken and Geraldine, rallied and worked hard to produce a weekly newsletter for all members of St. George's. Copies were distributed by email and a print version delivered to those without internet access.

Although we were able to keep the church building open for private prayer, Holy Week and Easter took a very different form with the Cathedral and a number of churches in the diocese streaming socially distanced liturgies. It presented a steep technological learning curve for many!





With thanks to George Cross for these lovely Easter pictures.

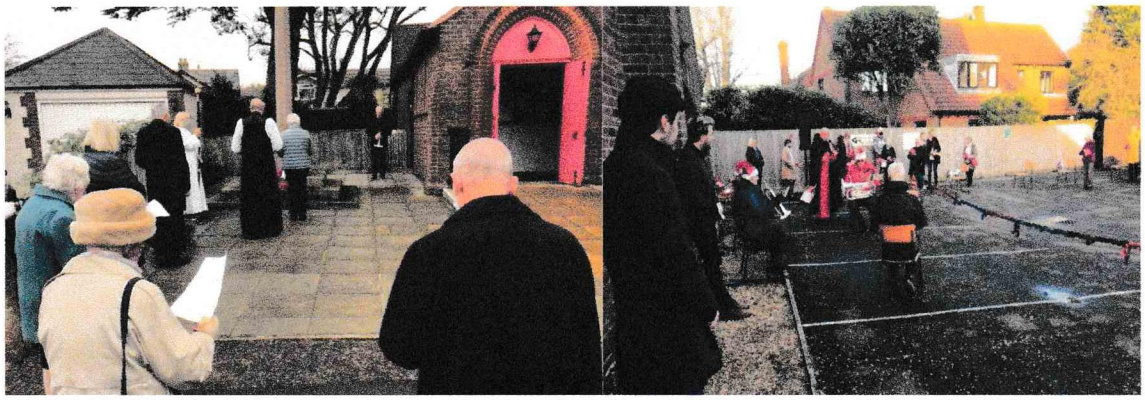
Other casualties of the restrictions included Monday Tots, led by members of the church family that brings together pre-school children and their parents, the weekly J-Team (Sunday School) and the popular Bible Study group.

With infection rates dropping and after a careful risk assessment, public worship was able to resume on Sunday 19th July. This took a very different form though as corporate singing was forbidden, chairs were spaced apart and communion was given in one kind. The wearing of face coverings was mandatory, as was the sanitising of hands. The teams of Holy Dusters became Holy Sanitisers, ensuring that the church was kept scrupulously clean and that all hygiene regulations were adhered to. A second lockdown meant that public worship was suspended once again during November.

All at St. George's have been grateful that organ accompaniment to services has continued to be permitted and we are fortunate to have a Director of Music as dedicated as Sue Howell Evans. It was also a delight during August to have Kenji Luc play the cello during Communion, accompanied by Yuriko Luc. Whilst opportunities for the **Parish Choir** to sing have been few, members have met online using Zoom.

We were pleased to be able to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving on 4th October. The average regular Sunday attendance counted during October was 57 adults and 4 children.

To mark Remembrance Sunday a small socially distanced service was held by the war memorial and on 20th December people gathered to enjoy carols in the car park.



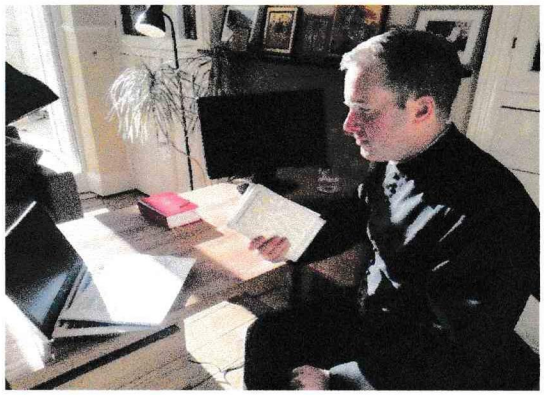
Christmas as always was a very special time of celebration. The midnight Mass was brought forward to 7pm on Christmas Eve and was attended by 46 people, whilst 39 people attended Mass on Christmas Day.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

