

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST OSWALD, KING & MARTYR, OSWESTRY**
The Parish Office, Church Street, Oswestry, SY11 2SY

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
2021**

The PCC cooperates with the Incumbent in the whole mission of the church according to the call of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. As part of the Synodical structure of the Church of England, the PCC makes known and puts into effect any provision made by the Diocesan or Deanery Synods and gives advice to these synods on any matters the PCC considers appropriate. The PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church; the PCC draws up a budget and has the responsibility with the Incumbent of appointing, paying and dismissing paid officers of the parish. The PCC is responsible for the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the Parish Church and the adjacent Parish Centre; a house at 14 Lower Brook Street, Oswestry is in the beneficial ownership of the Parochial Church Council, vested in the Diocesan Trust and is normally let to tenants. The Vicar and Churchwardens passed on the School House at Morda Church of England Primary School in the parish to the school Morda School House Trust and received the sum of £25,000, which is being used to fund our new Youth and Families officer.

As a parish within the Diocese of Lichfield, it follows the Bishop's Three Primary Tasks of Discipleship, Evangelism and Vocation.

Membership of the PCC is as follows:

(a) Ex-Officio

Incumbent Vicar of St Oswald, King & Martyr, Oswestry: – Rev'd H L Gibbons, M.A.

Churchwardens:- MR D P EVISON MISS E J WILLIAMS MRS M JONES AND MR A NEALE

Deanery Synod Representatives (elected in 2021 to service until 2024)

Includes ex-officio membership of the PCC

MRS L CLARKE MRS M CROSBY

(b) Elected Representatives under arrangements in force since the late 1980's and Modified in 2002, three people are elected each year, for a term of three years.

To serve until 2022 MRS S BEST MRS F A BOULTON MRS F PEARSON

To serve until 2023 MS C BOULTON MRS J CHESWORTH MRS F MAJOR

To serve until 2024 MR P CROSBY MR M DONKIN MR K ELLIS-ANDERSON

Co-options

At the first meeting of the Council following the APCM of 16th May 2021, Miss Felicity Parker, St. Oswalds Youth and Family worker and Ms C Boulton were co-opted with full voting rights, Ms C Boulton was appointed as Hon Secretary.

Officers of the Council

The VICAR, as Incumbent is the legal Chairman of the Council

The Lay-co Chairman of the Council is MR D P EVISON

The Hon. Secretary to the Council is MS CARRON BOULTON

The Hon. Treasurer to the Council is MR D P EVISON

The Electoral Roll Officer is MRS M CROSBY

Sub Committees of the Council

The Vicar is ex officio on all sub committees listed below:

(a) Standing Committee (the sole statutory Sub Committee)

The Vicar, Two Churchwardens; Lay Co-chairman; Hon. Secretary; Hon. Treasurer – all ex officio; MR P CROSBY, MRS L CLARKE

Other sub committees include representatives appointed by the PCC from among their number, normally including one Churchwarden (at least) signified by *

Building and Fabric Committee – the full terms of reference is available on request and the membership is as follows: MR P CROSBY (CHAIR), MR P EVISON*, MR C TANSLEY MR A NEALE*, MR M CLARKE, MR M BRENNAN, MR P WALLEY, MR GERRY HOWE.

Finance Committee – the full terms of reference is available on request and the membership is as follows: MR P EVISON*(CHAIR), MR M DONKIN, CDR M PETERS (GIFT AID), MR A CLARKE

Parish Centre Management Committee to manage the daily running of the Centre and its staff. **Mr A Neale* (Chairman)**, MRS J HOLDERNESS (Booking Secretary), MRS E LEEK, MR MATTHEW WILSON.

Social Committee to encourage activities and functions within the church to bring people together outside worship. Did not meet during 2020 or 2021 – MR C LEWIS (chair) MRS J WILLIAMS*, MS C BOULTON (*others to be co-opted as required*)

Mission and Giving Group – MRS A PILSBURY, MR H JONES

Mission and Ministry Team – MRS L CLARKE, MRS J CHESWORTH, MRS G EVISON, MRS E LEEK, MR I DAVIES, MISS S WRIGHT, MRS F STOCKING

Sick and Needy Fund - MR P CROSBY, MRS M JONES

The PCC appoints representatives to the local ecumenical body **Churches Together in Oswestry and District**. A total of two including the clergy are allowed according to the revised constitution of Churches Together adopted in 2012. Those nominated at the annual Meeting were THE VICAR, MRS A PILSBURY AND MR I DAVIES who agreed to fill in when called upon to do so.

The Parish

The population of Oswestry according to the 2011 census was 18,700 of which 10,700 live in the parochial parish of St Oswald, King & Martyr. The Electoral Roll at 29 April 2021 stood at 248. Average Sunday Adult attendance for the year stood at 100 and in addition 10 under the age of 16 years. Thanks are due to Mrs Maureen Crosby for encouraging membership of the electoral roll.

Mission and Giving

£4,000 was allocated for charitable giving over and above the various special collections and fundraising efforts supporting emergency appeals and those we traditionally support.

The £4,000 was shared as follows:

UNHCR	£500
Kiwoko Teaching Hospital	£500
British Red Cross: Afghanistan Appeal	£500
Mind	£500
Designs in mind	£500
BEAM	£500
Oswestry and District Foodbank	£500
Morda Primary School (Pastoral)	£500

Public Benefit

The Trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that by promoting the work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, King & Martyr, Oswestry it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively within the ecclesiastical Parish and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Health & Safety and Risk Management

We are required to make adequate arrangements for Health and Safety and to carry some understanding of the risks that are perceived, together with a strategy for risk management.

In implementing these policies, it has proved to be effective in ensuring that we conduct all our activities in a safe manner whilst maintaining the dignity of our worship and protecting the fabric of our ancient grade 2* listed building.

The policies are reviewed, amended and discussed by the PCC on a regular basis. Our Health and Safety Officer is Mr M Donkin. Outside organisations using the Church, Parish Centre or Tower are provided with a statement of the procedures and their responsibilities when using the Church.

We will continue to be diligent in providing for the safety of our congregation, employees, volunteers and visitors according to the policy and regulations which can be requested from the Parish Office.

