

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1133810

Details

Other names PCC HALL GREEN, CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-01-27

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: Provide regular open Christian (C. of E.) services to the general population and residents of Hall Green Birmingham in particular. Maintain in good condition the Grade 2* listed building. Partake in an ecumenical relationship with other Christian Denominations in Hall Green. Directly provide services to meet community needs and provide facilities and encouragement for others to do so.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£129,380	£258,576	-	-
2023-12-31	£160,730	£181,896	-	-
2022-12-31	£159,215	£121,398	-	-
2021-12-31	£226,170	£106,269	-	-
2020-12-31	£176,000	£130,423	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Nejib Boumenjel	Chair	2018-04-26
Angelina Axon		2026-05-17
Anthea Tinline		2017-04-02
CAROLINE DIXON		
Georgina Urwin		2022-05-15
JON MEADOWS		
Janet Myfanwy Whittington		2015-04-05
Jennifer Carole Payne		2020-10-25
Kim Meadows		2023-05-14
MARGARET ELIZABETH HYDE		
Mohaddeseh Shoar		2026-05-17
Nagi Fahmi		2020-10-25
PENNY WAGG		
Pauline Errington Price		2020-11-12
Sarah Jane Barnes		2014-05-06

Accounts



2024

The Parish Church of the Ascension, Hall Green
CHARITY NUMBER 1133810

Annual Report

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) along with the vicar, Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel, share the responsibility of promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the parish of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Objectives

Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship as well as providing multiple opportunities for service to the wider community. Anyone is welcome to worship here and to become part of our parish community.

Our Vision:

At The Church of The Ascension, we seek to be a friendly and welcoming church with a passion for loving service to the local community where people of all ages can experience the love of God, grow in faith and receive the spiritual and pastoral support they need.

Our Mission Statement:

The Church of The Ascension exists to love God, love People and to make disciples of Jesus who will make a difference in our community and beyond.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer, and education in the gospel.
- Provision of community spaces.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Partnership initiatives with other local charities, hall users, fellow churches and others.
- Pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Stewardship of The Ascension's physical, financial and human resources.

This Annual Report is the story of the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 19th May 2024 and 18th May 2025.

Our People

We acknowledge those continuing to give their time and talents in God's service. We would especially like to thank The Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel for his outstanding dedication to God's service as he continues to lead worship, mission and outreach and to give pastoral care to all who need it.

We thank Pauline Price, our churchwarden, for her hard work over the past four years and Clive Jones, for his work, particularly in relation to the churchyard wall. We also acknowledge the vital contributions made by lay readers, our treasurer and PCC secretary, all those who coordinate and undertake aspects of our mission and outreach work and who perform important tasks 'behind the scenes'. We would also like to thank Martine Whitmore, our Parish Administrator, for her contribution to the life of our church.

The number of persons on the 2024 Electoral Roll was 83, three more than last year: 14 are resident within the parish boundary – down from 17 last year, and 69 are non-resident – up from 63 last year.

The past year has sadly seen the passing of more long-standing members of our Church family including Pam Holt and Diane Mallett. Pam was joint founder of the playgroup, a committed member of the Mother's Union and, alongside her late husband Ted, a supporter of Theatre 28 and involved in Fundraising events. Diane was a founding member, alongside her late husband Neville, of the Bereavement Visiting group and organising committee of the Thanksgiving and Remembrance services,

also supporting 279 Scouts, fundraising and a mainstay of the Coffee Shop. We would like to pay tribute to them both and to express our sympathy to their loved ones.

Worship and Prayer

Services are held at 8.30a.m. (second and fourth Sundays), 10am and 4pm on Sundays plus a mid-week service at 10.30am on Wednesdays. We also have occasional services at 6pm.

A service of Holy Communion continues to be held each Sunday afternoon at 4pm, in Arabic on the first three Sundays and English on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

We would like to thank our Director of Music Clive Jones and our small, dedicated choir for their continued contribution to our worship.

Congregations at our services remain smaller than in 2019 although we continue to welcome some new worshippers. Our festival services at Christmas and Easter attract larger congregations.

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

Services of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those we love who have died are held twice yearly. These are well attended and are important as a public way to remember loved ones, as well as being an expression of pastoral care as we keep in contact with those who have lost loved ones.

On 30th June, we had a service to mark volunteering Sunday, giving thanks for the many volunteers whose work is essential in order for the church to pursue its mission.

The 10.00 a.m. service on 7th July marked the reunion of the Church of the Ascension Youth Club. Rev. Brian McQuillen, a former member of the Club, assisted Canon Nejib during the service.

On 14th July, we gave thanks for the work of The Church of the Ascension Pre-School Playgroup which was about to close its doors. Over 54 years, it welcomed countless children, including the children and grandchildren of many church members, and helped to set them on their way in life.

Sunday School operates at the 10am service on three Sundays a month (apart from August, Bank Holidays and major festivals). We now have 8 children between the ages of 2 and 10 attending our Sunday School. We give thanks for these children and for this opportunity to help them to grow in faith.

Messy Church continues to be an important ministry, guided by the values of being Christ-centred for all ages, creativity, hospitality, and celebration. There were 4 sessions in 2024 and 2 so far in 2025. We also had a session for volunteers on 1st February 2025, to renew the vision for Messy Church and encourage our volunteers. To enable us to continue to grow and develop Messy Church, we need more people to help with setting up, registration, craft activities, serving food and drink etc. If you would like to help or to find out more, please speak to Sarah Barnes, or to the Vicar.

There are fortnightly Monday prayer meetings where we share and pray for those things for which we would like to seek God's guidance, as well as things for which we would like to give thanks. Bible Study also takes place on alternate Mondays. A Home Group is also held on Tuesday evenings in Arabic.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The Vicar and lay pastoral team endeavour to provide pastoral support to those who are sick or otherwise in need. Our continued thanks to the small, dedicated team involved in this vital ministry.

Safeguarding

We marked Safeguarding Sunday in November with a themed service demonstrating that safeguarding is both an integral part of our mission and everyone's responsibility.

The PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In November 2024, the PCC reviewed its Safeguarding Policy; a copy of this can be found on our website <http://www.ascensionhallgreen.uk/>.

Churches Together in Hall Green (CTHG)

The Christian churches in Hall Green continues to work and pray together. CTHG meetings are held 4 times a year with the Ministers meeting in between each CTHG meeting.

CTHG arranged for David Allen to lead a bible study on the Gospel of St Luke on 16th October 2024 at St Peter's Church.

On 27th October 2024, St Peter's Church celebrated its 60th Anniversary with Bishop Michael presiding at a celebration and confirmation service.

As in past years, we participated in the CTHG Lent Course put together by Blair Kessler and Keith Dennis from Hall Green United Community Church based on materials from Roots (www.rootsontheweb.com).

Foodbank

The Church continues to operate a Foodbank out of the Church Hall on Friday afternoons, 52 weeks a year.

We are part of the Sparkhill Foodbank which consists of 4 satellites distribution points plus the main depot in Tyseley. During the last year the volunteers at The Ascension distributed approximately 18 tonnes of food to 1,362 clients who represented 1,920 adults and 1,150 children. This represents a slight increase in numbers from the previous year.

The closure of Waitrose has had a significant impact in the quantity of food donations and the loss of fresh food on a Thursday. As a result, our 'bagging team' was disbanded, and we said goodbye and thank you to Angie Sanford from St Peter's Church, who had been with us since the pandemic

We continue to be grateful to the team of 20 or so volunteers who between them not only serve the clients but fetch and carry the stock from Tyseley.

Charitable Giving

We continue to collect for a number of charities whose aims align with ours, both through designated collections and a box at the back of church.

In May 2024 and May 2025, Clair Ellinor hosted a 'big brekkie' in aid of Christian Aid.

Heritage Open Day

On Saturday 14th September 2024, we held an open morning as part of national Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week. Church was open for people to look around and find out about its history, and we also provided refreshments and a display about activities past and present. We had over 40 visitors, including a number with past connections to the Church.

Fellowship

The Ascension Coffee Shop continues to meet on Wednesdays between 10am and 2. pm. The aim is to provide a low-cost snack and friendship for members of our local community. Our volunteer team has reduced in size in recent times and new volunteers are always very welcome.

Monday Club

The Monday Club programme was a full one in 2024 with all our regular activities, visiting groups, and events. We had summer and Christmas lunches at the Robin Hood Toby Carvery, a Bring and Buy, a cream tea at the end of May, and 'party time' with Christmas cake and nibbles at the end of November.

There were some excellent speakers, including our own Jon Meadows about the gold leaf industry and how and where gold leaf is used - you can even see it here in church! and from charities such as 'Mary's Meals' and Troop Aid. Musical entertainment from the Gilbert and Sullivan Savoyards, and we sang popular songs along with the 'Northern Star Arts Ukulele Group'. There is such a varied programme, and anyone is welcome to come to any of the sessions (or the lunches) to enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, entertainment and refreshments, whether regularly or not.

Sadly, our dear Armchair Aerobics gentleman, Mike Midgely, died at the end of the 2024. He had been coming to us for many years and will be sadly missed. We have been fortunate in finding Naomi, a very lively lady, to come and put us through our paces.

Average attendance is about a dozen members who come regularly so it is impossible to make a profit without charging 'subs' (£4 per session) above what might be considered 'value for money' for when we don't have 'outside entertainment'. Since we now hold our lunches at The Robin Hood, and no longer have to pay room hire charges, the deficit for 2024 was only just over £100. There are still considerable funds in the bank so we shall continue to use them to cover the shortfall and prevent Monday Club closing altogether. It provides a good mix of entertainment, and the social aspect is appreciated by all who attend.

From this month we shall put the whole of the year's remaining programme in the parish magazine:

12 May - Charity Session – Ukulele Group:	26 May - Bank Holiday - Cream Teas + Bring & Buy:
9 June - Summer Lunch at Robin Hood Carvery:	23 June - Liz Formby – Brainhouse School:
7 July - A sing-along with Geoff Salminen	21 July - Mary Bodfish – 'Skulduggery at Soho' :
4 August – Listening to music; - bring along your own CDs	18 August - Bingo or Beetle
1 Sept – Armchair Exercises	15 Sept – Jill Kashi – 'A thousand years of life at Baddesley Clinton'
29 Sept – Gilbert and Sullivan Savoyards	13 Oct - Dave Matthews – 'My life in the Police Force'
27 Oct - Bring and Buy + Jon Meadows - 'Witness Service'.	10 Nov - Charity Session – Ukulele Group
24 Nov - Party Time and singalong carols	8 Dec - Christmas Lunch – Robin Hood Carvery

Anthea Tinline

Youth Club Reunion

Back in the 1960's, The Church of The Ascension hosted a flourishing Youth Club where lasting friendships (and marriages) were formed. 24 former members met locally over the weekend of 5-7 July 2024, with friends coming from far and wide. Highlights were a 'get together' with a fish and chip supper in the Church Hall, attendance at the 10.00 a.m. service on the Sunday morning and a grand dinner at a local hotel. Many had not been back to The Ascension for over sixty years. As we are all in our late 70's or early 80's and having had such good times, we are planning to reprise our reunion on 4-6 July 2025!

Margaret Hyde

Partnerships

Activities undertaken by other organisations with strong links to The Ascension are described below.

Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre

The year 2024, and the first three months of 2025, has generally been a successful period for the operation of both Hall Green and North Solihull Child Contact Centres. Hall Green Centre's child contact sessions take place every Saturday from 2pm to 4pm and on alternate Saturdays from 11am to 1pm. Sessions at North Solihull Centre take place on alternate Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm. North Solihull Centre is now in its third year of operation at the Connection Church Centre, Cooks Lane, Kingshurst and this arrangement continues to work well.

In the period 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025 there were 33 family referrals to Hall Green and 9 to North Solihull. There are fluctuations in the number of families using each Centre. Hall Green is now busier with an increase in the number of referrals. North Solihull shows a small reduction in referrals since last year. Because of court delays many of the families using the Centres are staying with us for longer periods of time.

There are currently 33 volunteers at Hall Green (including the Trustees) and 12 at North Solihull.

In the financial year 2024/25, grants were awarded by 'We Are All Making A Difference' Charitable Trust (£1,000), Ministry of Justice (£5,000), Grantham Yorke Trust (£5,000), The Grimmitt Trust (£2,000) and Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust (£3,000). In addition, there was income from donations and registration fees.

At the end of August 2024, we said goodbye to our Referrals Coordinator, Sarah Ali, who was leaving to take up a full-time position. She had been with us since April 2019 and with the rest of the co-ordinator team experienced the trials and tribulations of running the Centres during the pandemic. She made a considerable difference to the running of the Centres and brought us into the 21st century by implementing a digital document retention system and refining our digital data records.

At the beginning of September 2024 we welcomed Clair Dillon, Sarah's replacement. We were fortunate in being able to recruit her before Sarah left and this enabled an orderly transfer of work. Clair has previous experience in a number of employment sectors and has very quickly settled into the position.

Grateful thanks are due to my colleague Co-ordinators - Frances Hooper, Angela Feenan and Clair Dillon for all the work they do. The Centres could not operate without the commitment of our Team Leaders and volunteer support workers; they are a fantastic team - many thanks to them for all they do.

Finally, my personal thanks to my colleague Trustees – Revd Canon Nejib Boumenjel, David Andrews, Frances Hooper and Revd Ian Crockford.

Clive Jones

Hall Green Youth

Hall Green Youth was formed in 2006, building on a long history of interest in youth work through Churches Together in Hall Green. Its mission is to connect with, and meet the needs of young people, with a particular current focus on mental health and wellbeing.

The murder of Leo Ross, a 12 year old boy who attended Christchurch CofE Academy, in January 2025 caused extra anxiety and uncertainty across young people in all of our groups. In the light of this event, we surveyed 33 young people with whom we work to see how they feel about their community, how it has affected them and any support that they feel that they need. A number of the young people that we surveyed said that they feel that the support that we Hall Green Youth provides is needed more than ever.

We supported over 45 young people in 2024 who are vulnerable and / or need support with their emotional wellbeing and helped them to build constructive social networks.

We continue to provide weekly 1-to-1 mentoring for 12 young people with emotional, social and mental health needs identified by pastoral staff in Hall Green Secondary School. This continues to go well, with positive feedback from the young people and the school about how beneficial the mentoring is. In October 2024, we began to provide mentoring for 12 young people at Christchurch CofE Academy, Yardley Wood.

We also run 'Just Chill' youth group weekly in term time. This group has 22 young people on its register and continues to attract young people who have extra needs. Sessions enable them to build their confidence, social skills, and networks by interacting with their peers in a positive environment. Feedback from the young people is that 'Just Chill' makes a real difference to their confidence and self-esteem.

A highlight of 2024 was a residential weekend for 15 young people at the Pioneer Centre. The young people had a great time and did several activities including raft building, abseiling, zip wire, inflatable challenge and laser quest. The annual residential is now an important part of what we do, giving vulnerable young people an opportunity to be away from their family, often for the first time, and to grow and challenge themselves. We are planning another residential in October 2025.

Sarah Barnes

Beechcroft Tennis and Multi Sports Community Club

Beechcroft (now described as Birmingham's Premier Sports Club) facilitates an extensive range of facilities at its premises in Beechcroft Avenue, Hall Green. The leading sports include Tennis, Junior Football,

Netball, Touch Tennis and Walking Football. It also facilitates multi-sports camps during school holiday periods at Dickens Heath School. For more information, please see the [Clubspark / Beechcroft TC / Beechcroft Tennis & Sports Centre | Birmingham Tennis](#)

The Club leases its premises from The Church of the Ascension. The current Lease is for 15 years from 1st July 2014 with rent reviews at 4, 8 and 12 years. Following the 8 year review, the rent is £4,150 per annum. The Club is broadly up to date with the arrangements agreed with the Church for payment of the reviewed rent. The next review is due in 2026.

Clive Jones

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, three licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and 9 members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 15 members and met 6 times between June 2024 and April 2025.

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

The Church of The Ascension is part of the Hall Green Oversight Area alongside St Peter's and St Michael's. On 4th May 2024, representatives of each of the 3 churches met together to begin the process of considering how we can best collaborate going forward in mission and ministry.

The Ascension is entitled to nominate 3 representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. At the APCM on 14th May 2023, Georgina Urwin was elected to represent The Ascension on the Deanery Synod until the next elections in May 2026 and there are currently two vacancies.

The Church of The Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (charity number 1187634) with the PCC as its Trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary

Financial Review

The General Funds of the Church showed a deficit of income over expenditure of £6,857. This includes a net cost at the beginning of the year of £8,490 on the new water pipe to the Church, so in effect we ran at a small surplus for the year

Income, from regular planned and one-off donations, was £45,190 including £7,862 from Gift Aid. A further £22,000 was received from various investments. In total, receipts to unrestricted funds totalled £76,367

£83,746 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which again was paid in full.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £56,000. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 20th February 2025.

Jon Meadows, Treasurer

Church of the Ascension Annual Property Report, 2024/25

This report covers the period May 2024 to 18th May 2025, the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The major project during this time has continued to be work on the listed boundary wall and associated groundworks. Practical completion was in June 2024. However, some of the lime mortar deteriorated rapidly over the winter months. Following an inspection of the wall by the church's architect in March 2025, during the defects liability period, he directed Reynolds, the contractor, to rake out and redo approximately 50% of the mortar/ pointing work. This remedial work will be at the contractor's expense and is likely to be undertaken in June 2025, the last month of the defects liability period. The PCC is very grateful for the considerable time given by Clive Jones over four years to ensure the wall is no longer at risk of collapse.

There is further work required to the boundary walls, particularly replacement of more coping stones should funds become available in the future. The priority now has to be the work required on the church building.

Some loose roof tiles on the church were replaced and guttering cleared in October (£575+VAT). Bulb filaments for three of the four spotlights for the altar and surrounding area of the chancel were sourced and fitted by Fodens. (£107.40+VAT £17.90). The remaining unit was left safe but is beyond repair.

Quotations have been sought for the repair and redecoration of the two pairs of transept doors. Furniture beetle activity (woodworm) was spotted in some of the south transept panelling in October and advice sought. It is being monitored.

The PCC is investigating restoration of the 18th Century sundial on the south wall and has been advised by David Brown (Sun Dial Society).

The Quinquennial inspection was carried out in November by the church architect, Matthew Vaughan. The small urgent repairs have been carried out and other minor matters are in hand. It was recommended that the dampness and damage to plasterwork at the entrance be addressed within twelve months. Attention was also drawn to the need to make the west gallery safe for users by the addition of hand rails and other measures at an estimated cost of £10,000.

PCC were already aware of the need to repair some high level stonework and balusters, the redecoration of the Victorian guttering and re-nailing of some slipped roof tiles. These need to be scheduled together as all require scaffolding. The budget estimate in May 2022 was £148,000 and costs for both materials and labour will have increased over time. Without additional funding or support the church does not have the resources to progress this work.

The five yearly lightening conductor inspection was carried out in August 2024 by J Lacey (steeplejacks) and certified as satisfactory. The annual roof alarm service was completed on 13th September.

Churchyard

The six replacement trees have now been planted at a cost of £5,973, excluding VAT. They are smaller species chosen for colour and for their benefits to wildlife. They will require careful watering and aftercare until they become fully established.

The "No Mow May" initiative for two small areas and the identification by volunteers of forty three plant species in June 2024 showed the value of the churchyard as a wildlife habitat as well as a valued resource for the local community.

Pauline Price

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall Charity Hall Green, Birmingham - Charity No. 1187634

Report of the Trustees for the Period 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

This is the fifth Annual Report of the Church of the Ascension Parish Hall Charity which was registered by the Charity Commission in January 2020.

Structure, Government and Management

The Parochial Church Council of The Church of The Ascension, Hall Green (charity number 1133810) is the Managing Trustee of the Church of The Ascension Parish Hall Charity, Hall Green, Birmingham. The PCC manages and administers the Parish Hall Charity, making decisions about the activities of the Hall Charity in accordance with its constitution.

Objects and Activities

The object of the Charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2024, the Charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank for those in food poverty.
2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.
3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acocks Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dance Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and included some organisations which are charities in the own right, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

The closure of The Church of the Ascension Pre-School Playgroup in July 2024 has had a significant impact on use of the Chatterton Hall and on resultant income. Other possible long term lettings have been explored since Playgroup ceased and some additional lettings have been made, but significant capacity for additional day- time lettings remains.

Financial Review

Income from Hall Lettings was £46,838, approximately £2,000 less than the previous year. This is more than accounted for by the closure of the Playgroup in July 2024.

Expenditure remained much the same as the previous year resulting in a deficit of £2,093 for the year. As a result, the Charity is in deficit to the tune of £14,575. The deficit is underwritten by the General Funds of The Church of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Property Report

Church Hall and Coffee Lounge

The redecoration of the church office and the 1:1 room has been completed using funds donated in memory of David Chellingworth. They are now lighter and more attractive rooms. The updating of the kitchen area is still under consideration. The heating controls for the boiler had to be replaced at a cost of £285 + £57 VAT.

In March an urgent repair was carried out by ABRS Roofing (£2,200+VAT). Some ridge tiles and the “arts and crafts style” bonnet tiles were re-nailed and reset on two of the hip lines.

Chatterton Hall and 93b School Road

Minor repairs only have been carried out this year and we are grateful that Richard Hyde and Behzad have kindly given their time and expertise.

General

Patrol Alarms carried out their routine service of the intercom and door pad entry systems in October. Warmingtons Heating and Plumbing carried out Gas Safety inspections on all five boilers in November. Fire Safety inspections were carried out in October 2024 and April 2025. All fire extinguishers across the site were checked in December 2024.

The insurance for the church and halls has been renewed with Ecclesiastical Insurance (Parish Plus). The premium for 2024/5 was £6,653.74 including tax.

Registered Charity Number: 1133810

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Trustees present their report for the purposes of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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£84,768 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which again was paid in full. At the end of the year General (unrestricted) Funds stood at £110,424.

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Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Organisational structure

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 15 members and met 6 times between June 2022 and April 2023.

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

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (Charity Number 1187634) and the PCC as its trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1133810

Principal address

93b School Road
Hall Green
Birmingham
B28 8JQ

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Continued)

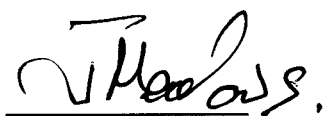
Trustees

Reverend N Boumenjel
Mrs C Dixon
N Fahmi
Mrs M Hyde
J Meadows
Miss J Payne
Mrs A Tinline
Mrs P Wagg
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J Mobasher
Mrs P Price
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7/5/25 and signed on its behalf by:



J Meadows – Trustee

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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.