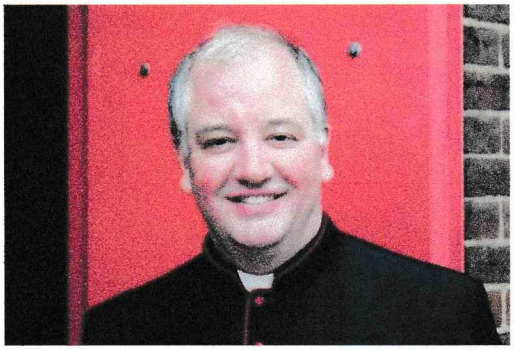
Despite the restrictions, our church continues to be recognised by parishioners and others as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. During 2020 1 wedding and 1 funeral were held in church. Sadly, lockdown prevented children being prepared for and admitted to Holy Communion, nor were there any baptisms or confirmations.

Clergy moves

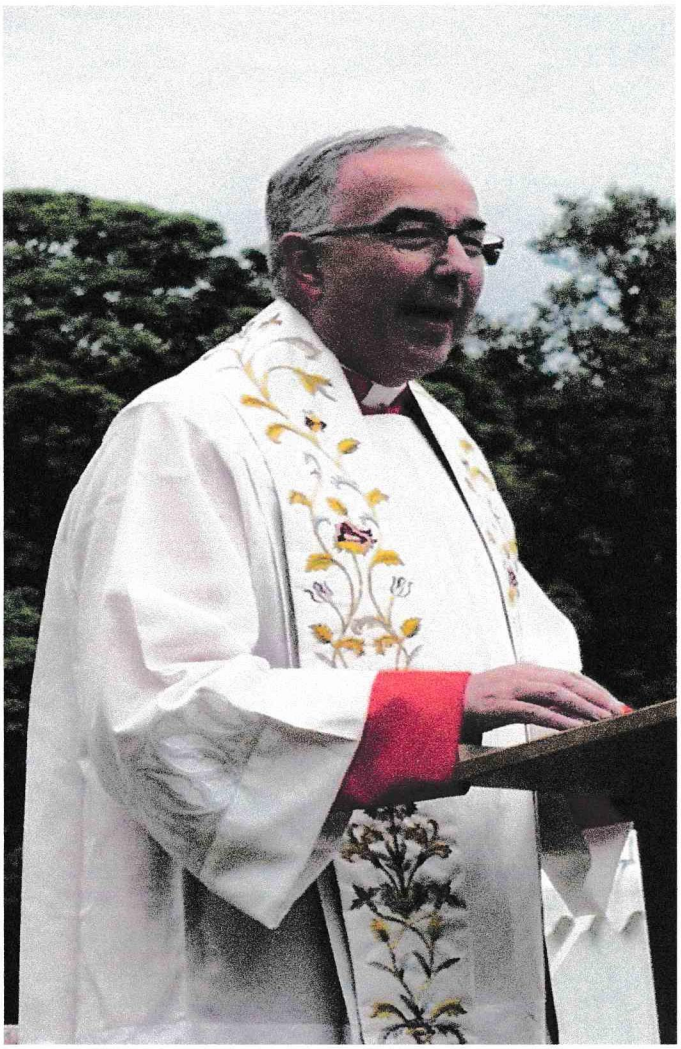
In February we said farewell to our much loved curate, Fr Toby who moved to his first incumbency in Swindon. We had hoped to be able to attend his licensing in March but sadly the service could not go ahead in its usual form and Fr Toby was instead licensed remotely by the Bishop of Bristol using Skype.



Members of 'Tea & Chat' wish Fr Toby good luck for the future.



Although we could not worship together, nor express our thanks for his ministry and give him the farewell that we would have wished for, Fr Tim remained as Rector of St. George's until he was licensed to his new parish in Worthing on 28th May.