The principal risks fall under the following headings:

Accidents and First Aid, Fire safety, Electrical safety, Gas Safety, Control of hazardous substances, Plant and machinery, Slips, trips and falls, Lighting, Falls from a height, Food hygiene, Manual handling, Display screen equipment, Hazardous buildings/glazing, Child protection, Personal safety, Activities and other hazards.

We continue to develop understanding of, training in, and adherence to, these policies and take reasonable and necessary steps to prevent accidents occurring. The Health and Safety policy and Fire Safety policy were reviewed during 2016 and copy is available on request from the Hon. Secretary to the PCC.

Safeguarding

There has been considerable attention given to the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults nationally and not least by the Church of England. During 2020 the PCC reviewed our parish policies and procedures to make sure that we bring DBS checks up to date for those required to have them. We have adopted the Diocesan and Church of England policies in this regard.

The Parish Sick and Needy Fund:

The fund was set up some years ago formerly known as the Vicar's Discretionary Fund to help people within the parish who are suffering with hardship and is administered by a small committee under the chairmanship of the Vicar. If any member of the congregation is aware of any such case they should contact the Vicar for the case to be discussed with the committee.

Altar Guild

We have had a very strange two and a half years with covid. We have been very lucky in managing to get a team together to keep the Church up to scratch, our grateful thanks to all who have turned up week after week to carry out their duties. We would like to thank all who have retired from the role after many years, our grateful thanks to you all. We have now got a team together to clean the brasses in Church. Our thanks go to Mike Peters and Matt Wilson who joined the ladies on Monday mornings and will turn their hand to anything. (Keeping us on our toes) With numerous visitors through our doors, it has been commented many times how well kept and clean the church is. If anyone is interested in helping at any time, please contact Natasha or Muriel.

MURIEL JONES AND NATASHA BELL

Bell Ringers

In 2021 we had opportunities to ring via Zoom during 'lockdowns' locally and also, as members of the Shropshire Association, ringers 'attended' Association-wide Zoom practices, Quarterly and AGM meetings. It was good to ring in reality when actual ringing recommenced. The

positive effects of 'seeing' and being able to talk to each other and being able to hear the bells was a real boost to morale. We had sufficient to ring at least six, and frequently all eight bells for Sunday worship, and good numbers on practice evenings. Gordon Hodgson continued to lead us in prayer each Sunday before we made our way up to the ringing room. Covid 19 rules have been maintained throughout on hand and surface sanitising and enabling air flow, even in the depths of the cold weather!! and include installing a CO² monitor.

We have been joined by Chris and Jenny Hoare, both experienced ringers, and the return of Andy Harris, adding to the band's ability to ring advanced methods, improve ringing and support our three young ringers. Two ringers have not yet returned, but hope to return when Covid safety is further assured. Currently we have 20 ringers listed although not everyone attends when other commitments clash. Peter Woollam continued to lead Thursday practices and Cordelia Warr to organise the return of the Sunday evening Quarter Peal programme and to lead Sunday ringing. Quarter Peals were rung to celebrate the life of Archbishop Desmond Tutu on the day of his funeral, for the 60th anniversary of the ordination of Gordon Hodson, in memory of the murdered politician Sir David Amess, and the first day of COP 26. On 27th December a 'teddy bear zip wire' event was held, having missed this opportunity in 2020. It was the best ever event with 91 adults and children enjoying seeing our bells and the view from the top of the tower. Visitors came non-stop over the 4 hours of the event. A variety of 'teddies', including dogs, cats, dinosaurs and a toy pineapple called Pina zipped from the tower to the churchyard and £143.23 was raised from donations.

JAN SNOWBALL
SECRETARY

Building And Fabric Committee Report

The committee has been very active throughout the year and much has been achieved.

The church was successful in obtaining an £11,000 grant from Historic England Covid Recovery Fund for the conservation of the Yale memorial. It should be noted that the grant was for conservation (to stop the memorial deteriorating further) not a restoration to its former glory, as if a museum piece.

Following the damage to the clock motor caused by a buddleia growing through the clock face (mentioned in last year's report), Wallwalkers, a roped access company, returned to repoint the holes. During the initial conservator's survey of the Yale memorial, dampness from vegetation growth on the outside wall near the memorial which had penetrated through the wall was said to have contributed to the deterioration. After the tower repointing, the vegetation around the Yale Memorial was also removed. There was an under-spend on the conservation work. The grantor kindly agreed that the balance of the grant could part fund the vegetation removal work.

The glass in the window hoppers in the large window near the south (main) door of the church had been reported by the architect in both the 2011 and 2016 Quinquennial Inspections (5-yearly surveys) as being in need of attention. Other major works had taken priority for the available funding. The repair of these windows and other stained glass repairs have now been completed.

Mindless vandalism damaged the lead over the cloister connecting the Church to the Parish Centre. They also disconnected the lightning conductor. The lightning conductor was reconnected and tested soon afterwards. Investigation prior to repair of the cloister damage identified that the mineral felt covering the top of the cloister needed attention. The felt roof has now been replaced but, at the time of this report, the lead work has still to be completed. The insurance company paid out for the lead damage against the quotation.

Better weather in the Spring enabled the repaired window frames in the cloister to be painted by Colin Tansley and Peter Walley. Colin and Peter also improved the look of the outside of the Parish Centre by painting the window frames and the concrete surrounding the Centre around the basement windows.

A Faculty has been granted for signage to be displayed in and at the entrances to the Car Park by Horizon Parking enabling them to impose fines for unauthorised parking. Thanks go to Colin Tansley and Peter Walley for painting the lamp posts before the signs were fitted and to Alan Neale for liaising with Horizon Parking. The Car Park has never been so available for church users. The church does not benefit from the fines but neither does it pay Horizon for the monitoring service.

A Faculty has also been granted to create bookcases on each side of the Yale Memorial for a Reading Area. After removal of two short pews, two architect-designed bookcases will be built by a professional woodworker. These improvements will be funded by Mr Nick Richards of David Davies and Sons and his siblings in memory of Bill and Gwen Richards, their parents.

The Garden of Remembrance is almost full so a Faculty has been granted to extend the existing area almost doubling its size.

Gerry Howe and Colin Tansley have fitted new taps to the wash hand basins in both the Male and Female toilets. They have also fitted a water-saving automatic flush system to the urinals in the gents' toilet.

Following the move of the tenant of Morda School House into a Care Home, The School House, which St Oswald's have had responsibility for under a Trust Deed since the school was built, has been transferred to Shropshire Council for use by the school.