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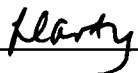
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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

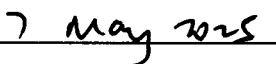
- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act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

J Carty FCA FCCA
Thomas & Young Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

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Carleton House
266 – 268 Stratford Road
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Dated:

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income and Endowments From					
Donations and legacies		52,793	5,386	58,179	93,462
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		1,408	(47)	1,361	940
Other trading activities	2	740	46,838	47,578	49,405
Investment income	3	22,262	-	22,262	16,923
Total		77,203	52,177	129,380	160,730
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		21	-	21	189
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		162,696	95,859	258,555	181,408
Other		-	-	-	299
Total		162,717	95,859	258,576	181,896
Net gains/(losses) on investments		542	2,421	2,963	4,931
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(84,972)	(41,261)	(126,233)	(16,235)
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(84,972)	(41,261)	(126,233)	(16,235)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		162,977	189,018	351,995	478,228

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	6	44,185	197,161	241,346	238,383
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	4,580	2,823	7,403	7,117
Cash at bank and in hand		115,692	(8,296)	107,396	242,968
		<u>120,272</u>	<u>(5,473)</u>	<u>114,799</u>	<u>250,085</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,480)	(2,670)	(4,150)	(10,240)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,792</u>	<u>(8,143)</u>	<u>110,649</u>	<u>239,845</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>162,977</u>	<u>189,018</u>	<u>351,995</u>	<u>478,228</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>162,977</u>	<u>189,018</u>	<u>351,995</u>	<u>478,228</u>
FUNDS					
General fund	10			162,977	247,949
Restricted funds	11			189,018	230,279
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>351,995</u>	<u>478,228</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7/5/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Meadows – Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income (Continued)

Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals or tangible fixed assets.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

'Cost of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events'

'Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep'

'Other expenditure represents those items not falling to the categories above'.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	268	105
Magazine sales	472	474
Church hall lettings	13,672	15,231
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,166	33,595
	47,578	49,405

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent received	4,350	1,875
Interest and dividends	17,912	15,048
	22,262	16,923

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustee remuneration	5,225	4,750
Trustee expenses	-	-
	<u>5,225</u>	<u>4,750</u>

5. COMPARITIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT FROM			
Donations and legacies	82,293	11,169	93,462
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	893	47	940
Other trading activities	579	48,826	49,405
Investment income	15,311	1,612	16,923
Total	<u>99,076</u>	<u>61,654</u>	<u>160,730</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	189	-	189
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	75,021	106,387	181,408
Other	299	-	299
Total	<u>75,509</u>	<u>106,387</u>	<u>181,896</u>
Net gains on investments	903	4,028	4,931
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>24,470</u>	<u>(40,705)</u>	<u>(16,235)</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>24,470</u>	<u>(40,705)</u>	<u>(16,235)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	223,479	270,984	494,463
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>247,949</u>	<u>230,279</u>	<u>478,228</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2024	238,383
Revaluations	2,963
At 31 December 2024	241,346

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid receivable	2,444	2,282
Prepayments	4,959	4,835
	7,403	7,117

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 9)	-	-
Trade creditors	4,150	10,240
	4,150	10,240

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1 Jan 2024 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31 Dec 2024 £
House - Assisted Clergy	194,591	-	-	-	2,421	197,011
Charity Giving	-	-	1,011	(1,011)	-	-
Chellingworth Memorial fund	5,000	-	-	(3,600)	-	1,400
Choir Fund	324	-	-	-	-	324
Coffee Shop	250	(929)	929	-	-	250
Diocese Fees	47	-	(47)	-	-	-
Fabric Repair Fund	38,851	-	860	(38,940)	-	771
Flower Fund	176	-	80	(642)	-	(386)
Food Bank	2,439	-	2,835	(2,734)	-	2,540
Halls Fund	(13,410)	929	46,838	(48,932)	-	(14,575)
Monday Club Funds	2,011	-	(329)	-	-	1,682
	<u>230,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,177</u>	<u>(95,859)</u>	<u>2,421</u>	<u>189,018</u>

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1 Jan 2024 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31 Dec 2024 £
General Fund	118,282	-	76,368	(84,768)	542	110,424
Fabric Repair Fund	70,800	-	835	(69,082)	-	2,553
Fay Lord Legacy	8,867	-	-	(8,867)	-	-
Parish Mission Support Fund	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>247,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,203</u>	<u>(162,717)</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>162,977</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gift aided – envelopes	941	1,043
Gift aided – BGC	22,352	19,136
NTE envelopes	6	90
NTE BGC	5,275	5,775
Cash collections	4,664	5,039
Contactless donations	3,297	2,140
Donations – in memoriam	365	300
Sundry donations	490	387
Christmas gift to the church	1,390	1,317
Flowers fund donations	30	215
Coffee shop	929	1,099
Monday club	(329)	(52)
Other donations	20	425
Monthly charity – gift aided	759	628
Monthly charity – not gift aided	50	600
Gift aid recovered	8,662	7,918
Legacies	-	37,234
Recurring grants	6,041	5,726
One off grants	2,149	2,935
Food bank	1,088	1,507
	58,179	93,462
Other trading activities		
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	268	105
Magazine sales	472	474
Church hall lettings	13,672	15,231
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,166	33,595
	47,578	49,405
Investment income		
Rent received	4,350	1,875
Interest and dividends	17,912	15,048
	22,262	16,923
Charitable activities		
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,448	853
Diocesan fees	(47)	47
Flowers	-	-
Vergers Fees	(40)	40
	1,361	940
Total income resources	129,380	160,730

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Publicity	-	-
Giving envelopes	-	-
Fundraising costs	-	-
Publicity	21	189
	21	189
Charitable activities		
Church mission society	162	164
Mission to seafarers	219	335
Malawi fund	162	180
Bible society	162	106
Children's society	144	296
Birmingham City Mission	162	114
Other charities	-	301
JMC subsidy refunds	-	-
Diocesan parish share	39,830	39,830
Support staff costs	5,225	4,750
Parish administrator salary and pension	11,262	10,290
Parish administration	-	-
Incumbent expenses	411	434
Vicarage upkeep	1,420	1,864
Pastoral staff and youth worker	3,500	3,500
Mission and outreach	66	29
Food bank cost	2,735	2,947
Coffee shop costs	-	154
Church insurance	3,330	3,263
Church maintenance	3,002	568
Cost of worship services	1,683	1,712
Church off expenses	1,873	1,939
Church flowers	640	382
Bank charges	309	300
Upkeep of churchyard	6,245	6,495
Visiting speakers and locums	-	-
Church utilities – gas	3,879	5,969
Church utilities – electric	713	1,029
Church utilities – water	149	160
Magazine printing	859	932
Editorial expenses	52	50
Bookstall and bible reading fellowship	259	242
Magazine postage	213	169
Hall utilities – gas	12,073	13,770

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hall utilities – electricity	4,790	4,035
Hall utilities – water	694	634
Hall cleaning	4,336	3,964
Hall repairs and maintenance	5,592	4,081
Hall insurance	1,698	2,755
Chatterton hall maintenance	2,759	5,045
Chatterton hall and house cleaning	7,827	8,842
Chatterton hall and house	1,502	380
Independent examination fee	960	1,756
Major repairs to church hall	-	23,984
Major repairs to church yard	127,658	23,275
Major works to church	-	432
	258,555	181,408
Support Costs		
Other		
Sundries	-	299
Professional fees	-	-
	-	299
Total resources expended	258,576	181,896
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(129,196)	(21,166)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	2,963	4,931
Net expenditure	(126,233)	(16,235)

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Registered Charity Number: 1133810

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
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Thomas & Young Limited
Chartered Accountants
Solihull

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Trustees present their report for the purposes of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2024, the charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank and Benefits Advice Service for those in food poverty and/or those in financial difficulty.
2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.
3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acock's Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dance Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and included some organisations which are charities in their own right, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Generals funds of the Church showed a deficit of income over expenditure of £7,857. This includes a net one-off cost of £8,490 on the new water pipe to the across the Churchyard to the Church building.

Income from regular planned giving and one off donations totalled £45,190 including £7,862 from Gift Aid claims. A further £22,000 was received from various investments. In total, receipts to unrestricted funds totalled £76,367.

£84,768 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which again was paid in full. At the end of the year General (unrestricted) Funds stood at £110,424.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £56,000. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 20th February 2025.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Organisational structure

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 15 members and met 6 times between June 2022 and April 2023.

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

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (Charity Number 1187634) and the PCC as its trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1133810

Principal address

93b School Road
Hall Green
Birmingham
B28 8JQ

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Continued)

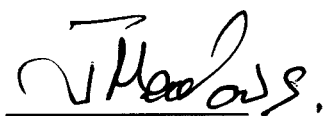
Trustees

Reverend N Boumenjel
Mrs C Dixon
N Fahmi
Mrs M Hyde
J Meadows
Miss J Payne
Mrs A Tinline
Mrs P Wagg
Mrs S Barnes
C Jones
J Mobasher
Mrs P Price
Mrs J Whittington
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K Meadows

Independent Examiner

Thomas and Young Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7/5/25 and signed on its behalf by:



J Meadows – Trustee

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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.

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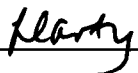
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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

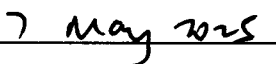
- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act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

J Carty FCA FCCA
Thomas & Young Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

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Carleton House
266 – 268 Stratford Road
Shirley
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B90 3AD

Dated:

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income and Endowments From					
Donations and legacies		52,793	5,386	58,179	93,462
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		1,408	(47)	1,361	940
Other trading activities	2	740	46,838	47,578	49,405
Investment income	3	22,262	-	22,262	16,923
Total		77,203	52,177	129,380	160,730
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		21	-	21	189
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		162,696	95,859	258,555	181,408
Other		-	-	-	299
Total		162,717	95,859	258,576	181,896
Net gains/(losses) on investments		542	2,421	2,963	4,931
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(84,972)	(41,261)	(126,233)	(16,235)
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(84,972)	(41,261)	(126,233)	(16,235)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		162,977	189,018	351,995	478,228

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	6	44,185	197,161	241,346	238,383
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	4,580	2,823	7,403	7,117
Cash at bank and in hand		115,692	(8,296)	107,396	242,968
		120,272	(5,473)	114,799	250,085
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,480)	(2,670)	(4,150)	(10,240)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		118,792	(8,143)	110,649	239,845
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		162,977	189,018	351,995	478,228
NET ASSETS		162,977	189,018	351,995	478,228
FUNDS					
General fund	10			162,977	247,949
Restricted funds	11			189,018	230,279
TOTAL FUNDS				351,995	478,228

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7/5/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Meadows – Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income (Continued)

Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals or tangible fixed assets.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

'Cost of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events'

'Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep'

'Other expenditure represents those items not falling to the categories above'.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	268	105
Magazine sales	472	474
Church hall lettings	13,672	15,231
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,166	33,595
	47,578	49,405

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent received	4,350	1,875
Interest and dividends	17,912	15,048
	22,262	16,923

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustee remuneration	5,225	4,750
Trustee expenses	-	-
	<u>5,225</u>	<u>4,750</u>

5. COMPARITIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT FROM			
Donations and legacies	82,293	11,169	93,462
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	893	47	940
Other trading activities	579	48,826	49,405
Investment income	15,311	1,612	16,923
Total	<u>99,076</u>	<u>61,654</u>	<u>160,730</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	189	-	189
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	75,021	106,387	181,408
Other	299	-	299
Total	<u>75,509</u>	<u>106,387</u>	<u>181,896</u>
Net gains on investments	903	4,028	4,931
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>24,470</u>	<u>(40,705)</u>	<u>(16,235)</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>24,470</u>	<u>(40,705)</u>	<u>(16,235)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	223,479	270,984	494,463
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>247,949</u>	<u>230,279</u>	<u>478,228</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2024	238,383
Revaluations	2,963
At 31 December 2024	241,346

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid receivable	2,444	2,282
Prepayments	4,959	4,835
	7,403	7,117

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 9)	-	-
Trade creditors	4,150	10,240
	4,150	10,240

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1 Jan 2024 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31 Dec 2024 £
House - Assisted Clergy	194,591	-	-	-	2,421	197,011
Charity Giving	-	-	1,011	(1,011)	-	-
Chellingworth Memorial fund	5,000	-	-	(3,600)	-	1,400
Choir Fund	324	-	-	-	-	324
Coffee Shop	250	(929)	929	-	-	250
Diocese Fees	47	-	(47)	-	-	-
Fabric Repair Fund	38,851	-	860	(38,940)	-	771
Flower Fund	176	-	80	(642)	-	(386)
Food Bank	2,439	-	2,835	(2,734)	-	2,540
Halls Fund	(13,410)	929	46,838	(48,932)	-	(14,575)
Monday Club Funds	2,011	-	(329)	-	-	1,682
	<u>230,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,177</u>	<u>(95,859)</u>	<u>2,421</u>	<u>189,018</u>

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1 Jan 2024 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31 Dec 2024 £
General Fund	118,282	-	76,368	(84,768)	542	110,424
Fabric Repair Fund	70,800	-	835	(69,082)	-	2,553
Fay Lord Legacy	8,867	-	-	(8,867)	-	-
Parish Mission Support Fund	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>247,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,203</u>	<u>(162,717)</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>162,977</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gift aided – envelopes	941	1,043
Gift aided – BGC	22,352	19,136
NTE envelopes	6	90
NTE BGC	5,275	5,775
Cash collections	4,664	5,039
Contactless donations	3,297	2,140
Donations – in memoriam	365	300
Sundry donations	490	387
Christmas gift to the church	1,390	1,317
Flowers fund donations	30	215
Coffee shop	929	1,099
Monday club	(329)	(52)
Other donations	20	425
Monthly charity – gift aided	759	628
Monthly charity – not gift aided	50	600
Gift aid recovered	8,662	7,918
Legacies	-	37,234
Recurring grants	6,041	5,726
One off grants	2,149	2,935
Food bank	1,088	1,507
	58,179	93,462
Other trading activities		
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	268	105
Magazine sales	472	474
Church hall lettings	13,672	15,231
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,166	33,595
	47,578	49,405
Investment income		
Rent received	4,350	1,875
Interest and dividends	17,912	15,048
	22,262	16,923
Charitable activities		
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,448	853
Diocesan fees	(47)	47
Flowers	-	-
Vergers Fees	(40)	40
	1,361	940
Total income resources	129,380	160,730

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Publicity	-	-
Giving envelopes	-	-
Fundraising costs	-	-
Publicity	21	189
	21	189
Charitable activities		
Church mission society	162	164
Mission to seafarers	219	335
Malawi fund	162	180
Bible society	162	106
Children's society	144	296
Birmingham City Mission	162	114
Other charities	-	301
JMC subsidy refunds	-	-
Diocesan parish share	39,830	39,830
Support staff costs	5,225	4,750
Parish administrator salary and pension	11,262	10,290
Parish administration	-	-
Incumbent expenses	411	434
Vicarage upkeep	1,420	1,864
Pastoral staff and youth worker	3,500	3,500
Mission and outreach	66	29
Food bank cost	2,735	2,947
Coffee shop costs	-	154
Church insurance	3,330	3,263
Church maintenance	3,002	568
Cost of worship services	1,683	1,712
Church off expenses	1,873	1,939
Church flowers	640	382
Bank charges	309	300
Upkeep of churchyard	6,245	6,495
Visiting speakers and locums	-	-
Church utilities – gas	3,879	5,969
Church utilities – electric	713	1,029
Church utilities – water	149	160
Magazine printing	859	932
Editorial expenses	52	50
Bookstall and bible reading fellowship	259	242
Magazine postage	213	169
Hall utilities – gas	12,073	13,770

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hall utilities – electricity	4,790	4,035
Hall utilities – water	694	634
Hall cleaning	4,336	3,964
Hall repairs and maintenance	5,592	4,081
Hall insurance	1,698	2,755
Chatterton hall maintenance	2,759	5,045
Chatterton hall and house cleaning	7,827	8,842
Chatterton hall and house	1,502	380
Independent examination fee	960	1,756
Major repairs to church hall	-	23,984
Major repairs to church yard	127,658	23,275
Major works to church	-	432
	258,555	181,408
Support Costs		
Other		
Sundries	-	299
Professional fees	-	-
	-	299
Total resources expended	258,576	181,896
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(129,196)	(21,166)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	2,963	4,931
Net expenditure	(126,233)	(16,235)

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Accounts

2023

Annual Report

The Parish Church of the Ascension, Hall
Green

CHARITY NUMBER 1133810

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ascension, Hall Green

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) along with the vicar, Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel, share the responsibility of promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the parish of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Objectives

Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship as well as providing multiple opportunities for service to the wider community. Anyone is welcome to worship here and to become part of our parish community.

Our Vision:

At The Church of The Ascension, we seek to be a friendly and welcoming church with a passion for loving service to the local community where people of all ages can experience the love of God, grow in faith and receive the spiritual and pastoral support they need.

Our Mission Statement:

The Church of The Ascension exists to love God, love People and to make disciples of Jesus who will make a difference in our community and beyond.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer, and education in the gospel.
- Provision of community spaces.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Partnership initiatives with other local charities, hall users, fellow churches and others.
- Pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Stewardship of the Ascension's physical, financial and human resources.

This Annual Report is the story of the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 14th May 2023 and 19th May 2024.

Our People

We acknowledge those continuing to give their time and talents in God's service. We would especially like to thank Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel for his outstanding dedication to God's service. He has continued to lead worship, mission and outreach and to give pastoral care to all who need it.

We thank Pauline Price, our churchwarden, for her hard work over the past three years and Clive Jones, deputy warden, for his work in relation to the churchyard wall and the Quinquennial Inspection repairs. We also acknowledge the vital contributions made by lay Readers, our Treasurer and PCC secretary, all those who coordinate aspects of our mission and outreach work and who perform important tasks 'behind the scenes'. We would also like to thank Martine Whitmore, our Parish Administrator, for her contribution to the life of our church.

The number of persons on the 2023 electoral Roll was 85, 5 fewer than last year: 18 were resident within the parish boundary and 67 non - resident.

The past year has sadly seen the passing of more long-standing members of our Church family including Bob and Lynne Hartley who contributed to the life of our church over many decades and Lorraine Collins who was a longstanding member of the church choir. We would like to pay tribute to them and to express our sympathy to their loved ones.

Worship and Prayer

Services are held at 8.30am (second and fourth Sundays), 10am and 4pm on Sundays plus a mid-week service at 10.30am on Wednesdays. We also have occasional services at 6pm.

A service of Holy Communion continues to be held each Sunday afternoon at 4pm, in Arabic on the first three Sundays and English on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

Congregations at our services generally remain smaller than before the Covid Pandemic although we have welcomed some new worshippers and our festival services at Christmas and Easter attract larger congregations.

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

On Sunday 1st October, seven candidates from the Ascension were confirmed by Bishop James, along with seven candidates for St Nicholas, Kings Norton.

Services of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those we love who have died are held twice yearly. These continue to be well attended and are important as a public way to remember loved ones as well as being an expression of pastoral care as we keep in contact with those who have lost loved ones.

Music remains an important part of our worship and we would like to thank our Director of Music Clive Jones and the choir for their continued contribution.

Sunday School and creche operate at the 10am service on three Sundays a month (apart from August, Bank Holidays and major festivals) to give our children the opportunity to learn more about our faith. At present, we only have a small number of young children as regular members of our congregation, and we pray for this aspect of our mission to grow.

Messy Church continues to be an important ministry, planting seeds of faith in our 'Messy' community, guided by the values of being Christ-centred for all ages, creativity, hospitality, and celebration. There were five sessions in 2023, run by a dedicated volunteer team, and attended by an average of 30-35 children and 15-20 adults.

There are fortnightly Monday prayer meetings where we share and pray for those things for which we would like to seek God's guidance as well as things for which we would like to give thanks. Bible Study also takes place on alternate Mondays. A Home Group is also held on Tuesday evenings in Arabic.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The Vicar and lay pastoral team endeavour to provide pastoral support to those who are sick or otherwise in need. Our continued thanks to the small, dedicated team involved in this vital ministry.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In November 2023, the PCC reviewed its Safeguarding Policy; a copy of this can be found on our website <http://www.ascensionhallgreen.uk/>.

PCC Away Day

In January 2023, the PCC held an away day at St Swithin's, Barston which provided a much needed opportunity to pause, reflect and reaffirm our vision. We created a 'Parish Tree' to identify those things that are working well, those which need revitalisation and those which had fallen away from the tree, and we should let go of. The Parish Tree was then made available for congregation members to look at, and some comments and suggestions were added.

We need to continue to seek to grow and, in response, the PCC has been seeking a Children and Families worker to build relationships with existing groups serving children and families, help to build Messy Church and deliver activities that serve the needs of families from the local community. We have so far been unable to find the right person to support us in this mission and are beginning to explore other opportunities.

Churches Together in Hall Green (CTHG)

The Christian churches in Hall Green continues to work and pray together. A planned Prayer Breakfast at the Ascension had to be cancelled due to illness but will be rearranged.

As in past years, we also participated in the CTHG Lent Course. The 'Joy of the Gospel' study course in sharing faith was used, written by Paula Gooder, based on the Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis.

Mission and Evangelism

The Church continues to operate a Foodbank out of the Church Hall on Friday afternoons, 52 weeks a year.

We are part of the Sparkhill Foodbank which consists of 4 satellites distribution points plus the main depot in Tyseley. During the last year the volunteers at the Ascension distributed approximately 16 tonnes of food to 1,200 clients who represented 1,850 adults and 1030 children. This represents a slight fall in numbers from the previous year, partly due to a 'rationing' system that was put in place due to reduced donations of food.

We are grateful to the team of 20 or so volunteers who between them not only serve the clients but fetch and carry the stock from Tyseley, collect donations from the local Waitrose branches and make sure the hall is set up and ready on a Friday morning.

In February 2024, the PCC reviewed its approach to charitable giving. We give to Hall Green Youth and the food bank and, together, these equate to nearly 20% of our general income. We also collect for Christian Aid, the Children's Society, Mission to Seafarers, the Diocesan Malawi link and Birmingham City Mission, largely through collections at designated services.

It was agreed that we will continue to support the above charities and add the Bible Society and potentially Water Aid to those that we collect for. When we have a charity collection, we will encourage donations by asking someone to talk about the charity as well as promoting the opportunity to give on the screen, through the weekly notices etc.

The fifth Mark of Mission calls on us all to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. In responding to this call, the Church of England nationally has decided that it will become Net Zero Carbon by 2030. But to do that, it needs to work in partnership with parishes and Birmingham Diocese has set up a network of Deanery Environment Champions to assist parishes with information and help to work with the wider church in ensuring that we all tread more lightly on the earth.

In March 2023, we achieved the first step in our journey as an eco-church, as we were awarded Bronze Eco Church status. Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th June 2024 will be Churches Count on Nature week. This focuses on the wildlife in churchyards, and we plan to undertake some activities to highlight the value of our churchyard to the local community. The PCC records its thanks to Pauline Price, our Parish Environmental Champion, for the work she has done to enable us to lessen our environmental impact and to attain this status.

Heritage Open Day

On Saturday 16th September 2023, we held an open morning as part of national Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week. Church was open for people to look around and find out about its history and we also provided refreshments and a display about activities past and present in the Chatterton Hall. We had over 30 visitors, including a number with past connections to the Church.

Fellowship

The Ascension Coffee Shop continues to meet on Wednesdays between 10 and 2. The aim is to provide a low-cost snack and friendship for members of our local community. The coffee shop team has reduced in size, but we were successful in recruiting new volunteers through an appeal on the Hall Green Residents Facebook page.

Monday Club

We managed a full programme at Monday Club in 2023 apart from one charity failing to attend to speak to us, but they are rescheduled to come this year instead.

We still have fewer members attending meetings than before lockdown though we made double figures for all but three meetings last year. With this situation it is impossible for us to make a profit without putting our prices up beyond what might be considered 'value for money' for those sessions when we don't have 'outside entertainment'. (We made a loss of over £260 in 2023.) However, we still have considerable funds in the bank so will continue to use this to cover the shortfall and prevent Monday Club closing altogether as it provides a good mix of entertainment, and the social aspect is appreciated by all who attend.

