

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and 14<sup>th</sup> 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' 50<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Clive Jones and Pauline Price met with the arboriculturist, Andrew Needham, on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022. They decided a sub-group should meet with us and our architect on site. The meeting took place on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The felling of the six trees down to stump height was undertaken by Tree Surgeons over four days from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The structural engineer, Ben Chase (Mann Williams) inspected the wall, tree stumps and trial holes on 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>	80,152	800	15,547	96,499	187,542
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>	799	—	104	903	2,253
<b>Other trading activities</b>	881	—	46,062	46,943	20,912
<b>Investments</b>	14,576	—	293	14,869	15,462
<b>Total income</b>	<b>96,408</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>62,006</b>	<b>159,215</b>	<b>226,170</b>
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
<b>Raising funds</b>	87	—	—	87	554
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	74,940	3,927	41,561	120,429	104,199
<b>Other expenditure</b>	1,421	—	—	1,421	1,514
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>76,449</b>	<b>3,927</b>	<b>41,561</b>	<b>121,939</b>	<b>106,269</b>
<b>Gains / losses on Investment assets</b>	(6,696)	—	(29,883)	(36,580)	30,240
<b>Net income / (expenditure)...</b>	<b>13,262</b>	<b>(3,127)</b>	<b>(9,438)</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>150,141</b>
<i>Transfers</i>					
<b>Gross transfers between funds - in</b>	928	—	922	1,851	120,000
<b>Gross transfers between funds - out</b>	(922)	—	(928)	(1,851)	(120,000)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>13,268</b>	<b>(3,127)</b>	<b>(9,444)</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>150,141</b>
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>80,547</b>	<b>132,795</b>	<b>280,425</b>	<b>493,768</b>	<b>343,626</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>93,816</b>	<b>129,667</b>	<b>270,981</b>	<b>494,464</b>	<b>493,768</b>
<i>Represented by</i>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	93,816	—	—	93,816	80,547
<b>Designated</b>					
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
<b>Restricted</b>					
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

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## Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
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
<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>233,452</b>	<b>270,032</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
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
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>262,703</b>	<b>231,884</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
6601: Prepayments Received	—	—
6602: Fees Account (Weddings/Funerals)	—	594
6699: Agency collections	702	572
Z04: Accounts Payable	988	6,982
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>8,149</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>494,464</b>	<b>493,768</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess / (deficit) to date	37,276	119,901
Z01: Starting balances	493,768	343,626
Z02: Other gains/(losses)	(36,580)	30,240
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>494,464</b>	<b>493,768</b>

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

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Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Income and endowments</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
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	—
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>80,152</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>15,547</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>96,499</b>	<b>187,542</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
0111 - Retained Fees for Weddings and Funerals	799	—	—	—	799	2,159
0115R - Flowers	—	—	90	—	90	—
0116R - Diocesan Fees	—	—	14	—	14	94
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>2,253</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>						
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
<b>Other trading activities Totals</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>46,062</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>46,943</b>	<b>20,912</b>
<b>Investments</b>						
0101 - Interest & Dividends	10,826	—	293	—	11,119	9,837
0102 - Rent from Land & Buildings	3,750	—	—	—	3,750	5,625
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>14,576</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14,869</b>	<b>15,462</b>
<b>Income and endowments</b>	<b>96,408</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>62,006</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>159,215</b>	<b>226,170</b>

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Grand totals</b>						
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Raising funds</b>						
1710 - Fund Raising Costs	70	—	—	—	70	—
1720 - Publicity	—	—	—	—	—	554
1730 - Giving Envelopes	16	—	—	—	16	—
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>554</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
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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<b>Insurance</b>						
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
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>74,940</b>	<b>3,927</b>	<b>41,561</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>120,429</b>	<b>104,199</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>						
2399 - Miscellaneous Other	1,421	—	—	—	1,421	1,255
2650 - Professional Fees	—	—	—	—	—	259
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>1,514</b>
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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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).

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**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.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**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**

93b School Road  
Hall Green  
Birmingham  
B28 8JQ

**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)

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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

Flint & Thompson  
Chartered Accountants  
2 Manor Square  
Solihull  
B91 3PX

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

.....  
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**

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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 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.



P Georgiades BA FCA

Flint & Thompson  
Chartered Accountants  
2 Manor Square  
Solihull  
B91 3PX

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

	Notes	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Investments	6	-	42,736	190,715	233,451	270,032
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
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>
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	-	(1,690)	(1,690)	(11,716)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>129,669</u>	<u>51,074</u>	<u>80,269</u>	<u>261,012</u>	<u>223,736</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>129,669</u>	<u>93,810</u>	<u>270,984</u>	<u>494,463</u>	<u>493,768</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>129,669</u>	<u>93,810</u>	<u>270,984</u>	<u>494,463</u>	<u>493,768</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					<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:

.....  
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**

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**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**

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

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

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	<b>Designated Fund £</b>	<b>General Fund £</b>	<b>Restricted Fund £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>Total</b>	<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>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(5,826)</u>	<u>130,884</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>150,141</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>114,174</u>	<u>10,884</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>150,141</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward	<u>18,622</u>	<u>69,662</u>	<u>255,343</u>	<u>343,627</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<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**

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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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	£
		£	£	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	280,426	(9,436)	(6)	270,984
	<u>493,768</u>	<u>695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,463</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				
	<u>493,768</u>	<u>695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,463</u>



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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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	255,343	25,083	-	280,426
	<u>255,343</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,426</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
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
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	27,870	(28,591)	25,804	25,083
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
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
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	255,343	15,647	(6)	270,984
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	343,627	150,836	-	494,463

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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.

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

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
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	-
	<hr/> 96,499	<hr/> 187,543
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
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
	<hr/> 46,943	<hr/> 20,912
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rent received	3,750	5,625
Interest and dividends	11,119	9,837
	<hr/> 14,869	<hr/> 15,462
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Fees for weddings and funerals	799	2,159
Diocesan fees	14	94
Flowers	90	-
	<hr/> 903	<hr/> 2,253
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/> 159,214	<hr/> 226,170

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

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Publicity	-	554
Giving envelopes	17	-
Fund raising costs	70	-
	<hr/> 87	<hr/> 554
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
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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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF  
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

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

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
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>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
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>
<b>Net income before gains and losses</b>	<u>37,276</u>	<u>119,901</u>
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	(36,581)	30,240
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>695</u></u>	<u><u>150,141</u></u>

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