The proposal to add 16 turned-spindle lights with shades within the choir stalls has made only slow progress. The Diocesan Advisory Committee were unhappy about the visual impact of the lights so 16 simulated light stands have been produced by Gerry Howe adorned with mock-up shades created by the Vicar, to assess views for the PCC and the wider congregation.

Young people have been seen climbing drainpipes up to the roof. To avoid damage to the building and potential serious injury the drainpipes have been painted with anti-climb paint above 8 feet high to avoid damaging clothing.

As gas and electricity costs have risen throughout the year St Oswald's has benefitted from being locked into contracts with big suppliers until February 2025 for Gas and November 2023 for Electricity.

VAT totalling £1,478, which had already been paid on eligible work, has been reclaimed under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. The scheme has now been extended until 31 March 2025.

New contracts have been negotiated for servicing of the Fire Appliances and the Parish Centre Lift. Organ and Clock servicing has been completed and the boilers in the church and the parish centre have also been serviced. All portable appliances in the church have been tested (PAT testing) and are safe to use.

Though thanks are due to the whole committee, particular thanks must go to Colin Tansley, Peter Walley and Gerry Howe who have undertaken 'self-help' works and on-going maintenance throughout the year.

PAUL CROSBY

Childrens Society

Unfortunately we were not able to hold a Christingle Service this year due to the pandemic but House Boxes are being collected again. Despite many people no longer using cash and so having little change to put into their box, over £1,000 has been donated to the society from 2020.

LIZ GIBBONS

St. Oswald's Church Choir

Due to the ongoing restrictions because of Covid the choir did not resume singing until after Easter and then only for the 10.30am Eucharist and with only 6 singers located in St. George's Chapel. This was unsatisfactory but, at least, we managed to offer some music for the service. During this period we introduced the singing of the Alleluia verse at the Gospel Acclamation. We hope to continue this and would like the congregation to join in if possible.

We did not return to the chancel until September and even then numbers were restricted to 6 trebles and 6 adults. This eased in November when all the trebles were allowed back and for the Advent and Christmas services the full choir returned.

The choir has sung 31 services between September and December and we were delighted that we saw the return of the Advent Carol Service and Nine Lessons and Carols.

In the evening of Remembrance Sunday the Choir gave a performance of the Fauré 'Requiem' with the movements interspersed with bible readings and poetry; thanks to Michael and Muriel Jones who read for us on this occasion. The service was well received.

In October 3 choir members were confirmed by the Bishop of Lichfield

The full choir has since returned but, inevitably, some members did not feel able to do so either because they were isolating or close family members were in Covid at risk categories.

As a result the choir numbers are as follows:-

10 Trebles
5 Altos
3 Tenors and
5 Bases.

Some of the boys are now nearing the time when their voices will begin to change and they will move to other sections of the Choir, so it is important that we recruit more children to fill up the treble line. I can take some adult singers as well. If anyone is interested please contact me.

During the year Spencer Williamson took on the role of Assistant Choir Trainer. Alice Williams became Head Chorister in her place and Eleri Roberts was appointed as Deputy Head Chorister. All three are doing excellent work in supporting and encouraging the juniors in their singing.

MIKE DONKIN
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Churches Together in Oswestry District (CTOD)

CTOD did not meet physically due to the pandemic. However, a committee of clergy and executive members did meet, initially online, and latterly face to face to discern a new way of working together. The result was a document called 'A New Vision for CTOD'. The group, chaired by Rev Chris Densham, Ecumenical Mission Enabler Telford & Shropshire, consisted of three clergy, Rev Harvey Gibbons, Rev Russell Howes and Rev Jassica Castillo-Burley and three members of the Executive, Val Knowles, Sarah Dudley and Oriel Horner.

CTOD continues to play a vital role in uniting Christians despite huge differences in points of view and styles of worship. It reminds us that we are one Body in Christ and promotes fellowship and understanding between us. CTOD was responsible for the emergence of the Foodbank and the Schools Christian Worker Project which are now autonomous. It has encouraged Christian Aid through bucket collections, events and house to house collections. It has also encouraged smaller groups and projects such as the Community Outreach Group which provides a Christian presence in Oswestry Market, Kiwoko hospital, a thriving teaching hospital in Uganda.

HARVEY GIBBONS & ANNE PILSBURY

Churchwarden's report

Last year's report ended with the words that we 'look forward to more relaxed times ahead'. Another year on and the relaxed times were still a mirage! Thanks to the stewards, Mat and all the members of St. Oswald's church, we have successfully manoeuvred another year of wading through treacle! We have all worked well together and made some difficult decisions to enable the smooth and safe running of our church for which we thank God.

When we return to normality, we would all welcome your thoughts and prayers to guide others into considering a future role as a St Oswald's church warden.

ALAN NEALE

Deanery Synod

Most of the business of the Deanery Synod in 2021 was to do with Shaping for Mission. A tremendous amount of work went into canvassing all the churches in the deanery and collating information, the idea being to gain a picture of strengths and weaknesses and to find out what help we could be to one another within a common vision of mission and service. We started the year having to meet via Zoom but were able to finally see each other face to face in November when each parish gave a presentation which laid out their three top mission priorities and their three top strengths. It became clear that across the deanery each parish had resources, skills and expertise to share and Deanery Synod will build on this good foundation during 2022. An extra Zoom meeting was held in September to outline the Finance Consultation for the Deanery which would then go to the Diocesan Synod.

LINDSAY CLARKE

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was able to hold its full complement of four meetings during 2021. Its members are the Vicar, Andrew Clarke, Eric Evans, Michael Donkin, Mike Peters Secretary and myself as Chairman.

As always our first meeting of the year spends much of its time reviewing the accounts I prepare for the previous year so that the PCC does not have to spend too much time reviewing these figures.

We discussed our responsibilities to our paid employees and that as an employer we are conducting ourselves appropriately. The property at 14 Lower Brook Street is managed by JJ Dell & Co, but we have decisions to make on appropriate expenditure which this year included engaging a Consultant regarding the Energy Performance Standard required by the local authority. As a listed building it is important that we keep it in a good state.

The proposed Deanery Hub was discussed as to how it would impact on our finances. The proposals were not pursued by the Deanery. We looked at and are still looking at the cost of Audio & Video Technology required by the Church, but like so many initiatives we have to proceed through the appropriate channels laid down by the Church of England which slows down the implementations of many of our decisions. The Committee can be pleased with the state of the PCC finances, which over the recent years have shown a strong and healthy balance sheet.