We started back on 4th March and have a varied programme planned for 2024. There is musical entertainment (including The Gilbert and Sullivan Savoyards and Ukuleles again) and talks from charities such as Mary's Meals and Troop Aid. Most of our outside speakers donate their fees to charity and we will have Kathy Lloyd Roberts, who told us last year about how she ended up becoming ordained, telling us, this year, about the

challenges of her life as a vicar. And in October we are looking forward to a talk entitled 'From Christmas Past to Christmas Present'. Last year Jon and Kim Meadows told us about the Caribbean cruise they had taken in the Spring, and this year Jon will give us his talk 'Leaves of Gold'. Our programme also has the usual 'in house' sessions including Bring and Buys, a Cream Tea in the summer and a Christmas Tea at the end of the year. And already this year we've have played bingo, listened to Nejib's 'Thoughts for Lent' followed by a craft session, and had Armchair Aerobics.

We had our 2023 Summer lunch at the Home Guard Club and a switch to the Robin Hood Carvery for our Christmas lunch proved popular, so we have decided to have both lunches there this year.

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone as a new member to join our meetings and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, entertainment, and refreshments.

Anthea Tinline

Partnerships

Activities undertaken by other organisations with strong links to The Ascension are described below.

Church of the Ascension Pre-School Playgroup

We were greatly saddened to hear that the playgroup is closing its doors in July 2024. Over 54 years, they welcomed countless children, including the children and grandchildren of many church members, and helped to set them on their way in life. Regrettably, current financial circumstances make it impossible for them to continue.

The playgroup team have expressed gratitude for the support the church has given them over the years, and it is hoped to join together to celebrate the playgroup's accomplishments this summer.

Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre

The most significant event of 2023 was the reaccreditation of both Hall Green and North Solihull Child Contact Centres by NACCC (National Association of Child Contact Centres) for a further three-year period. There is a six month preparation period for this process, during which a portfolio of documents has to be completed and forwarded to the NACCC Assessor. As was the case in 2020, NACCC agreed to both Centres being re- accredited together and the Assessor visited on Saturday, 24th June 2023. Following on from the Assessor's reports both Centres were successful in achieving reaccreditation. In the case of Hall Green this is until 24th July 2026 and for North Solihull until 12th November 2026.

North Solihull Child Contact Centre is now well into the second year of its operation at the Connection Church Centre, Cooks Lane, Kingshurst. The arrangement is working well.

At the request of the Birmingham Magistrates Association, three visits by some Birmingham Family Court Magistrates (nine in all) were arranged in March and April 2023 to the Hall Green Centre. They were interested in seeing how child contact sessions operated in a supported child contact. None of them had visited a child contact centre before. The visits went well, and all the magistrates were appreciative of the experience.

There are 13 families currently using Hall Green Centre and 4 families using North Solihull Centre. In the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 there were 25 referrals to Hall Green and 11 to North Solihull. There are fluctuations in the number of families using each Centre, but both figures are less than for the corresponding period in 22/23. Numbers are still significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels.

There are currently 29 volunteers at Hall Green (including the Trustees) and 11 at North Solihull (a significant increase). We are currently looking for new volunteers for our Hall Green Centre.

In the financial year 2023/24 grants were awarded by 'We Are All Making A Difference' Charity of £1,000 and the Ministry of Justice totalling £5,000. In addition, there was income from donations and registration fees. In the current financial year (2024/24) we will also be seeking grant support from three new potential funders.

Grateful thanks are due to my colleague Coordinators, Frances Hooper, Sarah Ali and Angela Feenan for all the work they do. The Centres could not operate without the commitment of our Team Leaders and volunteer support workers; they are a remarkable team – many thanks to them for all they do.

Finally, my personal thanks to my colleague Trustees - Revd Canon Nejib Boumenjel, David Andrews, Frances Hooper and Revd Ian Crockford. Many thanks also to Patrick Hooper who assists with the financial affairs of the charity.

Clive Jones

Hall Green Youth

Hall Green Youth was formed in 2006, building on a long history of interest in youth work through Churches Together in Hall Green. Its mission is to connect with, and meet the needs of, young people. Since the Covid Pandemic, it is focused on providing support for young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Overall, we supported 40 young people in 2023 who are vulnerable and / or need support with their emotional wellbeing and helped them to build constructive social networks.

We continue to provide weekly 1-to-1 mentoring for young people with emotional, social and mental health needs identified by pastoral staff in Hall Green Secondary School. This continues to go well, with positive feedback from the young people and the school about how beneficial the mentoring is.

We also run 'Just Chill' as a youth group once a week in term time and, with the aid of 2 dedicated volunteer leaders in addition to 2 paid youth workers. This group continues to attract young people who have extra needs, including autism, learning difficulties, speech impediments, motor issues, dyspraxia and mental health struggles. These sessions enable these young people to build their confidence, social skills, and networks by interacting with their peers in a positive environment. Feedback from the young people, local schools and community organisations indicates that 'Just Chill' makes a real difference to their confidence and self-esteem.

A highlight of 2023 was a residential weekend for 10 young people from the 'Just Chill' Group at the Pioneer Centre. The young people are keen to go on another residential trip and in July 2023 undertook a 10 mile sponsored walk which raised over £1600 towards the cost.

Sarah Barnes

Beechcroft Tennis and Multi Sports Community Club

Beechcroft facilitates an extensive range of sporting activities at its premises in Beechcroft Avenue, Hall Green. The leading sports include Tennis and Walking Football, but Table Tennis, Netball (including Walking Netball), Hockey, Controlled Adult Football, Junior and Toddler Football and Fitness Classes are also offered. For more information, please see the Club's website [Beechcroft TC / Beechcroft Tennis & Sports Centre | Birmingham Tennis \(lta.org.uk\)](#) and its Facebook page [Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Community Club | Birmingham | Facebook](#)

The Club leases its premises from the Church of the Ascension. The current lease is for 15 years from 1st July 2014 with rent reviews at 4, 8 and 12 years. In relation to the 8 year review negotiations the church and club have now agreed an increase of £400 per annum. This increases the rent to £4,150 per annum - it is retrospective and runs from 1st July 2022. The Club's sponsor will continue to pay £3,750 per annum on behalf of the Club and the increase of £400 per annum will be paid directly by the Club. The total of the increase across the four year period is £1,600, which the Club has agreed to pay at the rate of £200 per quarter during the review's remaining two year period.

Clive Jones

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, three licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and 9 members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 16 members and met 6 times between June 2023 and April 2024.

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

The Church of the Ascension is part of the Hall Green Oversight Area alongside St Peter's and St Micael's. On 4th May 2024, representatives of each of the 3 churches met together to begin the process of considering how we can best collaborate going forward in mission and ministry.

The Ascension is entitled to nominate 3 representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. At the APCM on 14th May 2023,

Georgina Urwin was elected to represent The Ascension on the Deanery Synod until the next elections in May 2026 and there are currently two vacancies.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (charity number 1187634) with the PCC as its Trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary

Financial Review

The Generals Funds of the Church showed an excess of income of £23,500. Once again, we were in receipt of generous unrestricted legacies during the year totalling £37,000, so in effect our day to day income showed a deficit of £13,500.

Income, from regular planned and one off donations, was £40,531 including £6,696 from Gift Aid. A further £20,000 was received from various investments. In total, receipts (including legacies) to unrestricted funds totalled £99,072.

£74,509 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which again was paid in full.

At the end of the year General (unrestricted) Funds stood at £119,28. Whilst this appears to be a healthy position there are, going forward, unfunded calls on general funds, amounting to some £15,000. If the shortfall in day to day finances continues then action will need to be taken to 'balance the books' in the medium to long term.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £56,000. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 22nd February 2024.

Jon Meadows, Treasurer

Church of the Ascension Annual Property Report, 2023/24

This report covers the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 14th May 2023 and 19th May 2024.

The major project this year has continued to be work on the listed boundary wall and associated groundworks. All other expenditure across the site has been in response to issues that have arisen. As a result, some matters raised by the last quinquennial inspection of the church and churchyard in 2019 remain to be addressed. Principally this is work required on the balustrades which are such a feature of our church. There is also the restoration of the 18th century sundial on the south wall of the nave, and exterior paintwork including repainting the deep Victorian guttering and water pipes.

The Church

Following a major leak the lead water pipe supplying the church had to be replaced with modern plastic pipework at a cost of £8,678 plus VAT. Much of this cost was incurred because it required lifting and relaying paving slabs, careful hand digging of a trench then refilling with compacted layers of sand and stone. The parish surveyor supervised the tendering process then worked with Hobday Solutions Ltd to achieve the least expensive solution. This not only saved us professional fees but ensured a happy outcome. Archaeological observation of the work was carried out by Richard Cherrington from Benchmark Archaeology. It is hoped that the VAT on all the church work this year can be reclaimed under the Listed Churches Scheme.

In January, List B consent was given for the reglazing of one broken glass pane and four others which were badly cracked. E.J. Gilbert carried out the work using the appropriate clear heritage glass. (£696 inc. VAT).

Minor work was carried out on the vestry header tank (£104). In October, Justice Fire and Security completed their annual check of the roof alarm and sensors. The contract has been renewed (£150.90 incl. VAT of £25.15).

Churchyard

Consent was given for the removal of the large wild cherry tree which was infected with bacterial cancer and had become a safety risk. It was agreed with Gemstone Tree Surgery that approximately one metre of the trunk and the basal buttress roots would remain as a feature. (£1920 including waste removal and protection of graves in the vicinity).

During February half term all the sucker regrowth at the bases and on the trunks of the limes was removed by the church gardener plus some additional wood clearance. (£720).

We are repeating the “no Mow May” approach to some areas of the churchyard this year to encourage wildlife. Churchyard Wall Repairs

The saga of the churchyard wall repairs has been ongoing for nearly four years. At this time last year the six trees immediately behind the section of churchyard wall fronting to Fox Hollies Road had been felled down to stump height and four trial holes, evenly spaced along the length of the wall, had been excavated. An inspection by the structural engineer, Ben Chase of Mann Williams, Bath, necessitated some minor design changes, the most significant of which was the reduction of the foundation depth to 60 cms to match the existing foundations of the wall. This had proved to be half of the depth originally anticipated and meant that all 13 reverse buttresses had to remain in the design.

Although the changes were minor, the Diocesan Registrar advised that a further faculty application was necessary to approve the design changes. This meant it was not possible to carry out any further work until the further (third) faculty application was granted; it was submitted and logged on 5th June 2023 and was eventually granted on 26th September 2023.

For various reasons, the recommencement of the works was delayed until 9th January 2024. However shortly after the works started, in the course of excavating the holes for the reverse buttresses, a number of tombs were discovered under ground level. Two of these, which were quite substantial, were very close to the wall. There was ongoing archaeological observation of the ground works by the church's archaeologist, Richard Cherrington of Benchmark Archaeology, during their execution and he had seen both tombs. Their size meant it was impractical to consider moving them to another location in the churchyard.

The structural engineer visited the site again to assess the situation and gave the following advice to the church's architect, Matt Vaughan:

The concentration and proximity of crypts prohibits the construction of buttresses B3 and B4. It has become clear that the tree roots were jacking off the crypts pushing the wall over. The jacking action has been

arrested by felling the trees. The lean of the wall is significant here and could collapse without warning.
We are

therefore of the opinion that the wall will need to be taken down to four courses above pavement level and rebuilt 'like for like' for a 14 metre length between buttresses B1 and B5. An updated plan, showing the change in design, was provided. In fact buttress B2 is also to be omitted. In addition, to provide extra strength at the site of buttress B1, which is near to the School Road junction and on higher ground behind the wall, that buttress is to be mass concreted to a depth of 150cms in three lifts, with six 400 long H12 Rebar Dowels between lifts and 8 Helibar Dowels fixed into the brickwork and cast into the concrete.

These changes had to be referred to Birmingham DAC and were approved at its meeting on 13th March 2024. It was suggested at the meeting that the alteration to the design was a consequence of an unforeseen hazard and that it be considered as a variation of design rather than work requiring a new faculty. However, the Diocesan Registrar advised a new faculty was required. Therefore, yet another (fourth) faculty application was submitted on 25th March 2024, and, after completion of the faculty petition, the public notice was displayed from 30th March to 29th April 2024. The Certificate of Publication of the notice was then forwarded to the Registrar with a request that the Diocesan Chancellor (Judge) be requested to deal with the faculty application urgently. On 3rd May the Deputy Registrar advised that the Chancellor had granted the faculty.

In spite of these problems, the contractors carried out a substantial amount of work on site authorised by the third faculty, including some repairs to the wall itself, repointing / grouting and the building of the reverse buttresses not affected by the problems described above. The contractors then had to stand down at the end of the first week of April until the fourth faculty was granted. They were able to resume work on site in the week commencing 6th May.

Because of the additional works that must be undertaken, the architect and quantity surveyor have revised the work specification to make savings (omissions), where they can, to keep within the existing budget. The provisional final account figure is currently £134,458.36 (£112,048.63 plus VAT of £22,409.73), of which £72,784.02 (£60,653.35 plus VAT of £12,130.67) has already been paid. This does not include professional fees. An example of the changes that have had to be made is the rebuild of the 14 metre section of the wall (additional work), costed at £26,500. There are savings to be made against this on buttresses 1 – 5 (including the omitted buttresses) of (£14,037.62 (£12,462.38 plus VAT)).

Quinquennial Part 2 Repairs on the Church

These works cannot be commenced until after the current churchyard wall repairs are completed and further fundraising has been undertaken. In last year's report the following information was provided in relation to likely cost increases.

The original budget estimate provided by the Quantity Surveyor, Paul Daniels was £78,080, which includes the usual 10% contingency. In May 2022 a review of that figure (for grant application purposes) added 18% (£14,054) to make it £92,134. Following receipt of the churchyard wall tenders and the 40% plus increase advised by our architect Matt Vaughan, it's reasonable to increase this figure by the same percentage (£36,854) giving a figure of £128,988. VAT on this (which is recoverable under the government grant scheme) is £25,798 making a total of £154,786.

Additions to this sum are Architect's Fees at 12% on £128,988 - £15,479 plus VAT £3096 (£18,575). A Quantity Surveyor visiting the site to monitor costs would be somewhere between £1,500 - £2,000. In broad terms we are looking at £128,988 (works) and professional fees of £18,575. That total is £147,563. Regrettably this figure will increase with the passage of time.

Rather than speculate on cost increases over the last 12 months, a further costs appraisal will need to be obtained from our Quantity Surveyor when further fundraising is undertaken.

Pauline Price and Clive Jones

Registered Charity Number: 1133810

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees present their report for the purposes of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2023, the charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank and Benefits Advice Service for those in food poverty and/or those in financial difficulty.
2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.
3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acock's Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dance Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and included some organisations which are charities in their own right, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Generals funds of the Church showed an excess of income for the year of £23,500. Once again, we were in receipt of generous unrestricted legacies during the year totalling £37,000 so in effect our day to day income showed a deficit of £13,000.

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Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Organisational structure

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Continued)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22nd February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J Meadows -Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTIAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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.

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THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL
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ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM {continued}

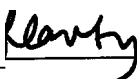
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

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

J Carty FCA FCCA

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Dated:

9 May 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		General Fund <i>E</i>	Restricted Fund <i>E</i>	2023 Total Funds <i>E</i>	2022 Total Funds <i>E</i>
	Notes				
Income and Endowments From					
Donations and legacies		82,293	11,169	93,462	96,499
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		893	47	940	903
Other trading activities	2	579	48,826	49,405	46,943
Investment income	3	15,311	1,612	16,923	14,869
Total		99,076	61,654	160,730	159,214
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		189		189	87
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		75,021	106,387	181,408	120,430
Other		299		299	1,421
Total		75,509	106,387	181,896	121,938
Net gains/(losses) on investments		903	4,028	4,931	(36,581)
NET INCOME/ {EXPENDITURE}		24,470	(40,705)	(16,235)	695
Transfers between funds	10				
Net movement in funds		24,470	{40,705}	{16,235}	695
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		223,479	270,984	494,463	493,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	6	43,642	194,741	238,383	233,451
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	4,272	2,845	7,117	8,765
Cash at bank and in hand		202,299	40,669	242,968	253,937
		206,571	43,514	250,085	262,702
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,264)	(7,976)	(10,240)	(1,690)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		204,307	35,538	239,845	261,012
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
NET ASSETS		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
FUNDS					
	10				
General fund				247,949	223,479
Restricted funds				230,279	270,984
TOTAL FUNDS				478,228	494,463

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22nd February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Meadows - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income (Continued)

Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals or tangible fixed assets.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

'Cost of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events'

'Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep'

'Other expenditure represents those items not falling to the categories above'.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	105	196
Magazine sales	474	685
Church hall lettings	15,231	11,958
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,595	34,104
	49,405	46,943

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rent received	1,875	3,750
Interest and dividends	15,048	11,119
	16,923	14,869

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustee remuneration	4,750	4,500
Trustee expenses		
	<u>4,750</u>	<u>4,500</u>

2. COMPARITIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT FROM			
Donations and legacies	80,952	15,547	96,499
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	799	104	903
Other trading activities	881	46,062	46,943
Investment income	14,576	293	14,869
Total	97,208	62,006	159,214
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	87		87
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	78,871	41,559	120,430
Other	1,421		1,421
Total	80,379	41,559	121,938
Net gains on investments	(6,698)	(29,883)	(36,581)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	10,131	(9,436)	695
Transfers between funds	6	(6)	
Net movement in funds	10,137	(9,442)	695
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	213,342	280,426	493,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	223,479	270,984	494,463

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments
	£
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January	233,452
2023	4,931
Revaluations	
At 31 December 2023	238,383

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid	2,282	2,847
receivable	4,835	5,918
Prepayments		
	7,117	8,765

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note		
9) Trade creditors	10,240	1,690
	10,240	1,690

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1Jan 2023 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31Dec 2023 £
House - Assisted Clergy	190,563				4,028	194,591
Charity Giving			1,417	(1,417)		
Chellingworth Memorial fund	5,000					5,000
Choir Fund	324					324
Coffee Shop	250	(965)	1,119	(154)		250
Diocese Fees			47			47
Fabric Repair Fund	58,987		3,572	(23,708)		38,851
Flower Fund			557	(382)		176
Food Bank	1,654		3,733	(2,948)		2,439
Halls Fund	12,143	965	51,261	(77,779)		(13,410)
Monday Club Funds	2,063		(52)			2,011
	270,984		61,654	(106,387)	4,028	230,279

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1Jan 2023 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31Dec 2023 £
General Fund	93,812		99,076	(75,509)	903	118,282
Fabric Repair Fund	70,800					70,800
Fay Lord Legacy	8,867					8,867
Parish Mission Support Fund	50,000					50,000
	223,479		99,076	(75,509)	903	247,949

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gift aided - envelopes	1,043	1,925
Gift aided - BGC	19,136	20,999
NTE envelopes	90	616
NTE BGC	5,775	5,422
Cash collections	5,039	5,378
Contactless donations	2,140	1,938
Donations - in memoriam	300	6,030
Sundry donations	387	518
Christmas gift to the church	1,317	990
Flowers fund donations	215	80
Coffee shop	1,099	1,219
Monday club	(52)	99
Other donations	425	3,921
Monthly charity - gift aided	628	835
Monthly charity - not gift aided	600	550
Gift aid recovered	7,918	9,053
Legacies	37,234	28,000
Recurring grants	5,726	4,707
One off grants	2,935	1,968
Food bank	1,507	2,251
	93,462	96,499
Other trading activities		
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	105	196
Magazine sales	474	685
Church hall lettings	15,231	11,958
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,595	34,104
	49,405	46,943
Investment income		
Rent received	1,875	3,750
Interest and dividends	15,048	11,119
	16,923	14,869
Charitable activities		
Fees for weddings and funerals	853	799
Diocesan fees	47	14
Flowers		90
Vergers Fees	40	
	940	903
Total income resources	160,730	159,214

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Publicity		
Giving envelopes		17
Fundraising costs		70
Publicity	189	
	189	87
Charitable activities		
Church mission society	115	164
Mission to seafarers	335	406
Malawi fund	180	190
Bible society	106	201
Children's society	296	247
Birmingham City Mission	114	225
Other charities	301	976
JMC subsidy refunds		
Diocesan parish share	39,830	39,852
Support staff costs	4,750	4,540
Parish administrator salary and pension	10,290	9,381
Parish administration		156
Incumbent expenses	434	495
Vicarage upkeep	1,864	827
Pastoral staff and youth worker	3,500	3,500
Mission and outreach	29	262
Food bank cost	2,947	1,985
Coffee shop costs	154	94
Church insurance	3,263	3,088
Church maintenance	568	6,970
Cost of worship services	1,712	1,587
Church off expenses	1,939	1,497
Church flowers	382	640
Bank charges	300	366
Upkeep of churchyard	6,495	6,178
Visiting speakers and locums		34
Church utilities - gas	5,969	2,275
Church utilities - electric	1,029	1,314
Church utilities - water	160	129
Magazine printing	932	931
Editorial expenses	50	47
Bookstall and bible reading fellowship	242	236
Magazine postage	169	224
Hall utilities - gas	13,770	5,512

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Hall utilities - electricity	4,035	2,905
Hall utilities - water	634	517
Hall cleaning	3,964	3,005
Hall repairs and maintenance	4,081	2,267
Hall insurance	2,755	1,498
Chatterton hall maintenance	5,045	3,080
Chatterton hall and house cleaning	8,842	8,043
Chatterton hall and house	380	1,502
Independent examination fee	1,756	720
Major repairs to church hall	23,984	
Major repairs to church yard	23,275	2364
Major works to church	432	
	181,408	120,430
Support Costs		
Other		
Sundries	299	1,421
Professional fees		
	299	1,421
Total resources expended	181,896	121,938
Net income before gains and losses	(21,166)	37,726
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	4,931	(36,581)
Net income	(16,235)	695

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Accounts

2022

Annual Report

The Parish Church of the
Ascension, Hall Green

CHARITY NUMBER 1133810

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ascension, Hall Green

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) along with the vicar, Reverend Canon Nejib Boumenjel, share the responsibility of promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the parish of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Objectives

Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship as well as providing multiple opportunities for service to the wider community. Anyone is welcome to worship here and to become part of our parish community.

Our Vision:

At The Church of The Ascension, we seek to be a friendly and welcoming church with a passion for loving service to the local community where people of all ages can experience the love of God, grow in faith and receive the spiritual and pastoral support they need.

Our Mission Statement:

The Church of The Ascension exists to love God, love People and to make disciples of Jesus who will make a difference in our community and beyond.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer, and education in the gospel;
- Provision of community spaces;
- Mission and outreach work;
- Partnership initiatives with other local charities, hall users, fellow churches and others.
- Pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Stewardship of the Ascension's physical, financial and human resources.

This Annual Report is the story of the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 15th May 2022 and 14th May 2023.

Our People

We acknowledge those continuing to give their time and talents in God's service. We would especially like to thank Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel for his continuing dedication to God's service. He has continued to lead worship, mission and outreach and to give pastoral care to all who need it.

We thank Pauline Price, our churchwarden, for her work over the past two year and Clive Jones, deputy warden, for his work in relation to the churchyard wall and the Quinquennial Inspection repairs. We also acknowledge the vital contributions made by lay Readers, church officers, those who coordinate aspects of our mission and outreach work and all who perform less visible but still important tasks. We would also like to thank Martine Whitmore, our Parish Administrator, for her contribution to the life of our church.

In October 2022, we held a special service and celebratory lunch to mark Clive Jones' 50th Anniversary as Organist and Choirmaster. As a surprise, it had been arranged for many past choir members to be present. A collection had also been organised to show our gratitude to Clive for his service.

The number of persons on the 2022 electoral Roll was 85, 5 fewer than last year: 18 were resident within the parish boundary and 67 non - resident.