During the Interregnum, St. George's has been incredibly fortunate to benefit from the ministry of several retired clergy. Fr John Hall has been the mainstay of this, ably supported by Bishop Michael Langrish and Fr Lawson Nagel. We have also enjoyed visits from Bishop Martin and Archdeacon Luke. Fr John also generously accepted Bishop Martin's invitation in July to serve as a sequestrator of the benefice alongside the churchwardens and Rural Dean.

Evangelism and outreach

Sadly, the popular Wednesday afternoon **'Tea & Chat'** sessions had to be paused in March and all look forward to the time when it will be possible to gather together again.

The St George's Ramblers group, open to all, whether members of the church or not, managed to clock up three walks during the winter months. In January, the group explored Brandy Hole Copse and the Centurion Way and were then treated to a delicious lunch at Colette Gray's home; February's destination was Hotham Park, the Bognor seafront and Felpham, the latter once being the home of the poet and artist, William Blake. Fr Tim was once the Rector there too! March saw the group enjoying a magnificent display of wild daffodils in West Dean Woods and then onto the South Downs Way. The walks are not overly long, usually between 4.5-5 miles, utilise car sharing and enable walkers to get to know one another in a companionable and easy going environment.

Care for others

Regrettably, Covid-19 meant that the Friday Lunch Club had to cease operating and the provision of meals for the Street Homeless was transferred to one central location at St. Pancras Church Hall. Members of St. George's continue to be involved in the HEART charity: Geoff Merry serves as a trustee and Chris Harrison advises on Safeguarding. Tins and dry goods from the store cupboard were donated to HEART, along with the balance of funds held by the PCC for the project.

During 2020 there has also been a marked increase in the number of people using foodbanks. Donating to the Chichester foodbank is another way in which members of St. George's are able to care for our neighbours and we are grateful to Sue Bainbridge and Tom Batting for coordinating this.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

St. George's usually enjoys a rich pattern of events spread throughout the year. Sadly, the church's community choir WRAP literally had to be kept under wraps, nor could the Last Friday concerts that showcase so much local talent go ahead. Covid-19 has diminished opportunities for us to engage with our neighbours and left everyone the poorer for it.

A brief period in the summer when restrictions were slightly less stringent, presented an opportunity to bring members of the church family together in the form of two coffee mornings. A full risk assessment was carried out and the Centenary Centre was cleaned and sanitised. Tables and chairs were laid out far apart and with hot sunny weather we were able to make full use of the Rectory garden. Whilst it was not possible to extend the invitation to the general public, these events enabled friends who might not have had any social contact for months to enjoy an all too brief moment of normality. They also raised a welcome £570 for church funds.

The wearing of face masks when in public places became mandatory during the year. Sue Bainbridge made and sold brightly coloured face masks. Her efforts raised sufficient funds to enable a new St. George's flag to be bought and also boosted the flower fund.

Sue also co-ordinated three mini Christmas markets held in the Centenary Centre after Mass during Advent. Each week had a theme: craft items, homemade cakes and floral Christmas table decorations. Together with a raffle, the three mornings raised a magnificent £819.80 for church funds. Thanks are due to everyone who helped and contributed to the success of the coffee mornings and mini markets.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

During the Interregnum discreet pastoral care has continued for anyone in need of a listening ear, sacramental care or other form of support.

Charitable giving

Although fundraising activities were severely curtailed during the year, £779 was donated to the Heart for Homeless Project.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The pandemic placed a considerable strain on our financial resources during the year and necessitated drawing upon reserves. Whilst total Income dropped by £30,000, economies made in expenditure could not cancel out the deficit.

Sharing ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure for the PCC was the Parish Share to the Diocese which for 2020 was £65,000, amounting to a 4.85% increase on 2019. Regrettably, we have had to reduce our pledge for 2021 to £55,000. The Parish Share goes towards meeting the costs of clergy stipends, housing, training and pensions, as well as national church responsibilities.