My thanks go to my fellow members of the Committee, and especially to Mike Peters our secretary who keeps me in order.

PAUL EVISON

Guild of server's report.

The last two years have been challenging for all with a number of our acolyte team self-isolating or being unwell however as things began to get as near as normal with our church worship I decided to make an effort and try what one might call a recruitment drive to attract more young people to our dwindling list this would not only be to get them involved in the church but would also help them on their spiritual journey. Just before Christmas after the Eucharist a number of girls from Oswestry school had popped into church to buy cards (but not a card day) I chatted to them and asked if any of them would be interested in acting as acolyte's if so to let Felicity know and to my great pleasure these young people decided that they would like to do it with the lead being Katja who every Sunday in term time has found a team for me which I am so grateful to her for her effort, It now means that as some of our regular team are returning and that hopefully we will have a full team every Sunday I am still looking for more people !

Garry has settled down well as Crucifer and is getting a lot spiritually from this roll.
A prayer for servers.

Grant we beseech thee Almighty God to us thy servants the spirit of holy fear that we following the example of thy holy child Samuel may faithfully minister before thee in thy sanctuary through Jesus Christ thy son our Lord. Amen.

MIKE JONES.

Incumbent's Review of the Year

I summed up the year 2020 in one word... extraordinary. If 2020 was extraordinary, 2021 was 'evolutionary' as we gently felt our way into resuming church activities bit by bit.

It is easy to forget that the year began with another lockdown, this time lasting until 21st March during which we streamed Sunday worship from church. Worship was restricted to Sunday's

only, until the 1st of July when the Thursday service of Holy Communion returned. With no further lockdowns during the year, face masks, hand sanitiser and social distancing remained the order of the day.

Thankfully we were able to have at least some of Holy Week with a Good Friday Stations with socially distanced drama and outdoor activities in the morning followed by a final hour at the cross in the afternoon. The Easter fire was lit in the vicarage garden with the new flame carried down to church on Easter morning. Mid-week resources and Bible studies remained online, as did PCC meetings, Sunday coffee, and Messy Church for a considerable time after.

Pastoral care of church members and non-members alike continued to be challenging with home visiting strongly discouraged by national church and many care homes remaining closed to all but a few family members. The Foodbank box on the vicarage drive was very generously supported by a wide range of people from across Oswestry and during the year, St. Oswalds became the largest continuous source of donations to the Foodbank.

The church Facebook page was put to good use throughout the year as Sunday services and daily Morning Prayer were live streamed enabling us to continue to reach out to existing church members and attract new people.

Towards the middle of the year, church life slowly opened up, funerals and weddings slowly opened up with increasing numbers able to attend, and congregational singing finally returned albeit with face masks worn. St. Oswalds was very pleased to host the annual Archdeacon's visitation in June and the first baptism since March 2020 took place on 11th July.

It was a joy to be joined by members of the Orthodox community from Shrewsbury for a walk of pilgrimage to, and blessing of, St. Oswalds well on 7th August which was followed by a service of orthodox vespers in church. We also hosted Oswestry Deanery Synod in September, and a confirmation with Bishop Michael of Lichfield in October.

The new 4 O'clock services pilot started in September and from October, PCC meetings and Place of Welcome returned to the Parish Centre, with church wardens and Building and Fabric committee meetings taking place in the church office and parish centre, The Finance Committee met once again in Paul's home.

As usual, Advent and Christmas brought the year to an end but unlike 2020, we were able to come together physically for services of Advent and Christmas lessons and carols, a nativity service and Midnight Mass in addition to Christmas Day. My personal year ended with a wedding at Kinnerley on 31st December when I stood in for a colleague suffering with COVID. We also said goodbye and offered our gratitude to two faithful servants to St. Oswald's as we marked the end of Bill's ministry as a reader as he became 'reader emeritus' and Frances as she stepped down after many years as church administrator.

It has been another year of moving gently forwards whilst looking over one's shoulder and once again I wish to state my personal thanks to everyone who has worked so hard during the past twelve months. To my clergy colleagues who like me spent another twelve months struggling with pastoral care by phone, working through face coverings, face shields and latex gloves; to the Church Wardens, caretaker and stewards who went above and beyond what was expected to keep the wheels turning and ensure that everyone using St. Oswalds could do so safely; to the PCC and to the choir who have had to adapt the way that they operate. Once again, it has been a huge team effort and collectively we have risen to the challenge.

As I wrote last year, rebuilding St. Oswald's post-Covid will require energy, commitment and patience, it will be a long and sometimes challenging road. However, building on the ideas arising from Oswald's Tree in 2020, and using the skills and gifts we possess as individuals

and as a worshipping community, I believe we will rediscover some of the old ways as we discover new ways to love God and serve our neighbour.

As ever, I look forward to the next twelve months with great enthusiasm and hope.

THE REV'D HARVEY GIBBONS

Ladies Group Report for 2021

After many months of not being able to meet, we got together in October for a chat and a cuppa, it was so good seeing each other in person again. We met again in November and then a Christmas lunch in December.

We look forward now to meeting in the afternoon. Ladies continue to support the church and each other.

JUNE WILLIAMS

Mission and Ministry

The Mission and Ministry team met three times in 2021, once via Zoom and twice in person. Initial discussions were reviewing points raised by Shaping for Mission:

- What should the future church look like?
- Problems to be overcome
- Working with other churches in the Deanery
- What do we have to offer?

The next meeting discussed the responses to the 'pink paper' given out at the APCM. There had been plenty of engagement with this and it gave rise to discussions on:

- Confidence in talking about our faith,
- Our branding and publicity: how do those outside the church know what we stand for?
- New ways of worship including the 4 o'clock services beginning in September
- Signage and the use of the churchyard
- Hospitality

The final meeting of the year discussed our three top mission priorities to be taken forward to Deanery Synod in response to Shaping for Mission.:

1. To renew and reanimate current church membership, enabling the members to grow in confidence and be willing and able to communicate their faith to others.
2. To create a consistent branding which underpins all our communications, both digital and non-digital, enabling us to share the Gospel with all generations.
3. St Oswald's will intentionally include third parties of all ages in preserving the environment, increasing biodiversity and reducing our carbon footprint.