Congregations at our services generally remain smaller than before the Covid Pandemic, partly because several older members of our congregation have sadly died while some other congregation members have stopped coming to the Ascension. We have welcomed some new members and our main services at Christmas and Easter attract larger congregations.

The past year has sadly seen the passing of more long-standing members of our Church family including Tina Pickering, Betty Gillespie, Jean Owen, and Linda Graty. They were faithful servants of our church, contributing to its life over many decades. We would like to pay tribute to them and to express our sympathy to their loved ones.

Tina was a past treasurer, PCC member and PCC secretary as well as managing hall bookings for many years. She was also a founder member of the Child Contact Centre, active in Girl Guiding and past Treasurer of the Gospel Oak Centre. Betty was the editor of the parish magazine for many years, a valued member of the Bereavement Visiting Group, member of the Choral Society and funded the printing of *The Ascension Hymns and Songs* (the white hymn book). Jean and Linda were both longstanding members of the Mother's Union, contributing much to its life, while Jean contributed in many other ways to church life including as a founder member of the Coffee Shop and her beautiful calligraphy in the church registers.

Worship and Prayer

Services are held at 8.30am (second and fourth Sundays), 10am and 4pm on Sundays plus a mid-week service at 10.30am on Wednesdays. We also have occasional services at 6pm.

A service of Holy Communion continues to be held each Sunday afternoon at 4pm and is an integral part of our Church life. The service is in Arabic on the first three Sundays of the month and in English on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete, commending the person into God's keeping. Services of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those we love who have died are held twice yearly. These are always well attended and have been particularly important as a public way to remember loved ones since restrictions on funerals during Covid lockdowns.

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022, there were 2 Services of Holy Communion during the period of mourning, a service of Remembrance, and a Book of Remembrance was placed in church for the congregations and wider public to sign.

Music remains an important part of our worship and we would like to thank our Director of Music Clive Jones and the Cantors for their continued contribution to our worship.

Sunday School and creche operate at the 10am service on the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month (apart from August, Bank Holidays and major festivals) to give our children the opportunity to learn more about our faith. At present, we only have a small number of young children as regular members of our congregation, and we pray for this aspect of our mission to grow.

Messy Church continues to be an important ministry, planting seeds of faith in our 'Messy' community, guided by the values of being Christ-centred for all ages, creativity, hospitality, and celebration. There were five sessions in 2022; the Parable of the Mustard Seed in March, an Easter theme on Good Friday, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, 'Share Like Sheep' in September and 'Remember Me' in November. The volunteer team is dedicated, but smaller than in the past, so we have reduced the number of sessions from 10 a year pre-Covid to 5 a year now. An average Messy Church session is attended by 25-30 children and 15-20 parents / grandparents / carers.

There are fortnightly Monday prayer meetings where we share and pray for those things for which we would like to seek God's guidance as well as things for which we would like to give thanks. Bible Study also takes place on alternate Mondays. Prayer meetings and Bible study are also held on Tuesday evenings in Arabic.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The Vicar and lay pastoral team endeavour to provide pastoral support to those who are sick or otherwise in need. Our continued thanks to the small, dedicated team involved in this vital ministry.

The Place of Welcome continues on Monday mornings, providing a place where everyone can see a friendly face and have a chat.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In November 2022, the PCC reviewed its Safeguarding Policy; a copy of this can be found on our website <http://www.ascensionhallgreen.uk/>.

PCC Away Day

On 28th January 2023, the PCC held an away day at St Swithin's, Barston which provided a much needed opportunity to pause, reflect and reaffirm our vision. We created a 'Parish Tree' to identify those things that are working well, those which need revitalisation and those which had fallen away from the tree, and we should let go of. The Parish Tree had subsequently been available for congregation members to look at, and some comments and suggestions had been added.

The PCC has subsequently discussed what to do next. We need to keep an eye on some activities that are struggling. Those who have sadly died over the past few years have largely not been replaced by new members and we need to continue to seek to grow. One area to consider is young people and we are considering whether to employ a worker to engage with children, young people and families and to create opportunities to welcome them into our midst.

Churches Together in Hall Green (CTHG)

The Ascension hosted the CTHG Covenant signing on 22nd January 2023. It was a very encouraging occasion where people from the member churches came together for food and fellowship and to reaffirm our commitment to working together.

As in past years, we also participated in the CTHG Lent Course. The 'Rhythm of Life' material was used, and sessions were run on 4 different days and times of the week, including a Monday evening course on Zoom led by Nejib and attended by several members of our prayer and Bible study groups.

Mission and Evangelism

In response to need in our midst, our satellite centre of Sparkhill Foodbank continues to operate out of the Church Hall every Friday afternoon. In the 12 months to 31st March, we served 1490 clients and provided food for some 3,540 people (2,180 adults and 1,360 children). This represents an increase of some 25% of clients / people fed on the previous year.

The cost of living crisis is manifesting in increase demands of our services while, at the same time, food donations from members of the public drop. This has resulted in the amount of food that is contained in our standard parcels reducing by 25%.

Once again, we are indebted to the many generous donations of food and toiletries, however small or large, that allow us to continue to offer a service to those who are truly in need.

In response to need further afield, during 2022, donations were made to the three main 'Church Nominated Charities' the Church Mission Society, the Malawi Link Fund and the Bible Society. These donations were a result of the giving of various individuals. There was also the usual collection at the Christingle Service for the Children's Society, together with separate related donations.

Donations were also made to six charities who had been nominated by members of the Congregation, these being Birmingham City Mission, Summerfield Stables, the Intercontinental Church Society, Mission to Seafarers, St Mary's Hospice and RNIB. Again,

these donations came from individuals with the addition of matched funding coming from Church Funds.

Donations were given through the box at the back of Church, individually through marked envelopes and by bank transfer. The amounts given through these methods have reduced significantly in recent years and in February 2023, the PCC discussed how we should approach charitable giving in future.

It was agreed that we would support 6 charities per year with greater focus; in 2023, these will be Christian Aid, Mission to Seafarers, Children's Society, Birmingham City Mission, Malawi Link Fund and Water Aid. We will be more intentional in publicising the opportunity to give (in notices and services) and in linking it to services. It was agreed that we will give a set amount to each charity with the church topping up the amounts given by the congregation.

The fifth Mark of Mission calls on us all to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. In responding to this call, the Church of England nationally has decided that it will become Net Zero Carbon by 2030. But to do that, it needs to work in partnership with parishes.

Birmingham Diocese has set up a network of Deanery Environment Champions, who can feed through to parishes the information and help they need to work with the wider church in ensuring that we all tread more lightly on the earth. Janet Whittington and Pauline Price have been nominated as Parish Environment Contacts to act as a channel for that information and assistance.

In March 2023, we have achieved the first step in our journey as an eco-church, as we were awarded Bronze Eco Church status. The PCC records its thanks to Pauline Price, church warden for the work she has done to enable us to lessen our environmental impact and to attain this status.

Heritage Open Day

On Saturday 16 September 2022, we held an open morning as part of national Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week. Church was open for people to look around and find out about its history and we also provided refreshments and a display about activities past and present in the Chatterton Hall. We had over 25 visitors, including a number with past connections to the Church.

Fellowship

The Ascension Coffee Shop continues to meet on Wednesdays between 10 and 2. The aim is to provide a low-cost snack and friendship for members of our local community. The coffee shop team has reduced in size and volunteers are needed.

Monday Club

We managed a full programme at Monday Club in 2022, apart from the day of the Queen's funeral, but Birmingham City Mission is rescheduled to come to us in July this year instead.

We still have fewer members attending meetings than before lockdown, though for the second half of 2022 we always made double figures. Given this, it is impossible for us to make a profit without putting our prices up beyond what might be considered 'value for money' for those sessions when we don't have 'outside entertainment'. However, we have a considerable amount of funds in the bank so I have put it to our members (and Jon Meadows who, as Church Treasurer, holds these funds for us), and they all agree that it would be sensible to use this money to prevent Monday Club closing altogether whilst providing a good mix of entertainment.

We started back on 6th March and have a varied programme planned for 2023. There is musical entertainment (including *The Gilbert and Sullivan Savoyards* and *Ukuleles* again) and talks from charities such as *Mary's Meals* as well as BCM. Most of our outside speakers donate their fees to charity and this year we have already had a slideshow talk entitled '*The Real Dad's Army*' and are looking forward to one in June entitled '*Can't Abdicate and Eat It!*' In October last year Jon and Kim Meadows told us about their trip to Canada, showing wonderful pictures; and this year they will tell us about the Caribbean cruise they took just before Easter.

We have our Summer and Christmas lunches booked with the Home Guard Club and our programme also includes the usual 'in house' sessions like Bring and Buys, a Cream Tea in the summer, and a Christmas Tea at the end of the year. Already this year we have played *Bingo*, had *Armchair Aerobics*, listened to Nejib's 'Thoughts for Holy Week' and crafted Easter egg flowers.

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone as a new member to join our meetings and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, entertainment, and refreshments.

Anthea Tinline

Partnerships

Activities undertaken by organisations with strong links to The Ascension are described below.

Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre

During 2022 Covid restrictions were gradually relaxed, so that by the end of the year both Centres were almost back to pre-pandemic operating levels. However, drawing on experience acquired during Covid restrictions, families will continue to be allocated tables in the contact area as their bases for children's activities with their respective non-resident parents during contact sessions. However, they can now freely move around the contact area to use equipment and games provided by the Contact Centres.

There are 19 families currently using Hall Green Centre and 9 families using North Solihull Centre. In the period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 there were 28 referrals to Hall Green and 17 to North Solihull. Whilst enquiries and referrals received are increasing, there are fluctuations in the number of families using each Centre. Numbers are still significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels.

There are currently 26 active volunteers at Hall Green and 7 at North Solihull. We are currently looking for new volunteers for both of our Centres.

During the second half of 2022, Frances Hooper and Clive Jones were searching for new premises for the Smith's Wood Centre. For the last eleven years it has been based at Wise Owls Nursery, Wheatfield Close, Smith's Wood. It was originally a satellite centre to Solihull Child Contact Centre. The premises, which are owned by Solihull Council, are designed for use by children up to the age of 5 years and not very suitable for older children. Child Contact Centres can be used by children up to the age of 16 years. The Council were asked whether they could find alternative accommodation for us in any of the other buildings they owned in the locality, but they were not able to assist. Frances and Clive viewed several premises and identified Connection Church Centre on Cooks Lane, Kingshurst as a suitable location. We were able to negotiate the use of the church lounge as the contact area (with use of the church's common facilities) on alternate Saturday afternoons for a reasonable hire charge. The first session at the new premises took place on 21st January 2023; it is only 1.5 miles away from our previous Smith's Wood location. So far things have been going well there. The name of the Centre has been changed to North Solihull Child Contact Centre.

In the financial year 2022/23 grants were awarded by 'We Are All Making A Difference' Charity of £1,000, Yardley Great Trust of £10,000 and the Ministry of Justice totalling £5,000. In addition, there is income from donations and registration fees.

In June 2022, we were very pleased to welcome Reverend Ian Crockford, Minister-in-Charge of St. Michael's Church as a Director and Trustee onto the Board of our charitable Company. In September 2022 Brian Cove, our previous Company Secretary resigned following his move with his wife Jane to Scotland. Our thanks to him for the work he undertook for the Company, particularly in the early days when the Company was formed, and in the acquisition of Smith's Wood Child Contact Centre from Solihull Child Contact Centre.

Grateful thanks are due to my colleague Coordinators, Frances Hooper, Angela Feenan and Sarah Ali for all the work they do. The Centres could not operate without the commitment of our Team Leaders and volunteer support workers; they are a remarkable team – many thanks to them for all they do.

Towards the end of December 2022, we were saddened by the passing of Tina Pickering, who had resigned as a Director and Trustee in December 2021. She was a founder member and Treasurer from 2011 – 2019. We very much appreciate all the work she did over those years.

One of life's real characters, she is greatly missed. Finally, my personal thanks to my colleague Trustees - Revd Canon Nejib Boumenjel, David Andrews, Frances Hooper and Revd Ian Crockford. Many thanks also to Patrick Hooper who assists with the financial affairs of the charity.

Clive Jones

Hall Green Youth

Hall Green Youth was formed in 2006, building on a long history of interest in youth work through Churches Together in Hall Green. Its mission is to connect with, and meet the needs of, young people. Since the Covid Pandemic, it is focused on providing support for young people's mental health and wellbeing.

2022 was a pleasing year of growth and progress in responding to this need. Overall, we supported 40 young people who are vulnerable and / or have additional needs with their mental health and helped them to build constructive social networks. This was around double the number that we supported in 2021, as schools returned to a more normal footing after the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic, and also due to growth in the 'Just Chill' youth support group.

We continue to provide weekly 1-to-1 mentoring for young people with emotional, social and mental health needs identified by pastoral staff in Hall Green Secondary School. This is going well, with positive feedback from the young people and the school about how beneficial the mentoring is. We also run a 'Just Us Girls' Afterschool club at Ninestiles School for identified vulnerable girls. This group currently needs revitalising, and we are talking to the school about how to do this.

We have continued to run 'Just Chill' as an invited support group once a week in term time and, with the aid of 2 dedicated volunteer leaders in addition to 2 paid youth workers, we have been able to grow numbers to 13 young people attending consistently and have moved to the Church Hall to give the group more space.

This group continues to attract young people who have extra needs, including autism, learning difficulties, speech impediments, motor issues, dyspraxia and mental health struggles. These sessions enable these young people to build their confidence, social skills, and networks by interacting with their peers in a positive environment. Feedback from the young people, local schools and community organisations indicates that 'Just Chill' is making a real difference to their confidence and self-esteem.

Sarah Barnes

Beechcroft Tennis and Multi Sports Community Club

Beechcroft goes from strength to strength with the extensive range of sporting activities it accommodates. The leading sports include Tennis and Walking Football, but Table Tennis, Netball (including Walking Netball), Hockey, Controlled Adult Football, Junior and Toddler Football and Fitness Classes are also offered. For more information, please see the Club's website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BeechcroftTennis> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/beechcroftsportsclub>

The Club leases its premises from the Church of the Ascension. The current lease is for 15 years from 1st July 2014 with rent reviews at 4, 8 and 12 years. The 8 year review is overdue, and the church has entered into negotiations with the club for an increase in the annual rent, currently £3,750 per annum.

Clive Jones

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the

church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 15 members and met 6 times between June 2022 and April 2023.

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

On 1st November, the annual Visitation took place; the Area Dean found our arrangements to be in order.

The Area Dean attended the September meeting to update the PCC and obtain our views on the formation of oversight areas (groups of parishes working together). At the conclusion of the discussion, the Vicar, as Chair of the PCC, and the Area Dean signed the proposal form to undertake to proceed with the formation of an Oversight Area in Hall Green. An oversight area meeting for the 3 PCCs in our group ministry was subsequently held on 14th February.

The Ascension is entitled to nominate 3 representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. In Spring 2002, Anthea Tinline and Margaret Hyde resigned from the Deanery Synod. At the APCM on 15th May, Georgina Urwin was elected to represent The Ascension on the Deanery Synod until the next elections in May 2023.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (charity number 1187634) with the PCC as its Trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary

Financial Review (*figures are provisional*)

The General Fund is showing a surplus of £13,268 for the year. This part of the accounts contains day to day financial transactions of our regular activities. The figure includes unrestricted income of £28,000 from various legacies. We are very grateful for these for the fund would otherwise be in a substantial deficit for the year.

Total receipts (not including legacies) on unrestricted funds were £68,408 which includes £36,250 from regular planned giving and other voluntary contributions and a further £7,700 from Gift Aid.

£74,940 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which once again was paid in full.

There was a reduction of £6,696 in the valuation of our assets held with CCLA. This figure would only matter in the unlikely event we had to sell these assets.

At the end of the year General (unrestricted) Funds stood at £93,816. While this is a healthy position overall, the amount received by direct giving through Bank Transfers reduced by £7,000 in 2022, not surprising as generous members of the congregation have passed away in the last two years. We will monitor the position going forward and will need to take action to increase income and reduce expenditure if this trend continues.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £55,500. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 23rd February 2023.

Jon Meadows, Treasurer

Church of the Ascension Annual Property Report 2022/23

This report covers the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 15th May 2022 and 14th May 2023.

The Church

All of the wall lamps have now been converted to take soft LED lights. The total cost of this was £2,667 (including £444.50 VAT). This not only future proofs the lighting but meets the

PCC aim of improving our energy efficiency. The spot lighting to the altar still needs to be addressed and all the 'ceiling' lights under the balconies remain unchanged.

In October ABRS Roofing cleared the two box gutters to the roof, the metal guttering around the church and all downpipes at a cost of £540. The metal guttering does not leak but, as was noted at the last Quinquennial inspection, requires repainting.

In November the large Grunflo pump for the church heating system failed. It had not been replaced as part of the works when the new boiler system was installed three years previously. Warmington Plumbing and Heating Limited carried out an emergency replacement at a cost of £2393.50 plus VAT.

The two altar lamps have been replaced as there was no success in obtaining correct wicks for a design no longer available. The replacements cost £150.

Justice Fire and Security completed their annual check of the roof alarm and sensors on 27th October. The contract has been renewed at an annual cost of £142.35.

The Churchyard

List B permission was granted for the Church signboards to be temporarily removed and resurfaced by Aurora Graphics with new updated contact information. The design for this, approved by the diocese, was created by Rob Mainwaring, a member of the congregation. This allowed a considerable saving so that the total cost for both boards was £288, including VAT.

Three of the lamps in the churchyard failed. As part of the ongoing plan to upgrade lighting the old fixings were removed and replaced with LED lamps at a cost of £382.50 (including £63.75 VAT). Two of the lamp posts still have incandescent bulbs.

The drainage problem near the little used pathway has gradually resolved since work was carried out in School Road by Seven Trent. However, levelling work on this path will still be required, in addition to the levelling of some other paving slabs.

In February the tall yew tree was further pruned to avoid it causing roof damage during high winds. The regrowth at the base of all the limes was removed and some self-seeded and suckered holly shrubs removed. The mowing regime in the early months has been modified to allow for the naturalised bulbs and also to encourage more wildflowers in some small area of the churchyard. We are appreciative of their willingness to manage work around the construction area.

The rose hedge to the side of the church door has been removed and replanted with David Austin "England's Rose" shrubs. This is a gift from Martin Hone in memory of his wife. He also organised the replanting of the daffodil cross on the north side of the churchyard.

Sadly, the large cherry tree shows increasing canker infection, and a List B application will be sought for its removal on grounds of safety, following PCC approval at its meeting on 27th April.

General

Patrol Alarms carried out their routine service of the intercom and doorpad entry systems in February.

Fire Safety inspections were carried out in November 2022 and April 2023. All fire extinguishers across the site were checked on 12th December. PAT testing was carried out by Testsafe Ltd in October 2022.

The insurance for the church and halls has been renewed with Ecclesiastical Insurance (Parish Plus). The premium for 2022/3 is £6,366.77.

Churchyard Wall Repairs

In last year's Annual Report, it was advised that at a professionals' site meeting (with Clive Jones present) on 14th January 2022 the building of reverse buttresses behind the wall (and pinned to it), with felling of the trees beforehand, emerged as the most practical and cost effective option to repair the wall.

A second faculty application for this option was submitted on 17th January 2022. Clive Jones and Pauline Price met with the arboriculturist, Andrew Needham, on 18th March 2022 to discuss a replacement tree planting scheme. He then drew up a scheme recommending six trees of different species for planting. The faculty was granted by the Birmingham Diocesan Chancellor on 12th April 2022 and was subject to two conditions:

- a) The trees to be replaced during the first planting season, within 12 months, and any that die within 3 years to be replaced.
- b) The work to be subject to archaeological observation.

Building costs had escalated considerably since the last estimate in 2020. These were reviewed for the faculty application and a new estimate was compiled to include the cost of felling the six trees and planting six replacements. The revised figure provided was £76,280 and £15,091 VAT (£91,371). Matt Vaughan, our architect thought costs could rise further over the next twelve months by as much as 10%.

The architect subsequently drew up a tender document which was submitted to five restoration building contractors. Upon analysing the three tenders received at the beginning of July 2022, he advised Reynolds Conservation Ltd (Craven Arms, Shropshire) was the lowest and offering the best value at £113,637 plus VAT £22,727 (£136,364). This represented an increase of more than 40% on the revised estimate figure and came as a most unwelcome surprise! When estimated professional fees and disbursements were added on, the total figure was c. £160,000.

Thoughts were then directed as to how savings might be achieved and the possibility of stepping down the wall at intervals from Tree 5 to the Fox Hollies Road churchyard entrance together with the removal of the banked up earth on which Tree 5 stood was considered. With the removal of the trees, the number of reverse buttresses (currently 13) could be reduced. Our structural engineer would advise which buttresses could be eliminated. Archdeacon Jenny (a DAC member) visited the site on 28th July 2022. The stepping down of the wall was also discussed with the architect. These revised details were submitted to the Birmingham DAC for consideration at its meeting on 20th September 2022. They decided a sub-group should meet with us and our architect on site. The meeting took place on 31st October 2022. By this time, it had become apparent that the savings that could be achieved by stepping down the wall were minimal, but there was a possibility we could reduce the number of reverse buttresses by six, a potential saving of c.£20,000.

At the meeting it was agreed the six trees could be felled to stump height as soon as possible to prevent further growth causing damage to the wall. This would be the first phase of works. Following the felling, trial holes would be dug (with archaeological observation) and a plumb-line survey carried out so that further investigations could be undertaken. These would inform the extent of the reduction in ground levels behind the wall and the number and location of the reverse buttresses to the wall; detailed structural repair designs could then be finalised and submitted to the DAC, who can then confirm whether works can continue under the existing second faculty, or whether a new faculty permission would be required.

Reynolds Conservation Ltd were then appointed as contractors and a pre-commencement site meeting was held on 12th December 2022. An arboricultural method statement was submitted to Birmingham Planning. Masonry/mortar samples were subsequently taken from the wall and these together with material, new mortar and brick samples prepared by Reynolds were also submitted. The discharge of relevant conditions on the planning consent was notified by Birmingham Planning on 15th March 2023.

The felling of the six trees down to stump height was undertaken by Tree Surgeons over four days from Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st March 2023. Fortunately, the wall remained intact. There has been minimal adverse reaction from the community to the tree felling. The contractors excavated trial holes under guidance from the church archaeologist on 7th April 2023. The structural engineer, Ben Chase (Mann Williams) inspected the wall, tree stumps and trial holes on 13th April 2023. He has prepared detailed structural repair design plans which have been submitted to the Birmingham DAC for consideration. The changes in the plan are relatively small with all 13 reverse buttresses to remain. It is disappointing that no reduction can be made in the number of reverse buttresses but there should be some cost savings arising from the reduction of the foundation depth to about 60cms, about half the depth originally

anticipated, to match the existing footings of the wall. As an aside, Reynolds operatives have been accommodated in the One to One Room in the Church Hall which has avoided a cabin having to be placed on site, resulting in a saving of £2,000 plus VAT on the tender figure.

Clive has written to the DAC secretary to ask for permission to go ahead with the work without applying for a further faculty, as the changes to the scheme recommended are minor.

Quinquennial Part 2 Repairs

As reported at last year's APCM, whilst there is a List B Consent dated 6th July 2021 granted by the Archdeacon Part 2 for these works to the church building, they have had to be put on hold because of the delays that have occurred with the churchyard wall repairs. Further fundraising will need to take place before they can be undertaken, and this will include applications for grant funding. It is now clear that the earliest the works could start would be in 2024.