The PCC also pays to insure the church with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The cost of the policy in 2020 was £2,476.

Staff Costs

Our organist, who is also a trustee, received payment of £3,260 during 2020 and a further £399 was expended on employer social security costs for her.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC paid council tax, water and environment charges of £1,303 for the Rectory and £305 for the Assistant Curate's housing.

Trustee payments amounting to £1,268.88 have been made for the reimbursement of purchases made on behalf of the PCC.

Office costs

The PCC is fortunate in that office administration is carried out by able and hard-working volunteers. There have been no major purchases for the office during 2020.

Money held in reserve

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account as and when finances are required to pay day-to-day bills. As at the end of December our reserves consist of £14,969 and the CBF Church of England Investment Fund has a credit balance of £25,693

As well as holding the above general reserves, from time to time the PCC may receive restricted legacies for expenditure on purposes defined by the donor. We aim to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving a legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011, its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year 2020 the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Canon Timothy Peskett	(Until May 2020)
Asst. Curate:	The Revd Toby Boutle	(Until February 2020)
Sequestrator	The Very Revd John Hall	(From July 2020)
Churchwardens:	Kenneth Green	(Until Oct 2020)
	Geraldine Burrows	Vice-Chair from Oct 2020
	Jill Merry	(From Oct 2020)
Deanery Synod:	Geraldine Burrows	
	Fred Corbin	
	Mavis Dolton	(Until 30 Nov 2020)
	Neville Stevenson-Watt	(From 1 Dec 2020)
	Sian Thomas	
Elected Members:	Sue Bainbridge	
	Mavis Dolton	
	Nikki Edge	
	Ken Green	(From 11 Oct 2020)
	Jenny Harding	PCC Secretary
	Susan Howell Evans	
	Mary Howick	Safeguarding Officer
	Catherine James	(From 11 Oct 2020)
	Kim McNamee	DBS Administrator
	Jane Martin	Treasurer
	Garry Long	
	Jill Merry	(Until 11 Oct 2020)
	Tim Ratledge	Resigned 28 May 2020
	Neville Stevenson-Watt	

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Geraldine Burrows, PCC Lay Vice-Chair.

G.M. Burrows Date 30th March 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	*£*
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	61,316	651	-	**61,967**	*81,963*
Charitable activities	1,520	-	-	**1,520**	*1,638*
Other trading activities	2,953	-	-	**2,953**	*13,247*
Investments	867	16	-	**883**	*1,057*
Other receipts	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Total income	**66,656**	**667**	**-**	**67,323**	*97,905*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-		-	**-**	*-*
Charitable activities	78,186	2,949	-	**81,135**	*88,994*
Other trading activities	727		-	**727**	*1,258*
Other expenditure	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Total expenditure	**78,913**	**2,949**	**-**	**81,862**	*90,252*
Net gains (or losses) on investments	**818**	**127**	**-**	**945**	*613*
Net income or (net expenditure)	**(11,439)**	**(2,155)**	**-**	**(13,594)**	*8,266*
Transfers between funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	*-*
	(11,439)	(2,155)	-	(13,594)	*8,266*
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Net movement in funds	**(11,439)**	**(2,155)**	**-**	**(13,594)**	*8,266*
Total funds brought forward	50,705	22,093	-	**72,798**	*64,532*
Total funds carried forward	**39,266**	**19,938**	**-**	**59,204**	*72,798*

Balance Sheet

Our financial position and summary of funds at the year end were:

	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	*£*
Intangible assets	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-
Endowed investments	**26,195**	*25,251*
Total fixed assets	**26,195**	*25,251*
Stocks	-	-
Debtors	**2,360**	*3,443*
Investments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	**32,246**	*45,059*
Total current assets	**34,606**	*48,502*
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1,597)	*(955)*
Net current assets or (liabilities)	**33,009**	*47,547*
Total assets less current liabilities	**59,204**	*72,798*
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-
Total net assets or (liabilities)	**59,204**	*72,798*
The funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	**24,021**	*23,203*
Restricted income funds	**19,938**	*22,093*
Unrestricted funds	**15,245**	*27,502*
Revaluation reserve	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	**15,245**	*27,502*
Total charity funds	**59,204**	*72,798*

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2020, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

C. M. Bulloch ..... Date 21st March 2021

Notes to the financial report

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

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

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds for which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Income and endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the office occurs.