Insights gained from Lead Academy fed into discussions throughout the year. Many plans had to be put on hold because of the continuing covid situation, or would have to be reshaped, but we had a solid base for moving forward.

LINDSAY CLARKE

Parish Centre committee

Activity in the Parish Centre has continued to be very limited this year due to the COVID Pandemic and the restrictions imposed on the use of public buildings.

With the lifting of Government restrictions, we have rightly taken a cautious view with regard to our own interpretation and implementation of safety measures.

However, the limited use of the parish centre as a socially distanced meeting area for small church groups/committees has highlighted a few issues which we need to address in the near future.

It is apparent that we have no suitable areas in the church building to sensibly hold small meetings. The committee is looking at the possibilities of dividing the basement area into smaller meeting rooms and storage space.

The second main issue has been the extremely noisy 'fan' distribution system of heat to the main room. This has been so bad that smaller meetings have transferred to areas of the church building to enable the participants to hear what is being said and allow quiet time, for example, during prayer and contemplation.

The Building and Fabric committee have been commissioned to investigate possible improved heating systems to make the building 'fit for purpose'

ALAN NEALE

PCC Secretary

Having been appointed to the role in October 2021 after the stepping down of Sue Tansley, it has been a rather interesting ride.

Quarterly meetings have taken place the first of which were via Zoom then latterly to in person meetings in the Parish Hall. Overall attendance has been very good with those unable to make the meetings generally due to Covid related reasons. For those not able to make it in person, Zoom log in's were provided and the meeting was joined remotely.

We have discussed many issues this year, with the memorial works, renovation works, finances and Covid strategies etc. The church has reopened with a strict social distancing policy being in place and we have maintained the advice of remaining to wear face coverings whilst in the building and refraining from removing ones masks. Communion has been dealt with effectively with sanitising of communicant's hands before and after communion.

Wedding bookings have been re-established and we have seen a number of baptisms taking place with more booked for the remainder of 2022.

CARRON BOULTON

Prayer And Care

During 2020, the Prayer and Care group continued to pray in their homes and sharing news the sick by phone. In the autumn, after many years of prayerful service, Gordon stepped decided to step aside from running the prayer and care team and it became part of the 4pm service provision with 'prayers for healing' taking place on the second Sunday of the month. We are grateful for the many years of service Gordon has given to this important ministry.

HARVEY GIBBONS

Safeguarding

Taking on this new role, has been a challenge particularly as training was not easy to do due to Covid restrictions.

As far as I am aware, the Clergy and PCC are up to date with safeguarding training. I do still have to complete the updated notice regarding safeguarding officer here at St Oswalds.

Our Parish policy was updated in the first meeting of 2022. I am not aware of any issues which have required my attention.

CARRON BOULTON

Social Media

The church website continues to keep parishioners and visitors informed of what is happening. Please continue to tell me about new events and also changes to existing events so that the site is kept up to date. <http://www.stoswaldsoswestry.org.uk/>

Thanks go to Ann Sagar for the weekly Pew Sheet and to Diane Dawson for the monthly Parish News. Thanks also to Harvey for maintaining our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldsoswestry/>

ANNE PILSBURY

Stewardship

This year was the second restricted by Covid-19 and the rules introduced to deal with its effects. Congregations were smaller, markedly so in some instances, and hence the opportunities for donations to the church and its activities were similarly reduced. Total donations were 7.7% lower than 2020; there was an increase in donations through the bank but other sources showed reductions. Tax-efficient income from all sources was £71,347 (£68,018 in 2020).

Stewardship envelopes. 49 members used their coloured envelopes during the year, reducing to 46 in December. (53 in 2019). The total donated this way was £32,191 (£31,674 in 2020), an average of £645 from each donor, (£502 in 2020), and £608. per week (£609 in 2019). Over 93% of donations were "tax-efficient". During the year some members changed from using these envelopes to making their donation through the bank

Payments through the bank. During the year 80 gave this way (67 in 2020) including those who changed from using regular envelopes. The total given for the year was £36,278 (£33,978 in 2020) and over 93% was "tax-efficient". This is an average of £453 per donor (£507 in 2020).

"Casual" Donors. Donations made in the blue envelopes totalled £2239 in 2021 (£3,100 in 2020) thus demonstrating the increasing reduction as one of the effects of the lock-downs. Some of these are from members of the congregation who make their tax-efficient donations this way. Others are visitors or who attend occasionally on Sundays and for weddings, funerals or special services; there were very few of these.

Anonymous donations. Under the scheme introduced in 2013, the equivalent of gift aid can be recovered from anonymous donations in cash, and up to £20 at a time, up to a maximum of £8,000 in any financial year, giving a possible return to the church of £2,000. In 2021 the

total donated was £5,230, below the maximum claim limit for the second year. In 2020 we received £3,171

General. The total tax recovered from HMRC was £18,938 (£16,923 in 2020), an encouraging increase. This is some 16.7% of the church's total income for the year (excluding legacies and the Government's Job Retention Scheme) (was 11.7% in 2020), a very satisfactory result given the circumstances.

Sincere thanks must go to all those who make their gift via St Oswald's and to those who take the trouble to complete the minimal paperwork required for the Gift Aid scheme. There is always space for more donors; anyone who would like to make their gift "tax efficient" should contact the Gift Aid Secretary, Mike Peters, 01691 676091 or mike.aylestone@tiscali.co.uk or simply approach him in church.

MIKE PETERS

Treasurer

The year 2021 like so many other years had its peaks and troughs, eventually we were able to show a surplus. Again, the Lichfield Board of Finance reduced our parish share by £5,042 one month's payment.

As always, I am grateful for the effort of Paul Crosby in obtaining yet a further grant. This year we received £10,916 towards the conservation of the Yale Memorial fully covering the expenditure. In addition, we received a generous donation from Commander Brian Gresham covering the choir's expenditure on processional candles.

This year Christine Abram organised the sale of Christmas cards which raised £5,668 for the many local charities and contributed £461 towards church expenditure.

I am very grateful to our congregation for their generous giving whether by payment straight into the PCC bank account or on the weekly plate, the total was £94,292 which includes the gift aid claim. This is an increase of nearly £5,500.

The replacement of the organ humidifier at a cost of £4,307 was covered by the funds in the organ repair fund, and likewise our contribution to the Families and Youth Worker of £5,085 was covered from the Morda School House Trust fund.