To get some idea of the likely cost increases for the works, the following calculations have been made. The original budget estimate provided by the Quantity Surveyor, Paul Daniels was £78,080 and this includes the usual 10% contingency. In May 2022 a review of that figure (for grant application purposes) added 18% (£14,054) to make it £92,134. Following receipt of the churchyard wall tenders and the 40% plus increase advised by our architect Matt Vaughan, it's reasonable to increase this figure by the same percentage (£36,854) giving a figure of £128,988. VAT on this (which is recoverable under the government grant scheme) is £25,798 making a total of £154,786

Additions to this sum are Architect's Fees at 12% on £128,988 - £15,479 plus VAT £3096 (£18,575). The architect has also mentioned use of a QS visiting the site to monitor costs. If we decided upon this, our guess is that the cost would be somewhere between £1,500 - £2,000. In broad terms we are looking at £128,988 (works) and professional fees of £18,575. That total is £147,563. Regrettably this figure will increase with the passage of time.

Matt Vaughan, our architect, attended the church at the church's request on Thursday 28th July 2022 to review the level of deterioration that had occurred in the high-level masonry since the last Quinquennial Inspection, carried out in July 2019.

He reported that deterioration has not generally been significant. However, there were two loose balusters, and it would be beneficial for these to be re-fixed. He suggested that mortaring these to keep them securely in position would be a low-cost temporary fix and the PCC agreed this. However, the architect advised that even if these balusters were lost, the balustrades remain relatively robust.

The 2019 QI suggested "repair / renew high level stone dressing, mouldings and balusters" be carried out within 18 months. Given the slow rate of deterioration, the architect suggested that it would be appropriate for the church to, instead, seek to carry out this work by July 2024.

There was some difficulty in finding stonemasons, but on 27th February 2023 Ruscott Ltd sent two masons to secure the two balusters which were rocking at their bases. As requested, they also checked the safety of the remaining balusters and for any flaking stonework.

Pauline Price and Clive Jones

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall Charity Hall Green, Birmingham - Charity No. 1187634

Report of the Trustees for the Period 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

This is the third Annual Report of the Church of the Ascension Parish Hall Charity which was registered by the Charity Commission in January 2020.

Structure, Government and Management

The Parochial Church Council of The Church of The Ascension, Hall Green (charity number 1133810) is the Managing Trustee of the Church of The Ascension Parish Hall Charity, Hall Green, Birmingham. The PCC manages and administers the Parish Hall Charity, making decisions about the activities of the Hall Charity in accordance with its constitution.

Objects and Activities

The object of the Charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2022, the Charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank and Benefits Advice Service for those in food poverty and/or those in financial difficulty.
2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.
3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acock's Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dace Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and included some organisations which are charities in the own right, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

Financial Review

With all the regular users back for the full year and an increasing number of 'casual' hirers, income from Hall Lettings showed an increase to £46,000.

Total expenditure of utilities, cleaning maintenance and insurance was £33,933. The funds, which began the year in slight deficit, are in surplus by £12,142 at the year end. Consideration was given to repaying the Church some of the £12,150 which was transferred into the Halls charity to balance the books in December 2020. However, with increased energy costs coming into effect in the last month of the year it was decided to keep this balance to help defray the effects of the increase during 2023.

Property Report

Church Hall and Coffee Lounge

Quotations were sought to replace the lighting in Church Hall as the old filament lamps were no longer available. In December Fodens upgraded all the filament lights, including two on the stage at a cost of £800.88 (including £133.48 VAT)

On 20th January Fodens carried out the emergency replacement of three lights in the toilets with new LED lamps. This included the fire safety light in the 'Disabled' toilet. They were requested to quote for the upgrade of all ten lights in the Coffee Lounge. The PCC decided to have light panels rather than bulkhead lights and these were fitted in March (£688.20+VAT).

In February leaking pipework in the 1:1 room required repair. Stuart Moore (Solihull Plumbing and Drainage) replaced all the old pipework from the stage to the header tank in the nearby toilet with a stop tap fitted in case of future issues. This was at the price quoted, £450.

On 14th March all the guttering around both Hall and 93b were cleaned, and all the downpipes and drains cleared by Gary Bates (£250). It was noted that some of the Church Hall guttering leaks. As this is the same age as the building, advice is being sought on where to obtain suitable replacements.

The large Hamworthy gas boiler has become increasingly unreliable. In March the overheat thermostat was replaced at a cost of £193.69 but this did not resolve the problem. The parts are now obsolete, and the intermittent problem not easily identified. The PCC is now considering the replacement of this boiler.

House (93b)

Warmington investigated the boiler breakdown and carried out work on the expansion vessel (£138). The pressure in the vessel is being monitored but has been reliable to date.

Chatterton Hall

The Lincat boiler failed and was replaced in June 2022 with a more energy efficient model at a total cost of £610.73. This was made possible by a very generous donation. On 27th June Patrol Alarms were contacted as there was a fault on the door access. which required considerable rewiring and a replacement power unit.

In January, Amin from Atlantic Engineering Group replaced three bulkhead lights to improve the lighting in the approach to the hall and adjoining area. (£380).

Church of The Ascension - 1133810

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	<i>Prior year total funds</i>
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	80,152	800	15,547	96,499	187,542
Income from charitable activities	799	—	104	903	2,253
Other trading activities	881	—	46,062	46,943	20,912
Investments	14,576	—	293	14,869	15,462
Total income	96,408	800	62,006	159,215	226,170
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	87	—	—	87	554
Expenditure on charitable activities	74,940	3,927	41,561	120,429	104,199
Other expenditure	1,421	—	—	1,421	1,514
Total expenditure	76,449	3,927	41,561	121,939	106,269
Gains / losses on Investment assets	(6,696)	—	(29,883)	(36,580)	30,240
Net income / (expenditure)...	13,262	(3,127)	(9,438)	696	150,141
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	928	—	922	1,851	120,000
Gross transfers between funds - out	(922)	—	(928)	(1,851)	(120,000)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Net movement in funds	13,268	(3,127)	(9,444)	696	150,141
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	80,547	132,795	280,425	493,768	343,626
Total funds carried forward	93,816	129,667	270,981	494,464	493,768
<i>Represented by</i>					
Unrestricted					
General fund	93,816	—	—	93,816	80,547
Designated					
Fabric Repair Fund	—	70,800	—	70,800	70,000
Fay Lord Legacy	—	8,867	—	8,867	12,795
Parish Mission Support Fund	—	50,000	—	50,000	50,000
Restricted					
Assisted Clergy House Fund	—	—	190,562	190,562	220,445
Chellingworth Memorial Fund	—	—	5,000	5,000	—
Choir Fund	—	—	323	323	453
Coffee Shop	—	—	250	250	106
Diocese Fees	—	—	—	—	(14)
Fabric Repair Fund	—	—	58,987	58,987	56,661
Flower Fund	—	—	—	—	280
Food Bank	—	—	1,651	1,651	1,124
Halls Fund	—	—	12,142	12,142	(596)
Monday Club Funds	—	—	2,063	2,063	1,963

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
6435: CCLA Fixed Interest Income	23,059	26,668
6436: CCLA Property Income	135,191	153,161
6437: CCLA UK Equity Income	32,805	40,923
6438: CCLA Global Equity Income	42,395	49,279
Total Fixed assets	233,452	270,032
Current assets		
6501: Lloyds Current Account	29,446	35,712
6505: Lloyds Deposit Account	76,105	141,854
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	148,178	47,003
6590: Cash & Cheques in hand	207	—
Z05: Accounts Receivable	8,764	7,314
Total Current assets	262,703	231,884
Liabilities		
6601: Prepayments Received	—	—
6602: Fees Account (Weddings/Funerals)	—	594
6699: Agency collections	702	572
Z04: Accounts Payable	988	6,982
Total Liabilities	1,690	8,149
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	494,464	493,768
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	37,276	119,901
Z01: Starting balances	493,768	343,626
Z02: Other gains/(losses)	(36,580)	30,240
Total Reserves	494,464	493,768

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	93,816	80,547
Designated	129,667	132,795
Restricted	270,981	280,425
Endowment	—	—
Total	494,464	493,768

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Church of The Ascension - 1133810

Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
0011 - Gift Aided - Envelopes	1,924	—	—	—	1,924	1,807
0012 - Gift Aided - BGC	20,998	—	—	—	20,998	27,820
0021 - NTE Envelopes	616	—	—	—	616	828
0022 - NTE BGC	5,422	—	—	—	5,422	3,820
0030 - Cash Collections	5,378	—	—	—	5,378	5,131
0035 - Contactless Donations	1,912	—	25	—	1,937	644
0041 - Donations - In Memoriam	1,000	—	5,030	—	6,030	1,150
0042 - Sundry Donations	517	—	—	—	517	269
0043 - Christmas Gift to the Church	20	—	970	—	990	1,210
0044R - Flower Fund Donations	—	—	79	—	79	624
0045R - Coffee Shop	—	—	1,219	—	1,219	280
0046R - Monday Club	—	—	99	—	99	—
0047 - Other (unrestricted) Donations	100	—	—	—	100	451
0047R - Other Donations - Restricted	—	—	3,820	—	3,820	1,760
0051 - Monthly Charity Gift Aided	—	—	835	—	835	1,168
0052 - Monthly Charity Not Gift Aided	—	—	550	—	550	100
0060 - Gift Aid Recovered	7,707	800	546	—	9,053	9,837
0070 - Legacies	28,000	—	—	—	28,000	123,740
0080 - Recurring grants	4,707	—	—	—	4,707	4,586
008A - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,847	—	120	—	1,968	2,312
0092 - Food Bank (Income)	—	—	2,251	—	2,251	—
Donations and legacies Totals	80,152	800	15,547	—	96,499	187,542
Income from charitable activities						
0111 - Retained Fees for Weddings and Funerals	799	—	—	—	799	2,159
0115R - Flowers	—	—	90	—	90	—
0116R - Diocesan Fees	—	—	14	—	14	94
Income from charitable activities Totals	799	—	104	—	903	2,253
Other trading activities						
0121 - Bible Reading Fellowship / Bookstall	195	—	—	—	195	167
0122 - Magazine Sales	685	—	—	—	685	677
0123 - Magazine Advertising	—	—	—	—	—	325
0124R - Church hall lettings	—	—	11,958	—	11,958	5,208
0125R - Chatterton Hall & House Lettings	—	—	34,104	—	34,104	14,535
Other trading activities Totals	881	—	46,062	—	46,943	20,912
Investments						
0101 - Interest & Dividends	10,826	—	293	—	11,119	9,837
0102 - Rent from Land & Buildings	3,750	—	—	—	3,750	5,625
Investments Totals	14,576	—	293	—	14,869	15,462
Income and endowments	96,408	800	62,006	—	159,215	226,170

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Grand totals						
Expenditure						
Raising funds						
1710 - Fund Raising Costs	70	—	—	—	70	—
1720 - Publicity	—	—	—	—	—	554
1730 - Giving Envelopes	16	—	—	—	16	—
Raising funds Totals	87	—	—	—	87	554
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Church Mission Society	—	—	164	—	164	200
1802 - Mission to Seafarers	—	—	406	—	406	300
1803 - Malawi Fund	—	—	190	—	190	193
1805 - Bible Society	—	—	201	—	201	225
1806 - Childrens Society	—	—	247	—	247	153
1808 - Birmingham City Mission	—	—	225	—	225	87
1813 - R.N.I.B	—	—	150	—	150	125
1818 - St Mary's Hospice	—	—	198	—	198	75
1819 - Intercontinental Church Society	—	—	275	—	275	100
1821 - Summerfield Stables	—	—	301	—	301	100
1830 - Other Charities	—	—	52	—	52	—
1910 - Diocesan Parish Share	39,830	—	—	—	39,830	39,830
2010 - Support Staff Costs	4,540	—	—	—	4,540	4,200
2015 - Parish Administrator Salary & Pension	—	3,781	5,600	—	9,382	8,025
2020 - Parish Administration	10	146	—	—	156	114
2110 - Incumbent Expenses	495	—	—	—	495	354
2120 - Vicarage Upkeep	827	—	—	—	827	1,341
2130 - Pastoral Staff & Youth Worker	3,500	—	—	—	3,500	3,500
2210 - Mission & Outreach	262	—	—	—	262	98
2250 - Food Bank (Expenses)	—	—	1,985	—	1,985	346
2260 - Coffee Shop Expenses	—	—	94	—	94	173
2301 - Church Insurance	3,088	—	—	—	3,088	3,029
2310 - Church - General Maintenance	6,970	—	—	—	6,970	2,632
2320 - Cost of Services (Worship)	1,457	—	130	—	1,587	1,086
2330 - Church Office Expenses	1,497	—	—	—	1,497	1,802
2340 - Bank Charges	366	—	0	—	366	325
2350 - Church Flowers	—	—	640	—	640	486
2360 - Upkeep of churchyard	6,178	—	—	—	6,178	7,625
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	34	—	—	—	34	—
2410 - Church Utilities - Gas	2,275	—	—	—	2,275	1,596
2415 - Church Utilities - Electric	1,314	—	—	—	1,314	1,082
2420 - Church Utilities - Water	129	—	—	—	129	119
2501 - Magazine Printing	931	—	—	—	931	981
2502 - Editorial Expenses	47	—	—	—	47	45
2503 - Bookstall & Bible Reading Fellowship	236	—	—	—	236	231
2504 - Magazine Postage	224	—	—	—	224	28
2511 - Hall Utilities - Gas	—	—	5,512	—	5,512	2,600
2512 - Hall Utilities - Electricity	—	—	2,905	—	2,905	583
2513 - Hall Utilities - Water	—	—	517	—	517	234
2520 - Church Hall Cleaning	—	—	3,005	—	3,005	2,517
2525 - Chatterton Hall & House Cleaning	—	—	8,043	—	8,043	4,546
2530 - Church Hall Repair & Maintenance	—	—	2,267	—	2,267	2,186
2540 - Church Hall Insurance	—	—	1,498	—	1,498	1,512
2541 - Chatterton Hall & House	—	—	1,502	—	1,502	368

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Insurance						
2550 - Chaterton Hall Maintenance	—	—	3,080	—	3,080	802
2600 - Accounts Inspection Fee	720	—	—	—	720	696
2720 - Major Repairs to Church Yard	—	—	2,364	—	2,364	5,386
2810 - Major Repairs to Church Hall	—	—	—	—	—	2,146
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	74,940	3,927	41,561	—	120,429	104,199
Other expenditure						
2399 - Miscellaneous Other	1,421	—	—	—	1,421	1,255
2650 - Professional Fees	—	—	—	—	—	259
Other expenditure Totals	1,421	—	—	—	1,421	1,514
Expenditure Grand totals	76,449	3,927	41,561	—	121,939	106,269

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1133810

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
FOR
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the Charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2022, the Charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank and Benefits Advice Service for those in food poverty and/or those in financial difficulty.
2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.
3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acock's Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dace Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and included some organisations which are charities in their own right, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

With all the regular users back for the full year and an increasing number of 'casual' hirers, income from Hall Lettings showed an increase to £46,000.

Total expenditure of utilities, cleaning maintenance and insurance was £33,933. The funds, which began the year in slight deficit, are in surplus by £12,142 at the year end. Consideration was given to repaying the Church some of the £12,150 which was transferred into the Halls charity to balance the books in December 2020. However, with increased energy costs coming into effect in the last month of the year it was decided to keep this balance to help defray the effects of the increase during 2023.

Reserves policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £55,500. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 23rd February 2023.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 15 members and met 6 times between June 2022 and April 2023.

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

On 1st November, the annual Visitation took place; the Area Dean found our arrangements to be in order.

The Area Dean attended the September meeting to update the PCC and obtain our views on the formation of oversight areas (groups of parishes working together). At the conclusion of the discussion, the Vicar, as Chair of the PCC, and the Area Dean signed the proposal form to undertake to proceed with the formation of an Oversight Area in Hall Green. An oversight area meeting for the 3 PCCs in our group ministry was subsequently held on 14th February.

The Ascension is entitled to nominate 3 representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. In Spring 2002, Anthea Tinline and Margaret Hyde resigned from the Deanery Synod. At the APCM on 15th May, Georgina Urwin was elected to represent The Ascension on the Deanery Synod until the next elections in May 2023.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (charity number 1187634) with the PCC as its Trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1133810

Principal address

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Trustees

Reverend N Boumenjel

Mrs C Dixon

N Fahmi

Mrs M Hyde

J Meadows

Miss J Payne

Mrs A Tinline

Mrs P Wagg

Mrs S Barnes

F Elia (resigned 15/9/22)

Ms M Hob Shoar

C Jones

J Mobasher

Mrs P Price

Mrs J Whittington

Ms G Urwin (appointed 15/5/22)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

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J Meadows - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension Hall Green Birmingham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension Hall Green Birmingham (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

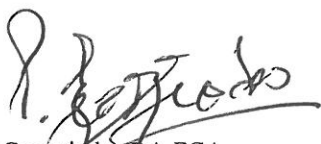
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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Flint & Thompson
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Date:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies		800	80,152	15,547	96,499	187,543
Charitable activities						
Charitable activities		-	799	104	903	2,253
Other trading activities	2	-	881	46,062	46,943	20,912
Investment income	3	-	14,576	293	14,869	15,462
Total		800	96,408	62,006	159,214	226,170
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds		-	87	-	87	554
Charitable activities						
Charitable activities		3,927	74,944	41,559	120,430	104,201
Other		-	1,421	-	1,421	1,514
Total		3,927	76,452	41,559	121,938	106,269
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	(6,698)	(29,883)	(36,581)	30,240
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)						
Transfers between funds	10	(3,127)	13,258	(9,436)	695	150,141
		-	6	(6)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,127)	13,264	(9,442)	695	150,141
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		132,796	80,546	280,426	493,768	343,627
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		129,669	93,810	270,984	494,463	493,768

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Investments	6	-	42,736	190,715	233,451	270,032
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	-	6,084	2,681	8,765	7,315
Cash at bank and in hand		129,669	44,990	79,278	253,937	228,137
		<u>129,669</u>	<u>51,074</u>	<u>81,959</u>	<u>262,702</u>	<u>235,452</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	-	(1,690)	(1,690)	(11,716)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>129,669</u>	<u>51,074</u>	<u>80,269</u>	<u>261,012</u>	<u>223,736</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>129,669</u>	<u>93,810</u>	<u>270,984</u>	<u>494,463</u>	<u>493,768</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>129,669</u>	<u>93,810</u>	<u>270,984</u>	<u>494,463</u>	<u>493,768</u>
FUNDS	10					
Unrestricted funds:						
General fund					93,810	80,546
Designated fund					129,669	132,796
					<u>223,479</u>	<u>213,342</u>
Restricted funds					<u>270,984</u>	<u>280,426</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>494,463</u>	<u>493,768</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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J Meadows - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Income

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals of tangible fixed assets

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- " Costs of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events
- " Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep
- " Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	196	167
Magazine sales	685	1,002
Church hall lettings	11,958	5,208
Chatterton hall and house lettings	34,104	14,535
	<u>46,943</u>	<u>20,912</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rent received	3,750	5,625
Interest and dividends	11,119	9,837
	<u>14,869</u>	<u>15,462</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	1,040	178,725	7,778	187,543
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	-	1,904	349	2,253
Other trading activities	-	1,169	19,743	20,912
Investment income	-	15,462	-	15,462
Total	<u>1,040</u>	<u>197,260</u>	<u>27,870</u>	<u>226,170</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	-	554	-	554
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	6,866	69,033	28,302	104,201
Other	-	1,225	289	1,514

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total funds £
Total	<u>6,866</u>	<u>70,812</u>	<u>28,591</u>	<u>106,269</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>-</u>	<u>4,436</u>	<u>25,804</u>	<u>30,240</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(5,826)</u>	<u>130,884</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>150,141</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>120,000</u>	<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>114,174</u>	<u>10,884</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>150,141</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	<u>18,622</u>	<u>69,662</u>	<u>255,343</u>	<u>343,627</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>132,796</u></u>	<u><u>80,546</u></u>	<u><u>280,426</u></u>	<u><u>493,768</u></u>

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2022	<u>270,032</u>
Revaluations	<u>(36,581)</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>233,451</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>233,451</u></u>
At 31 December 2021	<u><u>270,032</u></u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2022 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments £
Valuation in 2022	<u>(36,581)</u>
Cost	<u>270,032</u>
	<u><u>233,451</u></u>

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift aid receivable	2,847	2,847
Prepayments	5,918	4,468
	<u>8,765</u>	<u>7,315</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 9)	-	3,568
Trade creditors	1,690	8,148
	<u>1,690</u>	<u>11,716</u>

9. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	3,568
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,568</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22	Net	Transfers	At
	£	movement	between	31/12/22
		in funds	funds	£
Unrestricted funds		£	£	
General fund	80,546	13,258	6	93,810
Designated fund	132,796	(3,127)	-	129,669
	<u>213,342</u>	<u>10,131</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>223,479</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	280,426	(9,436)	(6)	270,984
	<u>493,768</u>	<u>695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,463</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	96,408	(76,452)	(6,698)	13,258
Designated fund	800	(3,927)	-	(3,127)
	<u>97,208</u>	<u>(80,379)</u>	<u>(6,698)</u>	<u>10,131</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	62,006	(41,559)	(29,883)	(9,436)
	<u>62,006</u>	<u>(41,559)</u>	<u>(29,883)</u>	<u>(9,436)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>159,214</u>	<u>(121,938)</u>	<u>(36,581)</u>	<u>695</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	69,662	130,884	(120,000)	80,546
Designated fund	18,622	(5,826)	120,000	132,796
	<u>88,284</u>	<u>125,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>213,342</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	255,343	25,083	-	280,426
	<u>255,343</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,426</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>343,627</u>	<u>150,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>493,768</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative 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	197,260	(70,812)	4,436	130,884
Designated fund	1,040	(6,866)	-	(5,826)
	198,300	(77,678)	4,436	125,058
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	27,870	(28,591)	25,804	25,083
TOTAL FUNDS	226,170	(106,269)	30,240	150,141

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	69,662	144,142	(119,994)	93,810
Designated fund	18,622	(8,953)	120,000	129,669
	88,284	135,189	6	223,479
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	255,343	15,647	(6)	270,984
TOTAL FUNDS	343,627	150,836	-	494,463

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined 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	293,668	(147,264)	(2,262)	144,142
Designated fund	1,840	(10,793)	-	(8,953)
	<u>295,508</u>	<u>(158,057)</u>	<u>(2,262)</u>	<u>135,189</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	89,876	(70,150)	(4,079)	15,647
	<u>89,876</u>	<u>(70,150)</u>	<u>(4,079)</u>	<u>15,647</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>385,384</u></u>	<u><u>(228,207)</u></u>	<u><u>(6,341)</u></u>	<u><u>150,836</u></u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gift aided - envelopes	1,924	1,808
Gift aided - BGC	20,998	27,821
NTE envelopes	616	828
NTE BGC	5,422	3,820
Cash collections	5,378	5,131
Contactless donations	1,943	644
Donations - in memoriam	6,030	1,150
Sundry donations	517	269
Christmas gift to the church	990	1,210
Flowers fund donations	79	624
Coffee shop	1,219	281
Monday club	99	-
Other donations	3,920	2,212
Monthly charity - gift aided	835	1,168
Monthly charity - not gift aided	550	100
Gift aid recovered	9,053	9,838
Legacies	28,000	123,740
Recurring grants	4,707	4,587
One off grants	1,968	2,312
Food bank	2,251	-
	96,499	187,543
Other trading activities		
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	196	167
Magazine sales	685	1,002
Church hall lettings	11,958	5,208
Chatterton hall and house lettings	34,104	14,535
	46,943	20,912
Investment income		
Rent received	3,750	5,625
Interest and dividends	11,119	9,837
	14,869	15,462
Charitable activities		
Fees for weddings and funerals	799	2,159
Diocesan fees	14	94
Flowers	90	-
	903	2,253
Total incoming resources	159,214	226,170