Other trading activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a - when received, or b - in the case of the Centre hire and concerts: for the year in which the event occurs, irrespective of date of receipt.

Investment income

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to *(date)* there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is stated at a nominal £1 in the financial statements.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land	Nil
Buildings	Nil
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Audio visual	33%
Office equipment	25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	38,715	-	-	**38,715**	*42,712*
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	3,349	200	-	**3,549**	*4,288*
Loose cash collections	2,418	-	-	**2,418**	*6,066*
All Other Giving	6,354	399	-	**6,753**	*15,281*
Gift Aid recoverable	10,147	52	-	**10,199**	*13,616*
Legacies	-	-	-	**-**	-
Grants	333	-	-	**333**	-
Donations and legacies	**£61,316**	**£651**	**-**	**£61,967**	*£81,963*
Fees for weddings & funerals	1,520	-	-	**1,520**	*1,638*
Charitable activities	**£1,520**	**-**	**-**	**£1,520**	*£1,638*
Summer fete & Christmas market	820	-	-	**820**	*2,752*
Last Friday Concerts	-	-	-	**-**	*3,502*
Other Trading activities	1,327	-	-	**1,327**	*1,794*
Church centre hiring fees	795	-	-	**795**	*5,160*
Jenny's Books	11	-	-	**11**	*39*
Other trading activities	**£2,953**	**-**	**-**	**£2,953**	*£13,247*
Bank & CBF deposit interest	430	16	-	**446**	*538*
CBF investment fund dividend	437	-	-	**437**	*520*
Rent from letting of investment property	-	-	-	**-**	-
Investments	**£867**	**£16**	**-**	**£883**	*£1,058*
Other receipts	-	-	-	**-**	-
Total income and endowments on all funds	**£66,656**	**£667**	**-**	**£67,323**	*£97,906*

Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	*£*
Special appeals costs	-	-	-	-	-
Stewardship costs	-	-	-	-	-
Grants costs	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	-
Missionary & Charitable Giving	-	779	-	**779**	*1,060*
Diocesan parish share	65,000	-	-	**65,000**	*62,000*
Parsonage House Expenses	1,303	-	-	**1,303**	*3,090*
Curate House Expenses	305	-	-	**305**	*1,705*
Ecclesiastical Church Insurance	2,476	-	-	**2,476**	*2,476*
Parish Training & Mission	6	-	-	**6**	*37*
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	3,659	-	-	**3,659**	*5,075*
Upkeep of services	762	373	-	**1,135**	*3,497*
Church running costs	1,193	65	-	**1,258**	*4,367*
Church maintenance and repair	3,424	1,002	-	**4,426**	*5,062*
Upkeep of churchyard	58	730	-	**788**	*248*
Ministry Expenses	-	-	-	**-**	*92*
Depreciation	-	-	-	**-**	-
Governance	-	-	-	**-**	*285*
Cost of charitable activities	**£78,186**	**£2,949**	**-**	**£81,135**	*£88,994*
Church Centre maintenance	451	-	-	**451**	*619*
Other Trading Costs	276	-	-	**276**	*639*
Cost of other trading activities	**£727**	**-**	**-**	**£727**	*£1,258*
Total expended on all funds	**£78,913**	**£2,949**	**-**	**£81,862**	*£90,252*

Missionary and Charitable Giving

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	£
Heart for Homeless Project	-	779	-	**779**	-
	-	**779**	**-**	**779**	-

Staff Costs

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	£
Remuneration					
Wages and salaries	3,260	-	-	**3,260**	*5,075*
Employer social security costs	399	-	-	**399**	-
Employer pension costs	-	-	-	**-**	-
	3,659	**-**	**-**	**3,659**	*5,075*

Payments to PCC members

Susan Howell Evans received £3659 for playing the organ.