Over the last two years, we have received hardly any income from the letting of the Parish Hall, as a result we had to cease employment of our cleaner.

I was pleasantly surprised, as I was last year, that we have been able to hold our head above the water level over these last two years during the Pandemic.

The investments recovered from the loss of £41,994 in 2020 showing a profit of £50,077 for the year. Over the last fifteen years the overall gain on our investments has been £85,935. The figures for the year ended 31st December 2021 are fully explained in the PCC Financial Statements included in the Annual Report.

As always, I could not and would not attempt to act as Treasurer without the assistance of the staff from Garner Pugh & Sinclair, who are paid as outlined in the accounts for this service. In addition, I would like to thank Irene Gull and her Monday morning team of counters, together with the administrators Frances and Carron, and their backroom helpers Diane Dawson and Ann Sagar.

PAUL EVISON

Youth and Families Activities

Under 5s

Under 5s stay and play group restarted on 16th June 2021 and has run every week since then, with the exceptions of school holidays and one week in February due to staff illness. The highlight of the year was the Christmas party, featuring music, Nativity-themed colouring in and a guest appearance from Father Christmas with gifts for the children in addition to the usual wide variety of toys.

Covid as well as the normal range of childhood (and parental) illnesses, other commitments, sleepless nights etc has meant that attendance has been variable. At time of writing (March 2022) the peak this term was eight children from seven families, and last term's was eight children from six families. New families join us every few weeks - five new families have started coming this term - so we are growing slowly.

Since reopening in June we have offered hot drinks to adults, but asked families to bring their own snacks. We have asked adults to wear masks during periods when that is the national advice, but since those rules were relaxed, it has been a matter of personal choice. Some families have had brief spells of non-attendance due to contracting or being exposed to Covid (or other illnesses), but no outbreaks or transmission of cases have been linked to Under 5s. We will look at reintroducing food if there is an appetite for this among our regular attendees.

My thanks to Peter Walley and Mat Wilson for setting out and putting away the toys and equipment every week, and to Elaine Leek and Jane Wilkinson for stepping in to help run the sessions.

Messy Church

Messy Church has been held each month since February 2021, with the exception of August (due to the school holiday), September (when a planning meeting to determine the future course and viability of Messy Church was held instead) and February 2022 (due to staff absence/illness). Since September, the date for each month's session has been fixed as the third Sunday of the month. At that time the time of the sessions was also moved to the later time of 4-6pm. This brought us into keeping with the other 4pm Sunday services then restarting at St Oswald's, and enabled us to offer families a proper meal at teatime as part of our act of fellowship. The highlight of the year was the end-of-school-year barbecue and water fight in the vicarage garden in July.

There is a core of three or four families that come as often as they are able, but Covid outbreaks in the various schools represented, friends' parties, family engagements and so forth have kept numbers of attendees generally low. The peak was in October (seven adults and nine children from four families, not counting staff/helpers) and November (six adults and eight children from five families). A Messy Church spin-off lunchtime club at Bellan House is growing very slowly and plans are afoot to publicise Messy Church at other local schools.

The first three Messy Church sessions after reopening (December 2020, February 2021 and March 2021) were held over Zoom; we returned to in-person gatherings in April 2021. When lateral flow tests were freely available, all helpers and adult attendees were requested to test themselves for Covid before coming to Messy Church; some parents also tested their children. Meals have gradually moved from pre-prepared, individually-wrapped food to that prepared on site. Food preparation activities have featured twice in in-person sessions, and both times were a success and very well received. On occasion we have felt it safer to change the style of the gathering, such that each family had their own table with their own set of craft supplies and food was brought to them, rather than allowing families to mix indoors. As at Under 5s,

over-12s have been asked to wear masks indoors during times when that was the national guidance or when local rates of infection were especially high. There has been one instance of a Messy Church attendee testing positive for Covid after attending a session; all other attendees were notified swiftly and issued with guidance, and no other positive cases were identified among the group.

Thanks are due to Richard Ali, Ann and Mark Davis, Fiona and Gary Edwards, Glenda Evison, Harvey Gibbons, Brian and Karen Hainsworth, Rosie Rodenhurst and Anne and Peter Walley for their support.

Schools work

I take assembly on Biblical or Christian themes regularly at two primary schools - Morda CE Primary School and Bellan House - as well as at Oswestry School. I assist in and occasionally take Religious Studies lessons at Oswestry School for Years 7-9, and earlier this term brought Year 7 RS pupils from that school to St Oswald's for their lessons. As mentioned above I run a lunchtime club based on Messy Church at Bellan House once a fortnight.

Creche/Sunday morning groups

These are not currently held.

FELICITY PARKER

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1133346

**Report of the Parochial Church Council and
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended
31st December 2021
for**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING
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**Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

The Parochial Church Council present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The Parochial Church Council have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2015.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1133346

Principal address

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Parochial Church Council

Rev H Gibbons (Chairman)

Mr D P Evison

Miss E J Williams

Mr C W J Lewis

Retired May 2021

Mrs S Tansley

Retired May 2021

Mr P R Crosby

Mr M W Donkin

Mrs L Clarke

Mrs F Major

Mr A Neale

Mrs J Chesworth

Mrs A Boulton

Mrs M Jones

Mrs F Pearson

Mrs S Best

Ms C Boulton

Mrs MC Crosby

Miss F Parker

Appointed May 2021

Mr K Ellis-Anderson

Appointed May 2021

Independent Examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Parochial Church Council powers measure (1956) as amended and church representation rules.

Risk management

The Parochial Church Council have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Safeguarding

The Parochial Church Council has adopted the Diocesan and Church of England policies in this regard.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Gibbons', written over a dotted line.