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Publicity	-	554
Giving envelopes	17	-
Fund raising costs	70	-
	87	554
Charitable activities		
Church mission society	164	200
Mission to seafarers	406	301
Malawi fund	190	194
Bible society	201	225
Children's society	247	153
Birmingham city mission	225	88
Other charities	976	400
JMC subsidy refunds	-	39,830
Diocesan parish share	39,852	4,200
Support staff costs	4,540	-
Parish administrator salary and pension	9,381	8,025
Parish administration	156	114
Incumbent expenses	495	355
Vicarage upkeep	827	1,342
Pastoral staff and youth worker	3,500	3,500
Mission and outreach	262	99
Food bank cost	1,985	346
Coffee shop costs	94	174
Church insurance	3,088	3,030
Church maintenance	6,970	2,632
Cost of worship services	1,587	1,086
Church office expenses	1,497	1,803
Church flowers	640	486
Bank charges	366	325
Upkeep of churchyard	6,178	7,627
Visiting speakers and locums	34	-
Church utilities - gas	2,275	1,597
Church utilities - electric	1,314	1,083
Church utilities - water	129	120
Magazine printing	931	981
Editorial expenses	47	46
Bookstall and bible reading fellowship	236	231
Magazine postage	224	28
Hall utilities - gas	5,512	2,600
Carried forward	94,529	83,221

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	94,529	83,221
Hall utilities - electricity	2,905	583
Hall utilities - water	517	235
Hall cleaning	3,005	2,518
Hall repairs and maintenance	2,267	2,186
Hall insurance	1,498	1,513
Chatterton hall maintenance	3,080	802
Chatterton hall and house cleaning	8,043	4,546
Chatterton hall and house	1,502	368
Independent examination fee	720	696
Major repairs to church hall	-	2,147
Major repairs to church yard	2,364	5,386
	<u>120,430</u>	<u>104,201</u>
Support costs		
Other		
Sundries	1,421	1,255
Professional fees	-	259
	<u>1,421</u>	<u>1,514</u>
Total resources expended	<u>121,938</u>	<u>106,269</u>
Net income before gains and losses	<u>37,276</u>	<u>119,901</u>
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	(36,581)	30,240
Net income	<u><u>695</u></u>	<u><u>150,141</u></u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
CHARITY NUMBER 1133810**

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Address of Charity	93b School Road Hall Green Birmingham B28 8JQ	
Charity number	1133810	
Trustees	Revd. N Boumenjel Mr. J H Meadows Mr D Chellingworth (decd 05/02/2021) Mrs. C Dixon Ms Moha Hob shoar Mrs. P Wagg Mrs P Price Mr. CB Jones Mrs A Tinline Mr F Elia Mrs J Cove (retd 15/05/2021) Mr M Townsend (resigned 25/05/2021)	Mr J Mobasher Mr N Fahmi Mrs. M E Hyde Mrs. S Barnes Mrs. J M Whittington Mrs J C Payne
Treasurer	Mr. J Meadows	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank 248 Stratford Road Shirley Solihull B90 3AE	
Reporting Accountants	Flint and Thompson Limited 2-6 Manor Way Solihull B91 3PX	

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ascension, Hall Green

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) along with the vicar, Reverend Canon Nejib Boumenjel, share the responsibility of promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the parish of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Objectives

Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship as well as providing multiple opportunities for service to wider community. Anyone is welcome to worship here and to become part of our parish community.

Our Vision:

At The Church of The Ascension, we seek to be a friendly and welcoming church with a passion for loving service to the local community where people of all ages can experience the love of God, grow in faith and receive the spiritual and pastoral support they need.

Our Mission Statement:

The Church of The Ascension exists to love God, love People and to make disciples of Jesus who will make a difference in our community and beyond.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer, and education in the gospel;
- Provision of community spaces;
- Mission and outreach work;
- Partnership initiatives with other local charities, hall users, fellow churches and others.
- Pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Stewardship of the Ascension's physical, financial and human resources.

This Annual Report is the story of the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 16th May 2021 and 15th May 2022. During this time, we started to find ways of living with Covid, resumed activities and fellowship that we had to suspend in the light of Covid restrictions and found some new ways of being missional, responding to the needs that we see around us.

Our People

We acknowledge those continuing to give their time and talents in God's service. We would especially like to thank Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel for his leadership and continuing dedication to God's service. He has continued to lead worship, mission and outreach and to give pastoral care to all who need it. We were especially pleased to see Nejib made an honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral in November 2021.

Faris Elia completed his training and was licensed as a lay Reader in January 2022; we were delighted to welcome him to our talented and dedicated team of lay Readers.

We thank Pauline Price, our churchwarden, for her work over the past year and Clive Jones, deputy warden, for his work in relation to the churchyard wall and the Quinquennial Inspection repairs. We also acknowledge the vital contributions made by lay Readers, church officers, those who coordinate aspects of our mission and outreach work and all who perform less visible but still important tasks. We would also like to thank Martine Whitmore, our Parish Administrator, for her contribution to the life of our church.

The number of persons on the 2021 electoral Roll was 99, one more than last year: 26 were resident within the parish boundary and 73 non - resident.

The past year has sadly seen the passing of several long-standing members of our Church family including Bob Toy, Ted Holt, Cyril Beavor and June Hobbs. They were faithful servants of our church and made a major contribution to its life over many decades. We miss them all and would like to pay tribute to them and to express our sympathy to their loved ones.

Bob was a past Churchwarden and retained the desire to serve others, including being an ever present at foodbank from 2016 to the onset of the Covid Pandemic in 2020. Ted was twice Churchwarden and a stalwart of many activities over the years, including chairing the Fundraising and Fellowship Committee. June organised the flower arranging for many years as well as faithfully undertaking other tasks, including helping at the Child Contact Centre, church cleaning and keeping the churchyard clean and tidy.

We also want to acknowledge the contribution of Brian and Jane Cove who moved to Scotland in November 2021. Jane was twice Churchwarden and helped in many other roles, Brian was the driving force in the establishment of the foodbank and both were key figures for the Job Marston Centre.

Worship and Prayer

Services are held at 10am and 4pm on Sundays plus a mid-week service at 10.30am on Wednesdays. In October 2021, we also reintroduced a service at 8.30am on Sunday and this is presently being held twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays. We also have occasional services at 6pm, including a service of remembrance for those we love who have died and a carol service on the Sunday before Christmas.

In September 2021, Sunday School and creche was re-introduced at the 10am service on the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month to give our children the opportunity to learn more about our faith.

The service of Holy Communion each Sunday afternoon continues to be well supported and the 4pm congregation is an integral part of our Church life. The service is in Arabic on the first three Sundays of the month and in English on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

The audio-visual system in church is used every Sunday at 10am and 4pm services to display the order of service, play hymns and worship songs and to illustrate sermons / talks.

The past year has seen a resumption of musical activities. Recorded music has gradually been replaced by the organ and Cantors at our 10am service on a Sunday and anthems have been reintroduced. We would like to thank our Director of Music Clive Jones and the Cantors for their contribution to our worship.

There are fortnightly Monday prayer meetings where we share and pray for those things for which we would like to seek God's guidance as well as things for which we would like to give thanks. Bible Study also takes place on alternate Mondays. Prayer meetings and bible study are also held on Tuesday evenings in Arabic.

We were able to resume Messy Church with a Light Party on 7th November 2021, a session themed around the Parable of the Mustard Seed on 6th March 2022 and an Easter themed Messy Church on Good Friday, 15th April 2022. It has been good to reconnect with a number of families who came to Messy Church prior to the Pandemic and we have also connected with some new families in the recent sessions. This is an important ministry, planting seeds of faith in our 'Messy' community, and we want to continue to grow it, guided by the values of being Christ-centred for all ages, creativity, hospitality and celebration. The size of our volunteer team has reduced post Covid and there is a need for more help with organising the activities, although there are some encouraging signs of new volunteers coming forward.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The vicar and lay pastoral team endeavour to provide pastoral support to those who are sick or otherwise in need. Where the ability to visit people was curtailed by the pandemic, we stayed in touch via telephone and through doorstep visits. Our continued thanks to the small, dedicated team involved in this vital ministry.

A new initiative over the past year was the introduction in February 2022 of a bereavement support group on the first and third Mondays of the month led by Ros Powell, a trained counsellor, and the vicar.

The Place of Welcome has continued on a Monday morning and been able to resume meeting in person. This provides a place where everyone can see a friendly face and have a chat.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In November 2021, the PCC reviewed its safeguarding policy; a copy of this can be found on our website <http://www.ascensionhallgreen.uk/>.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need – both at home and further afield - is a demonstration of our faith.

Our satellite centre of Sparkhill Foodbank continues to operate out of the Church Hall every Friday afternoon. In the 12 months to 31st March, we served 1229 clients and provided food for some 2,800 people (1,750 adults and 1,050 children).

Apart from helping clients we have for some time now been sorting and dating the incoming donations collected at the Waitrose stores in Hall Green and Solihull, as well as donations that come in through Church or are dropped off to us by members of the public on a Friday. These are then collected and taken to the main depot 'Narthex' - in Tyseley to be sorted into the various food parcels. It is notable that the amount of food being donated has reduced in the last few months. Unfortunately, the demand across the 5 satellite centres has increased and Tyseley are running out of some types of stock, even while they currently spend £700 a week buying supplies.

We are fortunate to have a team of 24 volunteers who between them operate two teams working on Friday afternoons, another team who get everything setup on a Friday morning and another team of drivers who collect the food parcels from Tyseley, often in excess of 75 bags of food.

In response to need further afield, a box is placed at the back of the church every Sunday for charity donations. In 2020, we collected for the following charities: Birmingham City Mission, St Mary's Hospice, Mission to Seafarers, Summerfield Stables, the Intercontinental Church Society and R.N.I.B, Bible Society, Church Missionary Society and Malawi. We also held a collection for Christian Aid in the autumn and for the Children's Society at the Christingle service. Charitable donations were lower than previous years, so we decided in January 2022 to collect for the same charities again this year and to match funds raised with Church funds, up to a limit to be decided.

Partnerships

In the 2021 Annual Report, we reported the decision of the Job Marston Centre (JMC) Board to close and surrender their lease back to the PCC. The process was concluded as planned by 31 May 2021 and there was a smooth handover to new arrangements, with thanks to all.

A service was held in June 2021 to thank JMC Trustees, past and present, together with members of staff for their tremendous service to the JMC, and through that to the community of Hall Green and around. The money advice service the JMC commissioned from Narthex has continued to operate alongside the foodbank on a Friday afternoon and a Skills Club has been developed at St Michael's Church.

Activities undertaken by organisations with strong links to The Ascension are described below.

Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre

With the removal of Covid restrictions by the Government earlier this year, both Hall Green and Smith's Wood Child Contact Centres have reverted to near normal operating conditions. Some light touch restrictions such as hand washing and use of sanitizer are still in place and the use of masks is advisory. At Hall Green Centre child contact sessions have now reverted to two hours. The number of families is limited to six for each session but the Centre can now also accommodate weekly contact sessions for some families.

There are 17 families currently using the Centre and the number of enquiries and referrals received is increasing. During the last 12 months numbers have been on the low side and it is thought this is partly due to CAFCASS (the Family Courts' independent advisory service) adopting a Prioritisation Protocol in July 2021 for managing unsustainable caseloads in several areas in the Midlands including Birmingham. The Court have been triaging new cases on the basis of risk and capacity so that the more complex and urgent cases have been prioritised over less urgent cases, the latter being delayed. This has meant there has been an increase in demand for supervised contact with a reduction in cases needing supported contact. There are currently 27 active volunteers at Hall Green and 5 at Smith's Wood. Sadly, one of our volunteers at Hall Green, Mark Morris, passed away in late January 2022 following treatment for cancer. Recently 12 parcels of equipment including toys and craft materials have been donated to the Centres by a charity called Arthur's Angels. It has been set up by Bernie Dixon following the tragic death in 2020 of her cousin, six-year-old Arthur Labinjo-Hughes who lived in Shirley. His father has recently been convicted of his manslaughter and his partner of murder. This generous gesture is very much appreciated.

In the financial year 2021/22 grants were awarded by Yardley Great Trust of £10,000, CAFCASS totalling £5,000 and We Are All Making A Difference Charity of £1,000. In addition, there is income from donations and registration fees. The contract of Sarah Ali, our part time salaried Coordinator, has been extended for a further year running to 31st March 2023.

Grateful thanks are due to my colleague Coordinators, Frances Hooper (Operations and Volunteer Recruitment), Angela Feenan (Smith's Wood Centre Manager) and Sarah Ali (Referrals Coordinator) for all the work they do. The Centres could not operate without the commitment of our Team Leaders and volunteer support workers; they are a fantastic team – many thanks to them for all they do. In December 2021 Tina Pickering resigned as a Director and Trustee of our charity. She was a founder member and was Treasurer from 2011 – 2019. We very much appreciate all the work she has done over these years. Finally, my personal thanks to my colleague Trustees – Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel, David Andrews and Frances Hooper and also to Patrick Hooper who is now assisting with the financial affairs of the charity.

Clive Jones, Chair of Directors and Trustees and Joint Coordinator

Hall Green Youth

Hall Green Youth was formed in 2006, building on a long history of interest in youth work through Churches Together in Hall Green. Its mission is to connect with, and meet the needs of, young people.

In early 2021, we re-evaluated how we can best support young people, taking into consideration the effects of the Covid pandemic. We engaged with the young people with whom

we have previously worked, pastoral staff at the two local secondary schools, the Hall Green Families early help network, churches and other community organisations. The feedback we received is that there is a great need for support for young people's emotional wellbeing going forward. We have begun to respond to this need.

We reshaped our 'Just Chill' community youth group, which operated as an open drop-in youth club pre-Covid, into an invited support group and have continued to run it throughout 2021 at the Ascension on a Thursday afternoon with 5-6 young people attending each week.

We were able to re-establish contact with Hall Green Secondary School to discuss how we could best support their young people's emotional wellbeing. They identified a need for one-to-one mentoring and, in May and June 2021, we undertook a 6-week pilot where we provided weekly one to one mentoring for 6 young people with social, emotional and mental health needs identified by pastoral staff.

We evaluated the pilot and both young people and the pastoral staff told us that the mentoring was helpful and that they wanted it to continue. Young people said that they had found it valuable to have the space to talk and to express their feelings. One said that they had gained the ability to talk to someone and a bit of confidence. Another said that they had learned to focus on themselves, rather than other people. We were invited back into Hall Green School in November 2021 to work with a further batch of young people.

We were also invited back into Ninestiles School to restart an afterschool club for identified vulnerable pupils. This restarted at the beginning of December 2021.

Overall, in 2021, we helped 20 young people who are vulnerable and / or have additional needs to make up time lost during Covid and improve their future prospects by supporting their mental health and helping them to build constructive social networks.

Sarah Barnes, Company Secretary, Hall Green Youth

Beechcroft Tennis and Multi Sports Community Club

Beechcroft now accommodates an extensive range of sporting activities. The two leading sports are Tennis and Walking Football, but Table Tennis, Netball (including Walking Netball), Hockey, Controlled Adult Football, Junior and Toddler Football and Fitness Classes are also offered.

The Club has now resumed all of its indoor and outdoor activities. More information can be found on its website – search against BeechcroftTC/Home.

During the winter months the Club has sometimes been using the church's halls on Saturday mornings for their junior sections' activities during bad weather.

Clive Jones

Fellowship

We were able to resume various fellowship activities once Covid restrictions were eased. We enjoyed refreshments after the 10am and 4pm services and marking special occasions such as Chris and Marilyn Kent's golden wedding anniversary.

On Saturday 18 September 2021, we held an open morning as part of national Heritage Open Day and Birmingham Heritage Week. Church was open for people to look around and find out about its history and we also provided refreshments and a display about activities past and present in the Chatterton Hall. We had over 30 visitors, including a number with past connections to the Church.

The Ascension Coffee Shop was finally able to resume in September 2021 in slightly adapted form on Wednesdays in the Church Hall and Coffee Lounge. The aim is to provide a low-cost

snack and friendship for members of our local community. The coffee shop team has reduced in size and volunteers are needed.

Monday Club started meeting again in November 2021 and had three meetings, including Armchair Aerobics with Mike Midgely and a visit from Northern Star Arts Ukulele Group. It was good to be able to be back at The Home Guard Club for our Christmas Lunch, which was well attended by members and friends.

We thought of those of our number whom we had lost since closing at the start of the Covid Pandemic and, as well at the start of 2022, of June Hobbs.

Although we have fewer Members now, we have a varied programme planned for 2022 (Covid permitting) having started back on 7th March. Arranged is musical entertainment (including The Gilbert and Sullivan Savoyards, and Ukuleles again), talks from charities – such as The Children's Society, Birmingham City Mission and The Donkey Sanctuary; Summer and Christmas lunches, and various 'in house' sessions like Bring and Buys, a Cream Tea in the summer and a Christmas Tea at the end of the year. Already this year we have played bingo, had talks about Newfoundland and Labrador, listened to Nejib's 'Thoughts for Lent', and crafted Easter egg swans.

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone as a new member to come and join us and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, entertainment, and refreshments.

Anthea Tinline

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The Ascension is entitled to nominate 3 representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. At the APCM in October 2020, Anthea Tinline and Margaret Hyde were elected to represent The Ascension for a 3 year term.

In 2021, the PCC had a total of 15 members (8 directly elected, 2 elected to the Deanery Synod and 5 ex-officio). The PCC then met 5 times between June 2020 and April 2021.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (charity number 1187634) with the PCC as its Trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary

Financial Review *(figures are provisional)*

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £73,520 which includes £39,400 from regular planned giving and other voluntary contributions and a further £9,000 from Gift Aid.

£69,000 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which once again was paid in full.

We were also in receipt of a number of very generous Bequests totalling £123,740 all of which were unrestricted. At a meeting of the PCC on 20th January 2022 it was decided to designate

£50,000 towards growing our mission with children, young people and families. A further £70,000 was designated to our Fabric Fund to help with the upcoming cost of the Quinquennial repair works.

At the end of the year General (unrestricted) funds stood at £80,547.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £52,500. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 17th February 2022.

Jon Meadows, Treasurer

Church of the Ascension Annual Property Report 2021/22

This report covers the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 16th May 2021 and 15th May 2022.

The Church

In July the bell rope snapped. Anthea Tinline was able to arrange for Simon Adams to carry out the repair using a new rope pull which Anthea provided. A letter of thanks was sent to Simon for volunteering his services.

Justice Security carried out a routine service on the roof alarms on 8th September. The sensors, bell and keypad were all checked and the backup battery replaced.

Andrew Coleman (Fodens Electricals) replaced a bulb and starter motor in the south transept and made some adjustments to the circuit boards as part of an ongoing process to identify the cause of one circuit board occasionally tripping out. All the trip switches were found to be at the correct level of sensitivity.

Some of the bulbs in the wall lamp holders needed replacing, however, we were advised by Andrew Coleman that such bulbs are no longer available. Two units have now been converted to take soft LED light sources at a cost of £142.50. per unit. Having viewed these the PCC have agreed to continue updating the remaining wall lamp holders. The total cost of the works is estimated to be £1,950 plus VAT.

The Churchyard

Work has been undertaken this year to improve the appearance of the churchyard. In June, Nathan (Gemstone Tree Surgeons) removed two small dead trees, some problematic self-seeded saplings and undergrowth. The crown of some trees was raised, the millennium yew reshaped and the laurel hedge reduced to wall height to improve visibility and security around the site. All material, including some accumulated in the corner of the churchyard, was removed at a total cost of £735. In October the same company carried out maintenance work on 21 of the lime trees. All re-growth around the trunks was removed to the crown of each tree and the base growth cut back as tightly as possible. The density of the growth meant the work took three days at a total cost of £2,800.

Unfortunately, in late August, the Victorian tomb of the Roberts family of Greet began to collapse into the grave space below and the area had to be fenced off. With guidance from the church surveyor Midland Conservation Ltd lifted and made safe the stonework. Their investigation and report cost £598. Following their recommendation that the brickwork was too insubstantial to safely rebuild the structure a faculty was sought to infill the tomb with layers of sand, hardcore and topsoil without disturbance to any human remains. An interim faculty to make safe the tomb was granted on 14th February. In March the tomb was filled, the supporting stones repaired and the tombstone carefully replaced. The company charged their quoted £2,352 though the volume of material and work required was greater than anticipated.

A section of footpath is now always puddled. The church architect has recommended that on grounds of cost any investigation into the cause should be undertaken when other earthwork is being planned.

Signage across the site

New signage for all the halls and carpark has been designed by Rob Mainwaring. The new signs are clearer while also giving a strong church identity. Aurora Graphics & Display Ltd. refaced the old signs at a cost of £375. We are grateful to Rob and to Richard Hyde for removing and replacing the signboards.

General

The fire safety inspection was completed in November and, separately, all fire extinguishers across the site were checked. In December Gas safety certificates were issued by Warmington Plumbing and Heating Ltd. for all four boilers. PAT testing of all electrical equipment was carried out by Testsafe Ltd. in October 2021.

Quinquennial Works

Churchyard Wall Repairs

A faculty application for the repairs to the section of churchyard wall fronting to Fox Hollies Road and the installation of 13 reverse buttresses immediately behind the wall (attached to it to provide reinforcement) was submitted to the Birmingham Diocesan Office as long ago as 8th July 2020. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) recommended the application be granted, but subject to 8 conditions. The most significant of these were that the works were accompanied by archaeological observation and supervision when trial holes were excavated at the proposed reverse buttress locations to assess whether any burials are affected. The PCC also had to apply for planning consent for the works; this together with listed building consent was obtained on 16th April 2021. Conditions apply which for the most part are similar to those to be imposed upon the grant of the faculty. The works have to be carried out within three years. The Chancellor of the Diocese eventually granted this faculty on 21st June 2021.

Further difficulties then ensued following an inspection of the trees on the site and particularly the five limes and the holly tree immediately behind the wall. It was carried out by Andrew Woodward, a consultant arboriculturist on 31st August 2021. He advised that the extent of the excavations and foundations for the reverse buttresses would cause considerable damage to the roots of the trees immediately behind the wall; they were likely to wither and die within two years. In these circumstances it would be justifiable to fell the trees, repair the wall and install the reverse buttresses. Enquiries were made to the DAC to see whether the felling of the trees could be authorised by a variation to the existing faculty, none of the trees being subject to a tree preservation order. The DAC advised a new faculty application would be required and that if the trees were to be felled they should be replaced by new trees planted in the churchyard.

A site meeting of the professionals (architect, structural engineer and arboriculturist) with Clive Jones present took place on 14th January 2022 to consider all possible options for dealing with the wall repairs. The only option available that would allow the trees to be retained was to rebuild the wall using screw piles but this would cost nearly £100,000 more than the reverse buttress option. The PCC had considered this but had decided such additional expense could not be justified or afforded. At the site meeting the building of reverse buttresses with felling the trees beforehand and the planting of new trees emerged as the most practical and cost-effective option. The stumps of the trees will need to be left in the ground to minimise damage to the wall during the felling process; graves prevent the 'new' trees being replanted close to the wall, so the new trees will be planted throughout the churchyard. A new faculty application for

this option, authorised by the PCC was submitted on 17th January 2022. Whilst waiting for the application to be processed Clive Jones and Pauline Price met with the arboriculturist on site on 18th March 2022 to discuss a replacement tree planting scheme. He subsequently produced a report with a location plan which recommended six trees of different species for planting; his recommendations have been approved by the PCC.