Other payments were made to PCC members in the year for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC:

a) Clergy support: Council tax, water and environment charges totalling £1608

b) 6 members received reimbursement for purchases made on behalf of the PCC amounting to £1268.88

No person received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	£
Independent examination	-			**-**	-
Accounts production	-	-	-	**-**	-
Bookkeeping	-	-	-	**-**	*285*
	-	**-**	**-**	**-**	*285*

Fixed assets - Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Market value 1 January 2020	23,203	2,048	-	**25,251**
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-
Net gains and revaluation	818	126	-	**944**
Market value 31 December 2020	**£24,021**	**£2,174**	-	**£26,195**

Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	*£*
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	-
Investment fixed assets	24,021	2,174	-	**26,195**	*25,251*
Current assets (except cash)	2,308	52	-	**2,360**	*3,443*
Cash at bank and on deposit	14,534	17,712	-	**32,246**	*45,059*
Current liabilities	(1,597)	-	-	**(1,597)**	*(955)*
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
	£39,266	**£19,938**	-	**£59,204**	*£72,798*

Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£	*£*
Gift Aid recoverable	2,308	52	-	**2,360**	*3,036*
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	*407*
	£2,308	**£52**	-	**£2,360**	*£3,443*

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	**£**	*£*
Deferred income	-	-	-	**-**	-
Roof Repair Work from Insurance Claim	1,162	-	-	**1,162**	-
Other creditors	435	-	-	**435**	*955*
	£1,597	**-**	**-**	**£1,597**	*£955*

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures for this year

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2019
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	69,618	12,345	-	**81,963**
Charitable activities	1,638	-	-	**1,638**
Other trading activities	13,247	-	-	**13,247**
Investments	1,038	19	-	**1,057**
Other receipts	-	-	-	**-**
Total income	**85,541**	**12,364**	**-**	**97,905**
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	**-**
Charitable activities	86,314	2,680	-	**88,994**
Other trading activities	1,258	-	-	**1,258**
Other expenditure	-	-	-	**-**
Total expenditure	**87,572**	**2,680**	**-**	**90,252**
Net gains (or losses) on investments	**508**	**104**		**612**
Net income or (net expenditure)	**(1,522)**	**9,788**	**-**	**8,265**
Transfers between funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
	(1,522)	9,788	-	8,265
Other recognised gains/(losses):				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	**-**
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	**-**
Reconciliation of funds:				
Net movement in funds	**(1,522)**	**9,788**	**-**	**8,266**
Total funds brought forward	52,227	12,305	-	**64,532**
Total funds carried forward	**50,705**	**22,093**	**-**	**72,798**

Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Langdale Avenue 110001327F	10,299	-	-	363	10,662
Portfield Hall 110001266F	12,904	-	-	455	13,359
Total of all endowed funds	**23,203**	**-**	**-**	**818**	**24,021**
Churchyard	2,002	216	(730)	18	1,506
Flower Fund	705	335	(373)	-	667
Flower Tin	200	-	-	-	200
Friday Lunch Fund	663	116	(779)	-	-
Organ & Choir	597	-	-	-	597
New Doors	9,704	-	(1,002)	-	8,702
Kay Glover Fund	70	-	(65)	-	5
ChiDC (S 106 Planning)	610	-	-	-	610
Girls Choir	247	-	-	-	247
Iris Woodhams Fund	5,732	-	-	-	5,732
CBF Investment 610278001F	1,563	-	-	109	1,672
Total of all restricted funds	**22,093**	**667**	**(2,949)**	**127**	**19,938**
General fund	27,502	66,656	(78,913)	-	15,245
Total of all unrestricted funds	**27,502**	**66,656**	**(78,913)**	**-**	15,245
Total funds	**£72,798**	**£67,323**	**£(81,862)**	**£945**	**£59,204**

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St George's Church, Chichester for the Year Ended 31st December, 2020

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of Whyke, Rumboldswyke and Portfield, Chichester, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:
The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement:
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement:
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below in Section B *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
   b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

** Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply*

Examiner's signature ..... David Nason. .....