Rev H Gibbons (Chairman) - Parochial Church Council member

28th March 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE P.C.C. OF ST OSWALD, KING AND MARTYR, OSWESTRY

This report on the financial statements of the P.C.C. for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 15 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE P.C.C. AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The members of the P.C.C are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the P.C.C. and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in 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 next statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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



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28th March 2022

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

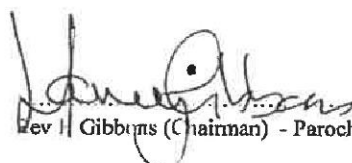
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £	* See note 10 for full comparatives
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2a	116,460	7	116,467	135,624	
Charitable Activities	2b	14,909	5,232	20,141	15,035	
Other Trading Activities	2c	9,012	-	9,012	8,846	
Investments	2d	18,797	-	18,797	13,474	
Total		159,178	5,239	164,417	172,979	
Resources Expended						
Raising Funds	3a	-	2,615	2,615	2,248	
Charitable Activities	3b	148,325	10,594	158,919	128,469	
Total		148,325	13,209	161,534	130,717	
Net gain/(losses) on investment		50,077	-	50,077	(41,994)	
Net Income/(Expenditure)		60,930	(7,970)	52,960	268	
Transfer between funds		(2,526)	2,526	-	-	
Net movement in funds		58,404	(5,444)	52,960	268	
Total funds brought forward (1st Jan)		602,130	82,723	684,853	684,585	
Total funds carried forward (31st Dec)		660,534	77,279	737,813	684,853	

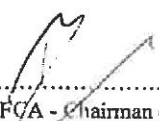
**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING
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**Balance Sheet
At 31st December 2021**

		2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Fixed Assets	Notes		
Tangible Assets	5a	-	-
Investment Assets	5b	<u>657,246</u>	<u>547,169</u>
		657,246	547,169
Current Assets			
Bank current accounts		-	5,994
Bank deposit accounts		69,857	120,626
CBF deposit fund		15,251	10,651
Cash		419	151
Stocks		195	195
Debtors		<u>8,377</u>	<u>10,378</u>
		94,099	147,995
Liabilities due in one year			
Bank current accounts		(432)	-
Creditors	6	<u>(13,100)</u>	<u>(10,311)</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		80,567	137,684
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>737,813</u></u>	<u><u>684,853</u></u>
Parish Funds	8		
Unrestricted funds		660,534	602,130
Restricted funds		<u>77,279</u>	<u>82,723</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>737,813</u></u>	<u><u>684,853</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


Rev H. Gibbons (Chairman) - Parochial Church Council member


D P Evison FCA - Chairman of Finance Committee and Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING
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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

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

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:-

- 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) (a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value on 31st December.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at the most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in the market value is transferred to a revaluation reserve.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
2a Donations and Legacies				
<i>Voluntary Income/Receipts</i>				
1 Tax efficient planned giving	63,878	-	63,878	61,747
Other planned giving	4,591	-	4,591	3,905
2 Collections at services	7,469	-	7,469	6,463
3 All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	18,405	7	18,412	40,116
Gift Aid Recovered	18,938	-	18,938	16,923
Legacies received	500	-	500	500
JRS Grant	2,679	-	2,679	5,970
	<u>116,460</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>116,467</u>	<u>135,624</u>
1) Analysis of Tax efficient planned giving			£	
Bank Donations				33,555
Regular Envelopes				<u>30,323</u>
				<u>63,878</u>
2) Analysis of Collections at services			£	
White Envelopes				2,239
Loose plate collections				4,646
Collections - Baptisms				451
Collections - Home Communion				82
Collections - Weddings				51
Collections - Special				-
				<u>7,469</u>
3) Analysis of all other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals			£	
Donations - Church				15,749
Donations - Charities				339
Donations - Organ Fund - Restricted				7
Donations - Organ Fund - Unrestricted				1,033
Donations - Flower Fund				85
Wall safes				734
Donations - Funerals				400
Donations - Place of Welcome				<u>65</u>
				<u>18,412</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS CONTINUED:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
2b Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	9,782	1,000	10,782	8,451
Summer Fete	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Activities	5,127	4,232	9,359	6,584
	<u>14,909</u>	<u>5,232</u>	<u>20,141</u>	<u>15,035</u>
2c Other Trading Activities				
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>				
Church Hall Hire	90	-	90	604
Church Lettings	980	-	980	280
Lower Brook Street Rent	6,600	-	6,600	6,762
Lichfield Diocesan - Decorator's Scheme	-	-	-	-
Parish Magazine & Bookstall	1,342	-	1,342	1,200
	<u>9,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,012</u>	<u>8,846</u>
2d Investments				
Dividends	18,783	-	18,783	13,377
Bank Interest	14	-	14	97
	<u>18,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,797</u>	<u>13,474</u>
TOTAL	<u>159,178</u>	<u>5,239</u>	<u>164,417</u>	<u>172,979</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

EXPENDITURE ON:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
3a Raising Funds				
<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
Fetes & Fundraising	-	2,615	2,615	2,248
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,615</u>	<u>2,615</u>	<u>2,248</u>
3b Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	4,434	395	4,829	4,563
Diocesan Parish Share	55,464	-	55,464	52,943
Salaries/Wages	19,339	750	20,089	15,171
Clergy and Staff Expenses	6,017	-	6,017	5,454
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	14,787	-	14,787	12,614
Church utility bills	17,231	-	17,231	14,690
Cost of trading	17,412	5,142	22,554	12,955
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church	10,281	4,307	14,588	7,175
<i>Governance Costs</i>	<u>3,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,360</u>	<u>2,904</u>
	<u>148,325</u>	<u>10,594</u>	<u>158,919</u>	<u>128,469</u>
TOTAL	<u>148,325</u>	<u>13,209</u>	<u>161,534</u>	<u>130,717</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

4a STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries	<u>20,089</u>	<u>15,171</u>

During the year the PCC employed the following members of the PCC:

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Mrs F Major	2,721	3,501
Mr M Donkin	5,270	5,144
Ms C Boulton	<u>1,920</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,911</u>	<u>8,645</u>

There were no other transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received benefit, or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

5a FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
At Cost			
As at 1st January 2021	-	27,836	27,836
Additions in the Year	-	-	-
Disposals in the Year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Value at 31st December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>27,836</u>	<u>27,836</u>
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1st January 2021	-	27,836	27,836
Charge for the Year	-	-	-
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
As at 31st December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>27,836</u>	<u>27,836</u>
Net Book Value at 31st December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value at 31st December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

5b INVESTMENT ASSETS

	At 1.1.21 £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	329,563	60,000	-	2,997	50,077	442,637
Investment Property - 14 Lower Brook Street	172,719	-	-	-	-	172,719
Restricted funds						
Investments	44,887	-	-	(2,997)	-	41,890
Total	<u>547,169</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,077</u>	<u>657,246</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The unlisted investments are made up of the following:

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Church of England Investment Fund	162,264	121,883
Church of England Fixed Interest Fund	27,771	8,860
M&G Charifund	199,477	157,193
Lichfield Diocesan Trust	95,016	86,514
	<u>484,528</u>	<u>374,450</u>

INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2021	172,719
Additional Expenditure	-
At 31st December 2021	<u>172,719</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2021	<u>172,719</u>
At 31st December 2020	<u>172,719</u>

During 2011 the deeds at 14 Lower Brook Street were discovered to have been transferred into The PCC's name.
In light of this, the property has been brought into the accounts in 2011 at the then current market value of £160,000.00.