The faculty for the repair works, the felling of the trees behind the wall and the planting of the replacement trees was granted by the Chancellor on 12th April 2022 and is subject to only two conditions: -

- a) The trees to be replaced during the first planting season, within 12 months and any that die within 3 years to be replaced
- b) The work to be subject to archaeological observation

For the purpose of the new faculty application the previous cost estimate for the work had to be reviewed. Building costs have escalated considerably since the last estimate in 2020 and the new estimate needed to include the cost of felling the six trees and the planting of six replacements. The figures are now £76,280 and £15,091 VAT (£91,371). The area of the wall around one of the trees (shown as tree 5 on the plan) continues to be monitored for any signs of stress. If, before the main works could be carried out, it became necessary to repair that section of the wall by taking down and rebuilding a small section of it, the additional cost would be £3,233 plus £647 VAT. This would increase the revised estimate to £95,251.

Quinquennial Part 2 Repairs

These works on the church building were described in last year's property report and include repairing or renewing high level stone dressings, mouldings and balusters, repair and decoration of the roof access door, re-decorating the cast iron gutters, renewing missing brick corbels to the tower, repointing open joints to the tower brickwork, repairing and redecorating the south transept door, repairing and redecorating the sundial and repairing impact damage to the boundary wall. The most substantial items within this work are the high-level stone dressings, mouldings and balusters, the replacement of the missing brick corbels to the tower and the repointing of open joints to the tower brickwork. The works (less the impact damage to the boundary wall) were previously costed in 2020 by a quantity surveyor, Paul Daniels of Worcester, and came in at £78,080 plus VAT of £15,616. With professional fees (architects and quantity surveyor) and building control fees added, the total was increased to c.£90,000 plus VAT of c.£18,000; the VAT element should be recoverable. As with the churchyard wall repairs these costs will have increased significantly due to the effects of inflation and will need to be recalculated by the Quantity Surveyor.

A List B application for consent was submitted on 18th January 2021. It was not until the 6th July 2021 that the consent was granted by the Archdeacon. Although the Quantity Surveyor's costs schedules were submitted with the application, the DAC caseworker required a detailed specification of the works to be provided. This was prepared by our architect and submitted. The consent is subject to several standard conditions. The work to restore the sundial will be subject to a separate faculty application. An initial report from the restorer has been considered by the PCC and a formal report will be obtained and submitted with a faculty application in due course.

These Part 2 Works have had to be put on hold because of the delays that have occurred with the churchyard wall repairs. Further fundraising will need to take place before they can be undertaken and this will include applications for grant funding. It remains to be seen whether they can take place in 2023.

Pauline Price and Clive Jones

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Income & endowments from:	Note	Unrestricted (£)	Designated (£)	Restricted (£)	Total Funds 2021 (£)	Total Funds 2020 (£)
Donations & legacies	2	178,725	1,040	7,778	187,543	156,364
Charitable activities	3	1,904	-	349	2,253	639
Other trading activities	4	1,169	-	19,743	20,912	6,869
Investments		15,462	-	-	15,462	12,128
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total income & endowments		197,260	1,040	27,870	226,170	176,000
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	554	-	-	554	33
Charitable activities	7	69,033	6,866	28,302	104,201	130,071
Other	8	1,225	-	289	1,514	319
Total expenditure		70,812	6,866	28,591	106,269	130,423
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	4,436	-	25,804	30,240	(239)
Net income/(expenditure)		130,884	(5,826)	25,083	150,141	45,338
Transfers between funds		(120,000)	120,000	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		10,884	114,174	25,083	150,141	45,338
Reconciliation of funds:						
		69,662	18,622	255,343	343,627	298,289
Total funds brought forward						
Total funds carried forward	11	80,546	132,796	280,426	493,768	343,627

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BALANCE SHEET

	note	2021(£)	2020(£)
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	10		-
Investments	11	270,032	239,792
		<u>270,032</u>	<u>239,792</u>
Current Assets			
Lloyds Current Account		35,712	24,623
Lloyds Deposit Account		141,854	22,645
CCLA (CBF) deposit Account		47,003	46,979
Cash and Cheques in hand		-	406
Debtors and prepayments	12	7,315	10,522
		<u>231,884</u>	<u>105,175</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	13	8,148	1,340
Net current assets		<u>223,736</u>	<u>103,835</u>
Net Assets		<u>493,768</u>	<u>343,627</u>
Total Net Assets			
Funds Unrestricted	14	80,546	69,662
Designated	14	132,796	18,622
Restricted	14	280,426	255,343
Total		<u>493,768</u>	<u>343,627</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 15 September 2022

Approved by the trustees on 15 September 2022

And signed on its behalf by:



Mr J H Meadows, Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

The Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension is a Parochial Church Council in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are for the advancement of the Church of England through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, missionary and outreach work.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals of tangible fixed assets.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the PCC.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the PCC.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Fixed assets

Consecrated property and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the account by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings 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 (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (usually 4 years unless otherwise stated) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £10,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

(g) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

(h) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing stock to its present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the first-in, first-out formula. Provision is made for damaged, obsolete and slow-moving stock where appropriate.

(i) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(j) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable entity for UK corporation tax purposes

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Unrestrict ed (£)	Designated (£)	Restricted (£)	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
2. Income from Donations and legacies					
Gift Aided – Envelopes	1,808	-	-	1,808	3,113
Gift Aided – BGC	27,821	-	-	27,821	28,288
NTE Envelopes	828	-	-	828	325
NTE BGC	3,820	-	-	3,820	5,114
Cash Collections	5,131	-	-	5,131	3,680
Contactless Donations	644	-	-	644	316
Donations – In Memoriam	592	-	558	1,150	388
Sundry Donations	265	-	4	269	170
Christmas Gift to the Church	10	-	1,200	1,210	18,928
Flowers Fund Donations	-	-	624	624	196
Coffee Shop	-	-	281	281	770
Monday Club	-	-	-	-	158
Other (unrestricted) Donations	401	-	50	451	700
Other Donations – Restricted	-	-	1,761	1,761	8,500
Exceptional One-Off Gifts	-	-	-	-	33,680
Monthly Charity Gift Aided	-	-	1,168	1,168	1,725
Monthly Charity Not Gift Aided	-	-	100	100	-
Gift Aid Recovered	9,078	-	760	9,838	15,932
Legacies	123,740	-	-	123,740	5,000
Recurring Grants	4,587	-	-	4,587	4,497
Non-recurring One-off Grants	-	1,040	1,272	2,312	24,884
	178,725	1,040	7,778	187,543	156,364

3. Income from Charitable activities				2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Retained Fees for Weddings and Funerals	1,904	-	255	2,159	747
Choir Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Fees	-	-	94	94	(108)
	1,904	-	349	2,253	639

4. Income from other trading activities				2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Food Bank income	-	-	-	-	20
Bible Reading Fellowship/Bookstall	167	-	-	167	170
Magazine Sales	677	-	-	677	656
Magazine Advertising	325	-	-	325	216
Church Hall Lettings	-	-	5,208	5,208	5,807
Chatterton Hall & House lettings	-	-	14,535	14,535	-
	1,169		19,743	20,912	6,869

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CHARITY NUMBER 1133810
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5. Income from Investments	Unrestrict ed (£)	Designated (£)	Restricted (£)	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Interest & Dividends	9,837	-	-	9,837	10,253
Rent from Lank & Building	5,625	-	-	5,625	1,875
	15,462	-	-	15,462	12,128

Other Income	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Insurance claims	-	-
	-	-

6. Raising funds	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Funding Raising Costs	-	-
Publicity	554	-
Giving Envelopes	-	33
	554	33

7. Analysis of expenditure on Charitable Activities	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Church Mission Society	-	200
Mission to Seafarers	-	301
Malawi Fund	-	194
Bible Society	-	225
Children's Society	-	153
Birmingham City Mission	-	88
Other Charities	-	400
JMC Subsidy Refunds	-	-
Diocesan Parish Share	39,830	39,830
Support Staff Costs	4,200	4,200
Parish Administrator Salary & Pension	-	6,752
Parish Administration	-	114
Incumbent Expenses	355	-
Vicarage Upkeep	1,342	-
Pastoral Staff & Youth Worker	3,500	-
Mission & Outreach	99	-
Food Bank (Expenses)	-	346
Coffee Shop (Expenses)	-	174
Church Insurance	3,030	-
Church – General Maintenance	2,632	-
Cost of Services (Worship)	1,086	-
Church Office Expenses	1,803	-
Bank Charges	316	9
Church Flowers	-	486
Upkeep of churchyard	7,627	-
Visiting Speakers / Locums	-	-
Carried forward	65,820	6,866

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7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

				2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Brought forward	65,820	6,866	3,849	76,535	73,726
Church Utilities - Gas	1,597	-	-	1,597	1,828
Church Utilities - Electric	1,083	-	-	1,083	652
Church Utilities - Water	120	-	-	120	248
Magazine Printing	981	-	-	981	1,006
Editorial Expenses	46	-	-	46	91
Bookstall & Bible Reading	231	-	-	231	229
Fellowship					
Magazine Postage	28	-	-	28	285
Hall Utilities - Gas	-	-	2,600	2,600	2,492
Hall Utilities - Electricity	(1,811)	-	2,394	583	3,611
Hall Utilities - Water	-	-	235	235	99
Halls Cleaning	-	-	2,518	2,518	3,498
Halls Repair & Maintenance	-	-	2,186	2,186	876
Hall running - Insurance	-	-	1,513	1,513	1,603
Chatterton Hall Maintenance	242	-	560	802	618
Chatterton Hall & House Cleaning	-	-	4,546	4,546	-
Chatterton Hall & House	-	-	368	368	-
Accounts Inspection Fee	696	-	-	696	696
Major Works to Church	-	-	-	-	7,633
Major Repairs to Church Hall	-	-	2,147	2,147	25,775
Major Repairs – Church Yard	-	-	5,386	5,386	5,105
	69,033	6,866	28,302	104,201	130,071

8. Analysis of Other Costs

				2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Miscellaneous Other	1,225	-	30	1,255	319
Professional Fees	-	-	259	259	-
	1,225	-	289	1,514	319

All support costs relate to the principal activities of the PCC

9. Net Gains/(losses) on Investment

Unrealised					
Movement on CCLA funds					
Fixed interest income	(1,884)				
Property income	19,116				
UK Equity income	6,137				
Global Equity	6,871				
				30,240	

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10. Fixed Assets					2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Assisted clergy house at cost					-	-
11. Investments					2021 (£)	2020 (£)
CCLA Fixed Interest Income					26,668	28,552
CCLA Property Income					153,161	134,045
CCLA UK Equity Income					40,924	34,786
CCLA Global Equity Income					49,279	42,409
					<u>270,032</u>	<u>239,792</u>
12. Debtors and prepayments					2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Gift Aid recoverable					2,847	7,139
Prepayments					4,468	3,383
Grants					-	-
					<u>7,315</u>	<u>10,522</u>
13. Creditors and accruals					2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Accounts payable on account					8,148	1,340
					<u>8,149</u>	<u>1,340</u>
14. Funds	Balance 01/01/21 (£)	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)	Valuations (£)	Transfers (£)	Balance 31/12/21 (£)
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	69,662	197,260	70,812	4,436	(120,000)	80,546
Designated funds						
Fay Lord Legacy	18,622	1,040	6,866	-	-	12,795
Fabric Repair	-	-	-	-	70,000	70,000
Parish Mission Support	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>88,283</u>	<u>198,300</u>	<u>77,677</u>	<u>4,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,796</u>
Restricted funds						
Assisted clergy house fund	194,642	-	-	25,804	-	220,446
Choir fund	453	-	-	-	-	453
Coffee shop	-	281	173	-	-	108
Monday club	1,964	-	-	-	-	1,964
Fabric Repair	57,392	4,954	5,684	-	-	56,662
Flower fund	-	768	486	-	-	282
Foodbank	1,000	470	346	-	-	1,124
Charity giving	-	1,560	1,560	-	-	-
Diocese fees	(108)	94	-	-	-	(14)
Hall Repair Fund *	-	19,743	20,342	-	-	(599)
	<u>255,343</u>	<u>27,870</u>	<u>28,591</u>	<u>25,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,426</u>
Total	<u>343,627</u>	<u>226,170</u>	<u>106,269</u>	<u>30,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>493,768</u>

*The Hall Repair fund represents the activities of an independent charity "The Church of Ascension Parish Hall Charity Hall Green Birmingham". The directive from the Charities Commission for England and Wales dated 6 March 2013 stated that the PCC and the Parish Hall Charity were to be administered as one single charity

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15. Staff costs and members remuneration	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages, salaries and fees	<u>12,225</u>	<u>10,062</u>
The average weekly number of employees during the year calculated on a full-time equivalent was	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year.

Mr. Clive Jones, a trustee, was paid a stipend of £4,200 as Church Organist during the year. There were no other salaries or expenses paid to trustees during the year.

16. Related Party transactions

Sarah J Barnes is a trustee of Hall Green Youth Charity which paid £341 during the year to contribute to the running of the Halls.

Revd. N Boumenjel is a trustee of Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre which paid £1,573 during the year to contribute to the running of the Halls.

17. Independent Examiners	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts paid to independent examiner	<u>696</u>	<u>696</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension Hall Green.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

P Georgiades BA FCA
Flint and Thompson
Chartered Accountants
2-6 Manor Way
Solihull
B91 3PX

30 August 2022.

Accounts

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Address of Charity	582 Fox Hollies Road Hall Green Birmingham B28 9DX	
Charity number	1133810	
Trustees	Rev N. Boumenjel Mr. D. Chellingworth Miss M.J. Davis (Resigned 1/4/2020) Mrs. C. Dixon Mr N. Fahmi Mr. C.B. Jones Mr J. Mobasher Mrs. A. Tinline Mrs. J.M. Whittington	Mrs. S.J. Barnes Mrs. J. Cove Mr F. Elia Mrs. M. Hyde Mr. J.H. Meadows Miss J.C. Payne Mrs. P. Wagg
Treasurer	Mr. J Meadows	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank 248 Stratford Road Shirley Solihull B90 3AE	
Reporting Accountants	Flint and Thompson Limited 1325A Stratford Road Hall Green Birmingham B28 9HH	

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ascension, Hall Green

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) along with the vicar, Reverend Nejib Boumenjel, share the responsibility of promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the parish of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Objectives

Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship as well as providing multiple opportunities for service to wider community. Anyone is welcome to worship here and to

Our Vision:

At The Church of The Ascension, we seek to be a friendly and welcoming church with a passion for loving service to the local community where people of all ages can experience the love of God, grow in faith and receive the spiritual and pastoral support they need.

Our Mission Statement:

The Church of The Ascension exists to love God, love People and to make disciples of Jesus who will make a difference in our community and beyond.

become part of our parish community.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer, and education in the gospel;
- Provision of community spaces;
- Mission and outreach work;
- Partnership initiatives with Job Marston Centre, hall users, fellow churches and others.
- Pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Stewardship of the Ascension's physical, financial and human resources.

An Extraordinary Year

This Annual Report is the story of 2020 – a year where the Covid-19 Pandemic impacted upon every aspect of life. It focuses particularly on the period since our AGM on 25th October 2020, as the previous 2019 Annual Report covered the period until then.

Each section of this report will illustrate the impact that the pandemic has had – on worship and prayer, on our church family, on mission and outreach work and also on our finances. Public worship and most other communal activities had to stop for a period, although the vital work of the foodbank has continued throughout. Public worship and some of our other missional activities have resumed in adapted form but fellowship activities are still suspended at time of writing. We have found different ways to do many things during the pandemic but look forward to being able to come together in fellowship again when we can.

We acknowledge those continuing to give their time and talents in God's service. We would especially like to thank Rev. Nejib Boumenjel for his continued leadership and exceptional dedication in the

difficult circumstances of the last year. He has continued to give pastoral care to all who need it as well as leading worship, mission and outreach. We also thank Clive Jones, our churchwarden, for his continued dedication, and particularly for his work in relation to the churchyard wall and the Quinquennial Inspection repairs. We also acknowledge the vital contributions made by Readers, church officers, those who coordinate aspects of our mission and outreach work and all who perform less visible but still important tasks.

Worship and Prayer

At the present time, services are being held at 10am and 4pm on Sundays and a mid-week service at 10.30am on Wednesdays.

Public worship was initially suspended in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Church reopened in June for private prayer and public worship resumed on 26th July 2020 with Covid safe measures in place. There was a further pause in public worship in January and February 2021, due to high Covid rates in the local community. The use of the video conferencing tool Zoom allowed 'virtual' morning services to take place in February 2021 before physical services resumed on 7th March 2021.

The 4pm congregation is an integral part of our Church life and the service of Holy Communion at 4pm each Sunday continues to be well supported. It is in Arabic on the first three Sundays of the month and in English on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

Sunday School and Messy Church have also both been suspended since March 2020 but we are looking to resume both when we are able.

The audio-visual system in church is used every Sunday at 10am and 4pm services to display the order of service, play hymns and worship songs. and sometimes to illustrate sermons, talks and readings. It has become even more important in the last year as, since the pandemic, we have used the system to play music at the 10am as well as the 4pm services.

Sadly, musical activities have been in large part suspended since March 2020. We have been pleased to hear the organ being played again in the church since Easter 2021, played by our Director of Music Clive Jones, and we look forward to being able to sing again in church when are able to.

There are fortnightly Monday prayer meetings where we share and pray for those things for which we would like to seek God's guidance as well as things for which we would like to give thanks. Bible Study also takes place on alternate Mondays. Prayer meetings and bible study are also held on Tuesday evenings in Arabic. Prayer meetings and bible study have continued virtually via Zoom throughout the pandemic.

Faris Elia started Reader training in September 2020 and we look forward to him joining our talented and dedicated team of lay Readers.

The number of persons on the 2020 electoral roll was 98, one fewer than last year. Regular attendances were down on 2019 as a number of our regular congregation were shielding and the capacity in Church was also reduced by the need for social distancing.

The past year has sadly seen the passing of a number of long-standing members of our congregation including John Hole, John Botterill, David Chellingworth, Eileen Wilcox, Mary Minchin and Joan Sabin. They were faithful servants of our church and made a major contribution to its life over many decades.

John Botterill was a Reader for over 50 years, while David Chellingworth undertook a number of roles with dedication, including being part of the team looking after our finances and holding the office of Church Warden twice. Among her many contributions, Mary Minchin was PCC secretary for nearly 45 years, Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod and a stalwart of our church choir.

We miss them all and would like to pay tribute to them and to express our sympathy to their loved ones.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The vicar and lay pastoral team endeavour to provide pastoral support to those who are sick or otherwise in need. The ability to visit people has been curtailed by the pandemic but we have endeavoured to stay in touch via telephone and through doorstep visits. Our continued thanks to the small, dedicated team involved in this vital ministry.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In November 2020, the PCC reviewed its safeguarding policy; a copy of this can be found on our website <http://www.ascensionhallgreen.uk/>.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need – both at home and further afield - is a demonstration of our faith.

Since October 2016, a group of volunteers from inside and outside the church community have run a local foodbank at The Ascension every Friday. The foodbank has continued throughout the Covid-19 pandemic in an adapted, Covid aware form.

For the past 12 months we have operated with two teams on a Friday afternoon who work every other week. A third team work on Friday morning to get everything set up and we are backed up by a team of drivers who collect the food from Tyseley, as well as donations from the two Waitrose stores. In all we have about 25 volunteers across all of the teams and we are extremely fortunate to have them and for the valuable work they do.

According to the figures, in the 12 months to 31st March our small operation distributed food for 3,423 people and involved transporting and handling some 21 tonnes of produce. As you can imagine, this is a large increase on the previous year.

Interestingly, over the last few months, the number of parcels given to large families has markedly increased, whilst those given to single persons has dropped significantly. This is apparently the case across all of the foodbanks that, like ours, are satellites of Narthex in Sparkhill.

After an initial suspension due to the pandemic, the Place of Welcome has continued in adapted form, most recently on Zoom. This provides a place where everyone can see a friendly face and have a chat.

In response to need further afield, a box is placed at the back of the church every Sunday for charity donations. In 2020, we collected for the following charities: Birmingham City Mission, St Mary's Hospice, Mission to Seafarers, Summerfield Stables, the Intercontinental Church Society and R.N.I.B, Bible Society, Church Missionary Society and Malawi. We also held a collection for Christian Aid in the autumn and for the Children Society at the Christingle service. Charitable donations were lower than previous years, so we decided in January 2021 to collect for the same charities again this year.

Partnerships

Some of the key activities taking place in the two community halls and / or undertaken by organisations with strong links to The Ascension are described below.

Job Marston Centre

The Board wish to acknowledge the contribution to the mission and outreach of The Job Marston Centre of David Chellingworth who sadly died earlier this year. David was a founder of 'JMC' and greatly encouraged its vision, its outreach, all that it offered and was Treasurer for many years. We all greatly miss his contributions, wisdom and humour.

We said a sad farewell in December 2020 to our Community Co-ordinator Andrea Parker who took up a post at St Michael's Hall Green as 'the 'over 50's development practitioner'. Andrea had contributed greatly to the outreach work of JMC, especially with the establishment of the Place of Welcome which sadly had to be closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions. However, the Place of Welcome did open later for a time under social distancing rules, but following another lockdown, it now continues via Zoom.

The Board met mostly via Zoom and with the continued closure of the Chatterton Hall due to lockdown restrictions the work and use of the Centre has been somewhat constricted. Our Administration Manager and Financial Officer were furloughed but resumed partly when 'flexible furlough' was introduced.

Following Covid-19 guidelines, The Church of the Ascension Play Group returned during term time as usual – with lower numbers of children. Slimming World also returned, albeit in a different format, when restrictions allowed. The DMR Child Contact Service continues to use the House regularly. Hall Green Youth also returned in September 2020.

The Job Club had to be suspended due to Covid-19, but contact recently via the Hall Green Community Church and the Churches Industrial Group Birmingham may mean it being re-introduced sometime in the future.

The Money Advice Service via Narthex also continued in the House for a period under strict Covid-19 guidelines, but eventually it was decided that this service would continue via telephone advice with clients and referrals through enquiries at the Friday Food Bank. Our Adviser - Rajna – sends monthly reports and from the figures and comments this telephone service continues to be well received and she is kept very busy - and hopefully this also may continue.

Board members discussed the future of JMC in early January 2021. All were aware that the future of JMC was in doubt mainly due to lack of personnel, though not through lack of funds. Following the Board's decision to dissolve, the Board met with The Church of the Ascension Officers / Standing Committee to discuss the future and all agreed that JMC should close and the lease be surrendered back to the PCC. This process is now in hand and following the correct redundancy procedures the appropriate notices have subsequently been served on the staff; the Play Group licence hopefully will be taken over by the PCC, and Narthex also have been informed. All past 'users' and 'hirers' will be informed in due course when 'handover' procedures have been advised. The closure should be concluded by 31 May 2021.

An opportunity will be arranged to thank JMC Trustees, past and present, together with members of staff for their tremendous service to the Job Marston Centre, and through that to the community of Hall Green and around. The Job Marston Centre has been in place for over ten years, and hopefully some of the services it initiated and provided may be continued to be supported and developed in the future.