Examiner's name (*CAPITALS*) ..... DAVID NASON. .....

Date ..... 17th MAY 2021. .....

Examiner's address ..... 'The Cradles', Hambrook Hill South .....

..... Hambrook, Chichester. PO18 8UJ .....

Relevant professional qualifications (*if any*) ..... Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants .....

Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems *for example:*

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts;
- any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity;
- any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and
- any material inconsistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

CHURCHWARDENS' ANNUAL REPORT ON THE FABRIC AND FURNISHINGS OF THE CHURCH

At St George's the year 2020 was dominated by two events, the Interregnum and the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Our Assistant Curate, Father Toby Boutle said farewell to us at the end of February to take up an appointment as Vicar of the Parish of New Town in Swindon and Father Tim left in April to become Vicar of St John the Divine in West Worthing.

Government restrictions on the use of the church and the Centre meant the cessation of many regular activities including Sunday worship. At that time, the wardens decided to institute a weekly newsletter with the aim of keeping all informed of such news as there was, this proved to be very popular and we have continued to send it out each week.

Sunday services were eventually resumed in a limited form, including maintaining 'social distancing' and have continued since, although many churches decided to close to corporate worship during the lockdown in December.

During the time the Church was closed we spent time in planning and preparing for the felling of the Monterey Cypress tree located behind the War Memorial. The situation had become urgent due to falling branches and therefore a danger. As the tree had a Tree Preservation Order on it, this entailed getting District Council approval as well as a faculty from the Diocese. Then there was the business of obtaining estimates from contractors to carry out the work. We are able to report that the tree was finally taken down in February 2021.

The other big project which we progressed with during the year was the replacement of the main doors to the Church in the West Porch. Our church architect was employed to prepare the necessary plans and obtain Diocesan approval, the project was then sent out for competitive tender with the contract eventually being awarded to Messrs T Couzens and Sons of West Marden. This project is planned for completion early in 2021. Due to the national lockdowns, and a build-up of other outstanding work the commencement of the project had to be delayed but as of February 2021 the doors are currently being made.

Other tasks that have either been completed during 2020 or continue as outstanding are as follows:

- After many years, the South Porch was reoiled, giving the wood a new lease of life.
- The parking bays in the church car park were repainted along with the South Porch step and walkway leading up to the West Doors, including the black metal handrail.
- Resulting from two separate incidents strip lighting was installed at the altar dais highlighting that there is a step.

- During 2020 rain water had started to seep through the bell rope channel into the Lady Chapel. Resulting from an inspection it was found the cup that should fit over the channel had become detached and the external bell cable had become frayed causing difficulty in the pulling of the bell rope. As of February 2021 realigning of the cup and replacement of the cable is still outstanding but a contractor has been found who has indicated interest in carrying out the necessary repair.
- During this time of Interregnum a weekly inspection is carried out of the vacant rectory, inside and out, as required by the insurance company.

We continue to express our sincere thanks to both Sara and Edward Hands for the dedication they give in ensuring the upkeep of St Mary's churchyard. For those who have not yet discovered this place of tranquillity, it is well worth a visit.

In October Ken Green stood down as Churchwarden, having served the six-year period allowed, his place was taken by Jill Merry. We should also note that Geoff Merry has taken on the duties of Health and Safety Officer, thus relieving the wardens of an onerous but essential task.

Our hopes for a short interregnum has not come about but we have been reassured that this delay is to enable the right person to be appointed as our Rector. We would like to pay tribute to the support and guidance given by Father John Hall [The Very Revd John Hall KCVO] who was appointed as a sequestrator to the parish for the period of the vacancy, St George's owes him a huge debt. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Bishop Martin, Bishop Michael Langrish, The Archdeacon Fr Luke and Fr Lawson Nagel who have given of their time in ensuring Sunday Mass has been able to continue on a regular basis.