6 LIABILITIES

Amounts falling due in one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals of Utilities	1,779	1,088
Other Creditors	11,321	9,223
	<u>13,100</u>	<u>10,311</u>

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7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	General Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investments Assets	615,356	41,890	657,246
Current Assets	58,710	35,389	94,099
Current Liabilities	(13,532)	-	(13,532)
	<u>660,534</u>	<u>77,279</u>	<u>737,813</u>

STOCKS

	2021 £	2020 £
Stocks (Prayer Cards & Notelets etc)	<u>195</u>	<u>195</u>

DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	1,671	1,008
Dividend Income	665	4,200
Gift Aid	5,308	4,015
Other debtors	733	1,155
	<u>8,377</u>	<u>10,378</u>

8 FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Reserves at 1.1.21 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gain/Losses £	Transfer between funds £	Reserves at 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	602,130	159,178	(148,325)	50,077	(2,526)	660,534
Restricted Funds						
Organ Fund	1 5,185	7	(4,307)	-	196	1,081
Flower Fund	2 996	-	-	-	37	1,033
Morris Fund	3 145	-	-	-	-	145
Wilfred Owen Fund	4 702	-	-	-	26	728
Vicar's Discretionary Fund for People in Need	5 500	522	-	-	-	1,022
For the Assistance of the Sick or Needy						
Parishioners Fund	6 9,204	-	(395)	-	348	9,157
Oswestry St Ann's Fund	7 11,569	-	-	-	438	12,007
Sunday School Fund	8 492	-	-	-	-	492
Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund	9 2,866	-	-	-	108	2,974
Boulton Trust Fund	10 14,363	-	-	-	544	14,907
Friends of Music / Choral Foundation	11 4,748	3,550	(1,742)	-	-	6,556
Bellringers	12 3,548	1,160	(1,670)	-	-	3,038
Bellringers - Bell Training	13 937	-	-	-	-	937
Ladies Group	14 2,131	-	(10)	-	-	2,121
Christmas Day Lunch	15 905	-	-	-	-	905
Morda School House Trust	16 24,432	-	(5,085)	-	829	20,176
	<u>82,723</u>	<u>5,239</u>	<u>(13,209)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,526</u>	<u>77,279</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>684,853</u>	<u>164,417</u>	<u>(161,534)</u>	<u>50,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>737,813</u>

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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains and Losses £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	159,178	(148,325)	50,077	60,930
Restricted Funds				
Organ Fund	7	(4,307)	-	(4,300)
Flower Fund	-	-	-	-
Morris Fund	-	-	-	-
Wilfred Owen Fund	-	-	-	-
Vicar's Discretionary Fund for People In Need	522	-	-	522
For the Assistance of the Sick or Needy Parishioners Fund	-	(395)	-	(395)
Oswestry St Ann's Fund	-	-	-	-
Sunday School Fund	-	-	-	-
Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund	-	-	-	-
Boulton Trust Fund	-	-	-	-
Friends of Music/Choral Foundation	3,550	(1,742)	-	1,808
Bellringers	1,160	(1,670)	-	(510)
Bellringers - Bell Training	-	-	-	-
Ladies Group	-	(10)	-	(10)
Morda School House Trust	-	(5,085)	-	(5,085)
	<u>5,239</u>	<u>(13,209)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,970)</u>
TOTAL NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>164,417</u>	<u>(161,534)</u>	<u>50,077</u>	<u>52,960</u>

NOTES TO THE FUNDS

Restricted Funds

1) Organ Fund

This is used to maintain the organ in St Oswald's church.

2) Flower Fund

This fund is held to enable flowers to be purchased for the church throughout the year.

3) Morris Fund

This fund is used for the upkeep of a memorial.

4) Wilfred Owen Fund

This fund is held for the upkeep of the Wilfred Owen memorial.

5) Vicar's Discretionary Fund for People In Need

This fund is for small gifts for people in need at Vicar's discretion.

6) Sick or Needy Parishioners Fund

This fund is to be used to assist parishioners of St Oswald's in times of poor health and hardship. The funds were given to St Oswald's in a fellow parishioner's will.

7) Oswestry St Ann's Fund

This was generated from the sale of St Ann's chapel at Morda and is held to be used for capital projects.

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8) Sunday School Fund

This fund is held to support the Sunday School at St Oswald's church.

9) Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund

This fund is held for capital projects.

10) Boulton Trust Fund

This fund is held for capital projects.

11) Friends of Music / Choral Foundation Fund

This fund is used for the Friends of Music Group.

12) Bellringers Fund

This fund is used for the Bellringers group.

13) Bellringers - Bell Training Fund

This fund was established to assist Bellringers training.

14) Ladies Group

This fund is used for the ladies fellowship group.

15) Christmas Day Lunch

This fund was established to provide funds for the Christmas Day Lunch Project.

16) Morda School House Trust

This fund is to be used for youth and family work within our Parish.

9 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Mr D. P. Evison, F.C.A. is a partner in Garner Pugh & Sinclair who are paid £2,600.00 plus VAT (£3,120.00) for Accounting and Administration services.

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10 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVES (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations and Legacies	109,832	25,792	135,624
Charitable Activities	12,733	2,302	15,035
Other Trading Activities	8,846	-	8,846
Investments	13,474	-	13,474
Total	144,885	28,094	172,979
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	-	2,248	2,248
Charitable Activities	126,828	1,641	128,469
Total	126,828	3,889	130,717
Net gain/(losses) on investment	(41,994)	-	(41,994)
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(23,937)	24,205	268
Transfer between funds	(1,183)	1,183	-
Net movement in funds	(25,120)	25,388	268
Total funds brought forward (1st Jan)	627,250	57,335	684,585
Total funds carried forward (31st Dec)	602,130	82,723	684,853