Margaret Hyde – Chair, Job Marson Centre

Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre

At the time of the last report in October 2020, both Hall Green and Smith's Wood Child Contact Centres were operating to capacity with Covid-19 precautions and procedures in place. The child contact sessions have been reduced to 50 minutes with a maximum of four families at Hall Green and two families at Smith's Wood accommodated in each session. Two such sessions are held at Hall Green weekly and Smith's Wood fortnightly between 2pm – 4 pm and two sessions at Hall Green between 11 am – 1pm fortnightly.

However, due to the rapid increase in Covid cases and the appearance of a more easily transmissible variant of the virus, the management took the decision to close both Centres for face-to-face contact from 9th January 2021. The Coordinators were able to help some families make alternative arrangements for child contact with the non-resident parent. In some cases, remote contact was facilitated by a Coordinator supervising contact tele-visually using three-way Skype.

With the implementation of a further lockdown by the Government from the beginning of January and the start of the roll out of vaccines, cases then started to fall significantly so that it was possible to re-open both Centres for face-to-face contact from 6th March. At Hall Green there is now an additional session of 50 minutes every week running from 1pm – 1.50pm. Hall Green Centre is now particularly busy with a steady flow of new cases.

Volunteer numbers across the two centres, including the Trustees, are currently 47. This includes one new volunteer; there are two more volunteers for the Hall Green Centre in the pipeline. Frances Hooper and Clive Jones took the opportunity to undertake refresher online Coordinator training with the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) over two days in March.

In the financial year 2020/21 grants were awarded by CAF/CASS totalling £5,340 and We Are All Making A Difference Charity of £1,000. These are in addition to income from donations and registration fees. The contract of Sarah Ali, our part time salaried Coordinator, has been extended for a further year running to 31st March 2022.

Grateful thanks are due to my colleague Coordinators, Frances Hooper (Operations and Volunteer Recruitment), Angela Feenan (Smith's Wood Centre Manager) and Sarah Ali (Referrals Coordinator) for all the work they do. The Centres could not operate without the commitment of our Team Leaders and volunteer support workers; many thanks to them also. The Centres really do have a fantastic team of volunteers. It has been a considerable achievement to keep our Centres going throughout the pandemic!

Finally, my personal thanks to my colleague Trustees, Revd Nejib Boumenjel, David Andrews, Frances Hooper and Tina Pickering.

Clive Jones, Chair of Directors and Trustees and Joint Coordinator

Hall Green Youth

Hall Green Youth (HGY) was formed in 2006, building on a long history of interest in youth work through Churches Together in Hall Green. Its mission is to connect with and meet the needs of young people. In 2019/20, Hall Green Youth worked with 62 young people. Our main activities were:

- Breathe: a lunch-time club for year 8 pupils at Hall Green Secondary School on Tuesdays.
- Just Us Girls: after School clubs at Ninestiles on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Just Chill: A community youth club for 11-18 at The Church of The Ascension in Hall Green on Thursdays after school.

The young people we work with struggle with low self-esteem, emotional issues or anxiety. Our activities provide young people with a safe place where they can be themselves.

The Covid pandemic meant the suspension of our work in schools and we were also unable to run our community youth club for a period before recommencing this on 1st October. Since November 2020, we have run the community youth club as a closed support group for invited young people in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions.

The partial pause in our activities resulting from the Covid pandemic has given us the opportunity to re-consider how we can best continue to build young people's emotional wellbeing. Our youth workers are currently making connections to understand young people's needs, get a clear idea of what work is already happening within the area, gaps in provision and possible opportunities to meet these.

We are starting one to one mentoring sessions with young people at Hall Green secondary school after Easter 2021 while future provision may include one to one work, small support groups and partnership work with others. This would meet an obvious need post-pandemic and Katrina and Luke, our youth workers, have knowledge, skills and experience in supporting young people's mental well-being. We are grateful to them for their dedication and service to the young people of Hall Green.

Beechcroft Tennis and Multi Sports Community Club

Beechcroft now accommodates an extensive range of sporting activities. The two leading activities are Tennis and Walking Football, but Table Tennis, Netball, Hockey, Walking Hockey, Controlled Adult Football, Junior and Toddler Football and Fitness Classes are also offered.

When last reporting on the Club in October 2021 it had gradually resumed most of its outdoor sporting activities (with strict Covid-19 precautions in place) following closure in March 2020 as a consequence of the Government imposed national lockdown. It was forced to close again in early January 2021 when a further lockdown was imposed. It was able to re-open on 29th March 2021 for its outdoor activities.

These closures have inevitably had an adverse effect upon the Club's financial position. The church is in ongoing discussions with the Club about arrangements for payment of the rent for 2020/21 (£3,750).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The PCC was pleased to welcome new members at the APCM in October. The PCC then met 4 times between November 2020 and April 2021 via Zoom.

The Ascension is entitled to nominate 3 representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. At the APCM in October 2020, Anthea Tinline and Margaret Hyde were elected to represent The Ascension.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (charity number 1187634) with the PCC as its Trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary

Financial Review

As the majority of donations from our members come in by Bank Transfer, the Church's income held up well during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £107,648 which includes £40,208 from planned giving and other voluntary contributions and a further £8,874 from Gift Aid. We also were in receipt very generous exceptional gift totalling £33,000. This amount was used to clear the negative balances that were showing on the Coffee Shop, Flower and Foodbank Funds, the deficit that had accumulated in the Hall Fund and the remainder being transferred to the Fabric Fund to help with the cost of the churchyard wall Repairs and the second part of the Quinquennial works.

£68,359 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £41,300 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which once again was paid in full.

The net result for the year is that the General Fund increased by £4,000 to £69,661.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £52,500. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 25th February 2021.

Jon Meadows, Treasurer

Church of the Ascension Annual Property Report 2020/21

This report covers the period October 2020 to the 16th May 2021, the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The Church

On the south face of the lower part of the church tower a small square pane of clear glass in the large circular multi-paned window was smashed during February 2021. When inspecting the window, Jon Greenaway, a Kings Heath glazier with expertise in the repair and replacement of church windows, advised that four other panes of glass were cracked and should be replaced. All these panes were replaced by him in March at a cost of £120 plus VAT.

The church organ ceased to function in December 2020 just prior to Christmas – there appeared to be an electrical fault. After some difficulty in sourcing suitable local electricians, Fodens Electrical Contractors of Kings Heath attended and discovered the mains wiring leading to the principal blower in the organ blower chamber was ‘shorting’. Although this wiring was replaced, the blower would still not function, so Stephen Lemmings, Organ Blower Engineer from Derby, attended and advised that the centrifugal switch and the start winding in the motor had been damaged by the ‘short’. This would necessitate the motor being removed, rewound/repared, returned and re-fitted. The work was carried out in Stephen’s Derby workshop and the motor was refitted on 26th March 2021. Stephen’s electrician also attended and found that the 2 x DOL Contactors had been incorrectly wired up. This was a historic fault probably going back to the original installation of the organ and has been corrected with the blower circuits being re-wired. This has also eliminated the long-standing intermittent fault of all of the trip switches in the uppermost box in the electrical cupboard being thrown when the organ is switched off. The total cost of the works was £1,581. The organ was back in use on Easter Day.

Quinquennial Works

Churchyard Wall Repairs

A faculty application for the repairs to the section of churchyard wall fronting to Fox Hollies Road and the installation of 13 reverse buttresses immediately behind the wall (attached to it to provide reinforcement) was submitted to the Birmingham Diocesan Office on 8th July 2020. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) recommended the application be granted, but subject to 8 conditions. The most significant of these are that the works are accompanied by archaeological observation and supervision when trial holes are excavated at the proposed reverse buttress locations to assess whether any burials are affected, the PCC obtaining planning consent for the works and a specification of the works being submitted to the DAC for approval before works are commenced. At first it was thought that planning consent would not be required but, when clarification was obtained, the Planning Department said it was necessary because of the construction of the 13 reverse buttresses as part of the scheme. The faculty application was submitted to the Chancellor of the Diocese (Judge of the Birmingham Diocesan Consistory Court) and on 21st December the Diocesan Registry advised the Chancellor was willing to grant the application but he preferred to wait to receive the completed planning consent before making his final decision. This was because there might be additional conditions imposed by the planners in relation to the repairs which would then be added to the existing 8 conditions recommended by the DAC.

In the meantime, our architect had been instructed to submit the planning application but in preparation for this a topographical survey and underground services trace were carried out on two separate dates in December 2020 by Bury Associates of Worcester at a cost of £2,172 including VAT. Our structural engineer, Jeff Stott, drew up a detailed plan for the wall repairs and a specification for the reverse buttresses. The planning application and an application for listed building consent were submitted to Birmingham City Council Planning Department towards the end of February 2021. Both applications were granted on 16th April 2021 and are subject to conditions which for the most part are similar to those

to be imposed upon the grant of the faculty. The works have to be carried out within three years and material samples plus mortar details have to be submitted for approval. Whilst there is still more preparatory work to be undertaken by our architects, it is hoped these repair works can be carried out during the summer months of 2021. However the Diocesan Registry have very recently advised that the Chancellor, having now seen the conditions attached to the planning and listing building consents, has asked to be provided with a detailed work specification. Whilst this specification is part of the architect's further preparatory work it does look like the grant of the faculty will be further delayed.

The Fox Hollies Road section of the wall has been monitored throughout the winter period for any signs of stress or movement.

The total cost of these works including professional fees and VAT are currently assessed at £76,000.

Quoin Stones to the base of the Church Tower

The defrassing of some of these stones in a poor state and repointing of localised areas was carried out on 7th December 2021 at a cost of £846.46 (including VAT) by Croft Building and Conservation Ltd of Cannock.

Quinquennial Part 2 Repairs

Part 2 of the works – those required within 18 months - include repairing or renewing high level stone dressings, mouldings and balusters, repair and decoration of the roof access door, re-decorating the cast iron gutters, renewing missing brick corbels to the tower, repointing open joints to the tower brickwork, repairing and redecorating the south transept door, repairing and redecorating the sundial and repairing impact damage to the boundary wall. The most substantial items within this work are the high-level stone dressings, mouldings and balusters, the replacement of the missing brick corbels to the tower and the repointing of open joints to the tower brickwork. These works (less the impact damage to the boundary wall) have been costed by a quantity surveyor, Paul Daniels of Worcester, and come in at £78,080 plus VAT of £15,616. However, when professional fees (architects and quantity surveyor) and building control fees are added, the total is increased to c.£90,000 plus VAT of c.£18,000; the VAT element is recoverable. Chris Thomas (the church inspecting architect) emphasised in his Quinquennial Report that it was important to plan now for the phasing and funding of these stonework repairs before they became a matter of crisis management.

The Birmingham DAC secretary advised that a List B Faculty application (the decision to be made by the Archdeacon) would be required. The application was submitted on 18th January 2021 and is currently with a DAC caseworker. Although the Quantity Surveyors itemised costings of the work was submitted with the application documents, the caseworker required a detailed specification of the works before the application could proceed further. This specification has been prepared by our architect and submitted to the caseworker. Advice from the DAC secretary as to whether the work specification is acceptable is awaited.

A potential restorer of the sundial on the south elevation of the church has been identified. David Brown of David Brown Sundials, Somerton, Somerset attended the church on 1st April 2021 on his way back from a family funeral for an initial inspection of the sundial, using a ladder. He has prepared a preliminary report which is being considered by the architect. He has provisionally estimated a cost of £400 for its restoration, this being based on time taken for cleaning and the time and cost of materials for painting lead and for gilding. This appears to be a conservative estimate and could well be increased significantly. The restoration of the sundial is currently included in the faculty application. The architect has now given advice as the content of a formal report for submission to the DAC and David Brown is visiting the site again on 21st May 2021 to carry out a full inspection of the sundial prior to preparing his formal report.

General

Since the last report in October 2020, Bryland have continued to carry out the six-monthly testing and maintenance of the fire alarms on the site and the annual maintenance of all fire extinguishers. PAT Testing of all electrical equipment was carried out in October 2020.

Clive Jones - Churchwarden

Chatterton Hall and House – Property Report

Problems occurred regarding the telephone and Wi-Fi communications both in the Chatterton Hall and the House. The Ofsted registered Church of The Ascension Pre-School Play Group require Wi-Fi contact to be on site. Access to a landline also exists in the Chatterton Hall kitchen. Both land-line and internet connections were renewed and access restored.

In December 2020 the boiler in the Chatterton Hall caused major problems and Play Group were required to close due to the lack of heat and hot water. The boiler was subsequently repaired and heating temperatures monitored.

Taps in the toilets were reported as being faulty and subsequently repaired. Regular water flushing has been carried out.

The grass in the Chatterton Hall garden has been regularly mowed, but the ongoing problem with the number of and the size of large trees is reducing the extent of the grass area. The bushes adjacent to the House have been trimmed.

Thanks are conveyed to all those who assist in the maintenance of the buildings and surrounding area.

Margaret Hyde – Chair Job Marston Centre

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Income & endowments from:	Note	Unrestricted (£)	Designated (£)	Restricted (£)	Total Funds 2020 (£)	Total Funds 2019 (£)
Donations & legacies	2	93,731	2,029	60,604	156,364	90,090
Charitable activities	3	747	-	(108)	639	1,690
Other trading activities	4	1,042	-	5,827	6,869	15,432
Investments		12,128	-	-	12,128	15,893
Other		-	-	-	-	2,857
Total income & endowments		107,648	2,029	66,323	176,000	125,962
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	33	-	-	33	983
Charitable activities	7	68,045	7,724	54,302	130,071	124,848
Other	8	273	-	46	319	1,671
Total expenditure		68,351	7,724	54,348	130,423	127,500
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	-	-	(239)	(239)	(1,666)
Net income/(expenditure)		39,297	(5,695)	11,736	45,338	(3,204)
Transfers between funds		(35,080)	-	35,080	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,217	(5,695)	46,816	45,338	(3,204)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		65,453	24,318	208,518	298,289	301,493
Total funds carried forward	11	69,670	18,623	255,334	343,627	298,289

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BALANCE SHEET

	note	2020(£)	2019(£)
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	10		-
Investments	11	239,792	240,032
		<u>239,792</u>	<u>240,032</u>
Current Assets			
Lloyds Current Account		24,623	10,724
Lloyds Deposit Account		22,645	18,322
CCLA (CBF) deposit Account		46,979	21,828
Cash and Cheques in hand		406	-
Debtors and prepayments	12	10,522	9,886
		<u>105,175</u>	<u>60,760</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	13	1,340	2,503
Net current assets		<u>103,835</u>	<u>58,257</u>
Net Assets		<u>343,627</u>	<u>298,289</u>
Total Net Assets			
Funds Unrestricted	14	69,670	65,453
Designated	14	18,623	24,318
Restricted	14	255,334	208,518
Total		<u>343,627</u>	<u>289,289</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the
trustees on 25th February 2021

Approved by the trustees on 25th February 2021

And signed on its behalf by:



J H Meadows
6th May 2021

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

The Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension is a Parochial Church Council in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are for the advancement of the Church of England through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, missionary and outreach work.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals of tangible fixed assets.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the PCC.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the PCC.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Fixed assets

Consecrated property and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the account by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings 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 (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (usually 4 years unless otherwise stated) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £10,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

(g) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

(h) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing stock to its present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the first-in, first-out formula. Provision is made for damaged, obsolete and slow-moving stock where appropriate.

(i) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(j) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable entity for UK corporation tax purposes

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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	Unrestrict ed (£)	Designated (£)	Restricted (£)	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
2. Income from Donations and legacies					
Gift Aided – Envelopes	3,113	-	-	3,113	6,260
Gift Aided – BGC	28,288	-	-	28,288	27,642
NTE Envelopes	325	-	-	325	850
NTE BGC	4,544	-	570	5,114	1,573
Cash Collections	3,680	-	-	3,680	6,161
Contactless Donations	260	-	56	316	130
Donations – In Memoriam	200	-	188	388	1,706
Sundry Donations	140	-	30	170	502
Christmas Gift to the Church	-	-	18,928	18,928	3,579
Flowers Fund Donations	-	-	196	196	436
Coffee Shop	-	-	770	770	3,799
Monday Club	-	-	158	158	345
Other (unrestricted) Donations	700	-	-	700	607
Other Donations – Restricted	-	-	8,500	8,500	1,050
Exceptional One-Off Gifts	33,680	-	-	33,680	-
Monthly Charity Gift Aided	-	-	1,725	1,725	1,698
Monthly Charity Not Gift Aided	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Recovered	8,875	-	7,057	15,932	11,855
Legacies	5,000	-	-	5,000	14,992
Recurring Grants	4,497	-	-	4,497	4,408
Non-recurring One-off Grants	429	2,029	22,426	24,884	2,497
	93,731	2,029	60,604	156,364	90,090

3. Income from Charitable activities			2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Retained Fees for Weddings and Funerals	747	-	747	1,541
Choir Fees	-	-	-	60
Flowers	-	-	-	90
Diocesan Fees	-	-	(108)	-
	747	-	(108)	1,691

4. Income from other trading activities			2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Food Bank income	-	-	20	-
Bible Reading Fellowship/Bookstall	170	-	170	284
Magazine Sales	656	-	656	729
Magazine Advertising	216	-	216	275
Church Hall Lettings	-	-	5,807	14,144
	1,042	-	5,827	15,432

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5. Income from Investments	Unrestrict ed (£)	Designated (£)	Restricted (£)	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Interest & Dividends	10,253	-	-	10,253	12,143
Rent from Lank & Building	1,875	-	-	1,875	3,750
	12,128	-	-	12,128	15,893

Other Income	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Insurance claims	-	2,857
	-	2,857

6. Raising funds	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Funding Raising Costs	-	372
Publicity	-	611
Giving Envelopes	33	-
	33	983

7. Analysis of expenditure on Charitable Activities	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Church Mission Society	-	200
Mission to Seafarers	-	100
Malawi Fund	-	206
Bible Society	-	262
Children's Society	-	358
Church Army	-	-
Birmingham City Mission	-	100
Other Charities	-	1018
JMC Subsidy Refunds	27	27
Diocesan Parish Share	41,330	41,330
Salaries & Support Staff Costs	5,700	5,700
Parish Administration	52	7,080
Incumbent Expenses	361	361
Vicarage Upkeep	1,220	1,220
Pastoral Staff & Youth Worker	3,500	3,500
Mission & Outreach	-	-
Food Bank (Expenses)	-	343
Coffee Shop (Expenses)	-	417
Church Insurance	3,210	3,210
Church – General Maintenance	1,452	1,452
Cost of Services (Worship)	1,060	1,160
Church Office Expenses	1,871	1,871
Bank Charges	271	271
Church Flowers	-	506
Upkeep of churchyard	3,000	3,000
Visiting Speakers / Locums	34	34
Carried forward	63,088	73,726

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7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

				2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Brought forward	63,088	7,028	3,610	73,726	76,215
Church Utilities - Gas	1,828	-	-	1,828	2,205
Church Utilities - Electric	652	-	-	652	924
Church Utilities - Water	248	-	-	248	215
Magazine Printing	1,006	-	-	1,006	1,175
Editorial Expenses	91	-	-	91	44
Bookstall & Bible Reading Fellowship	229	-	-	229	215
Magazine Postage	285	-	-	285	157
Hall Utilities - Gas	-	-	2,492	2,492	3,144
Hall Utilities - Electricity	-	-	3,611	3,611	3,857
Hall Utilities - Water	-	-	99	99	64
Halls Cleaning	-	-	3,498	3,498	5,149
Halls Repair & Maintenance	-	-	876	876	2,552
Hall running - Insurance	-	-	1,603	1,603	1,884
Other Property Maintenance - JMC	618	-	-	618	76
Other Property Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Inspection Fee	-	696	-	696	696
Major Works to Church	-	-	7,633	7,633	18,304
	-	-	-	-	-
Major Repairs to Church Hall	-	-	25,775	25,775	7,972
Major Repairs – Church Yard	-	-	5,105	5,105	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	68,045	7,724	54,302	130,071	124,848

8. Analysis of Other Costs

				2020(£)	2019 (£)
Miscellaneous Other	273	-	46	319	1,671
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	273	-	46	319	1,671

All support costs relate to the principal activities of the PCC

9. Net Gains/(losses) on Investment

Unrealised	
Movement on CCLA funds	
Fixed interest income	959
Property income	(7,006)
UK Equity income	(970)
Global Equity	6778

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10. Fixed Assets					2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Assisted clergy house at cost					-	-
11. Investments					2020 (£)	2019 (£)
CCLA Fixed Interest Income					28,552	27,593
CCLA Property Income					134,045	141,052
CCLA UK Equity Income					34,786	35,756
CCLA Global Equity Income					42,409	35,631
					<u>239,792</u>	<u>240,032</u>
12. Debtors and prepayments					2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Gift Aid recoverable					7,139	3,779
Prepayments					3,383	3,657
Grants					-	2,450
					<u>10,522</u>	<u>9,886</u>
13. Creditors and accruals					2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Accounts payable on account					1,340	2,503
					<u>2,488</u>	<u>6,639</u>
14. Funds	Balance 01/01/20 (£)	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)	Valuations (£)	Transfers (£)	Balance 31/12/20 (£)
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	65,453	107,648	68,351	-	(35,080)	69,670
Designated funds						
Chester Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fay Lord Legacy	24,318	2,029	7,724	-	-	18,623
	<u>24,318</u>	<u>2,029</u>	<u>7,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,623</u>
Restricted funds						
Assisted clergy house fund	194,881	-	-	(239)	-	194,642
Choir fund	553	-	100	-	-	453
Coffee shop	(766)	800	417	-	383	-
Monday club	1,805	158	-	-	-	1,963
Fabric Repair	14,400	35,574	12,797	-	20,207	57,384
Flower fund	(194)	233	506	-	467	-
Foodbank	(1,597)	1,070	344	-	1,871	1,000
Charity giving	-	2,225	2,225	-	-	-
Diocese fees	-	(108)	-	-	-	(108)
Hall Repair Fund -see below	(564)	26,371	37,959	-	12,152	-
	<u>208,518</u>	<u>66,323</u>	<u>54,348</u>	<u>(239)</u>	<u>35,080</u>	<u>255,334</u>
Total	<u>298,289</u>	<u>176,000</u>	<u>130,423</u>	<u>(239)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>343,627</u>

The Hall Repair fund represents the activities of an independent charity “The Church of Ascension Parish Hall Charity Hall Green Birmingham”. The directive from the Charities Commission for England and Wales dated 6 March 2013 stated that the PCC and the Parish Hall Charity were to be administered as one single charity

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM
CHARITY NUMBER 1133810
31 DECEMBER 2020**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15. Staff costs and members remuneration	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages, salaries and fees	<u>10,062</u>	<u>6,438</u>
The average weekly number of employees during the year calculated on a full-time equivalent was	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year.

Mr. Clive Jones, a trustee, was paid a stipend of £4,938 as Church Organist during the year. There were no other salaries or expenses paid to trustees during the year.

16. Related Party transactions

J Cove, D Chellingworth, P Wagg, M Hyde and Revd. N Boumenjel are trustees of the Charity and are also trustees of Job Marston Centre. The Job Marston Centre Charity holds a lease in respect of one of the halls owned by the Church of Ascension.

Revd. N Boumenjel is also a trustee of Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre which paid £2,147 during the year to contribute to the running of the Halls.

17. Independent Examiners	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts paid to independent examiner	<u>696</u>	<u>600</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension Hall Green.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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