Geraldine Burrows & Jill Merry
Churchwardens

Ken Green
Churchwarden Emeritus

February 2021

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic there were just two Deanery Synod meetings during 2020 instead of the usual three, the first was in March and held at St Wilfrid's Church, Parklands and the second meeting in October was held via Zoom.

The meeting in March was the final meeting of the 2017-2020 Synod of Chichester Deanery. Members of the Synod are elected at their APCM for a three-year period and elections for the period 2020-2023 would be taking place at the next APCM.

The main theme of the evening was about sharing good practice.
Liz Yonge from St Paul's Church, the co-ordinator of the Chichester Hub, gave a clear and helpful presentation on the work of The Hub, inspiring new children's workers in the Deanery, providing group training on practical and safeguarding issues.

Darren Lewis from St Pancras Church gave an inspirational presentation about his work as Youth Minister at St Pancras, providing encouragement in young people's work throughout their stages of development, emphasising that not all young people progress at the same rate, taking them steadily through Outreach, Transition and then Discipleship.

The meeting in October was the annual Deanery Finance meeting, and invitations were extended to all treasurers and churchwardens. For this meeting three attendees from St George's were able to attend via Zoom, including our Treasurer.

The meeting was led by The Archdeacon, Fr Luke Irvine-Capel and the Rural Dean, Fr David Jarratt.

As the Deanery Treasurer had retired from the post at the previous meeting an appeal was made for someone to step forward to take on this very important role.

Documents had been made available prior to the meeting, one explaining how the parish share is calculated and one explaining what each parish has to pay.

Those attending heard from Gabrielle Higgins, Diocesan Secretary on how well some churches across the Diocese are achieving their financial goals along with their contribution to the Household of Faith, encouraging lasting faith in young people and offering vocations in lay ministry.

Geraldine Burrows
Fred Corbin
Mavis Dolton (until 30 November 2020)
Neville Stevenson-Watt (from 1 December 2020)
Sian Thomas
Deanery Synod Representatives

Safeguarding report - St George's Church, Whyke
March 2021

Covid-19 Pandemic

For the past year the Covid-19 pandemic has dramatically decreased the amount of activities at St George's, with the following groups all seeing activity paused:

- **J Team**
- **Tots Group**
- **St George's Choir**
- **Communion Club**

This significant reduction in church activity has resulted in a decrease in all related safeguarding processes and procedures, including DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks for volunteers. The Safeguarding Officer and DBS Administrative Officer remain contactable should issues or concerns arise.

The Church of England's Child and Adult Safeguarding Protection Training (C1 module) is available online for members of St George's to undertake. This training is compulsory for all those eligible for a DBS check. It is also open to all church members. Leadership officers are required to undertake the C2 leadership module. Whilst the training is currently only available online it is envisaged that face to face training sessions will be made available again once coronavirus restrictions are eased.

Kim McNamee continues as the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Administrator.

All DBS checks for St George's are up to date. Kim keeps up to date with any changes to volunteer roles or new members whose role requires a DBS check.

All DBS checks are valid for 5 years. The DBS Administrator will ensure that new checks are carried out prior to the validation end date.

The church has adopted a Safeguarding Adults policy, which provides guidance and sets out procedures, should safeguarding concerns about an adult be raised.

Level one of the Diocese of Chichester's new safeguarding programme, SQP, was obtained last year. This programme aims to improve safeguarding at parish level. As part of this J Team, church choir, Monday Tots and Servers now have a folder containing all relevant safeguarding policies and forms. These folders will be reviewed over the next few months as activities begin to restart.

There were no safeguarding issues reported in 2020.

Report by: Kim McNamee, DBS Administrator and Mary Howick, Safeguarding Officer
29.03.2020