

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SWAYTHLING

England & Wales · Charity number 1134132

Details

Other names	PCC OF SWAYTHLING
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Provision of sacred space for prayer. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Promoting the whole mission of the church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, children and other special need groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£241,399	£267,123	-	-
2023-12-31	£95,627	£101,838	-	-
2022-12-31	£122,594	£71,880	-	-
2021-12-31	£104,853	£139,227	-	-
2020-12-31	£162,294	£61,455	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PETER MARTIN DOCKREE	Chair	2014-09-01
ANN ELISABETH LEWIN BA, CERTED		
Gwilym Robert Stone		
Helen Rachel Parker		2023-04-23
John Charles Saunders		2020-10-18
Juliet Mary Harold-Barry		2022-05-08
Maureen Zena Mew		2013-10-17
Mrs Jenny Hales		2015-03-22

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2024

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of Swaythling has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Peter Dockree, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and other activities, making suggestions about how they can involve the many groups that live within our parish, so that all that we do as a parish puts our faith into action.

PCC have summarised the values we felt define us as a Parish with the following statements:

We want to be a growing vibrant worshipping community, living out Christ's example of love and acceptance of all people, providing a safe context in which to explore and question faith, as well as a home for those with strong and committed beliefs

We want to learn to be more flexible, while remaining true to ourselves, so that we can reach out into the community to find where God is at work, and help build the Kingdom.

The PCC also ensures administrative and financial policies and procedures are current and compliant.

Achievements and performance

Parish Life

We wished Joe Sweetnam a fond farewell in November 2024 when he took up the post as Rector of the Mid-Test Benefice. During his time as curate his expertise as a former architect was a welcome asset as he took on co-ordination of the St Mary's roof project.

The Vicar, Peter Dockree, began a phased return to work in March 2024.

In August 2024 Laura Hewitt stepped down from her role as Parish Administrator (but continued to be part of the music team) and Sophie Pellington and Fiona Waters joined us as the new Parish Administrator and Facilities Coordinator respectively.

Worship - We are continually seeking to be a diverse, vibrant, inclusive and open worshipping community, where those who come feel welcome, connected and met by God's grace, whether they have never been to church before or are lifelong church goer. In 2024 it has been wonderful to welcome new people to all our different forms of worship.

On a Sunday:

The 8am Book of Common Prayer service at St Mary's offers quiet traditional worship.

The 10:15am at St Albans continues to be a growing and ever more diverse congregation. We have welcomed new people from the local community, some coming along after being part of our Thursdays Together community and others new to the area. We have continued to develop our musical worship, mixing traditional and contemporary hymns and songs and are particularly grateful to all those who have been part of making this happen.

The 5:30pm "Threshold" at St Mary's offered an inclusive space for reflection, questions, breaking bread together and community. It often met with very small numbers but there is a real sense that such a space is both needed and deeply valued. However, as numbers had become even more limited, we brought that to a close in April 2024. We have been exploring alternative options for how to continue to offer this sort of space.

Across all of our Sunday services, the average attendance has been 45 adults and 3 children. 20 adults joined but 8 left.

From September 2024, it was decided to move our monthly Messy Church service to a Sunday afternoon as it was becoming more challenging to find volunteers for a weekday. Numbers have varied since the change but there are several families who have started to come regularly. The format remains similar but with refreshments being served throughout instead of a meal being served.

Over the year we came together for various services and worship activities to mark special or significant occasions and aimed at being both a comforting presence for those familiar with these services and a missional opportunity to reach those in the community who may be new to them. These included our annual All Souls and observance of Remembrance Sunday (with active involvement of the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts).

In December Bishop Rhiannon joined us for an "ordinary" Sunday service.

During Holy Week we offered a range of worship and reflection: a creative and reflective service to mark the last hour at the cross, a Taizé service, Stations of the Cross, a Maundy Thursday communion.

We celebrated Easter with an Easter breakfast, followed by lighting the Paschal candle outside on the Easter fire and then moved, accompanied by a Nigerian song of praise, into the church where we continued the service. We had 6 children and 53 adults attending St Alban's, and 1 child and 16 adults attending St Mary's.

In Advent we offered two Carol services, at St Alban's with 52 (7 children and 45 adults) people attending, and St Mary's with 51 people attending (1 child and 50 adults). The services spoke to different demographics and were well received.

On Christmas Eve, the Christingle services were well attended, 15 children and 47 adults at St Mary's, and 27 children, 87 adults at St Alban's. 44 people attended the midnight communion service at St Mary's. Then on Christmas Day, 7 people attended 8 O'clock at St Mary's, and as has become tradition, it was a joy to celebrate at St Albans with the Baptist Church (6 children and 43 adults).

Home communion continued with those unable to get out, by the clergy and Ann Lewin.

The members of our congregation with **Bishop's Commission for Mission** continued with in their various ministries within the Parish.

Ann Lewin has the BCM (Worship), and leads the Ministry of the Word in the 10.15 service at St Alban's and devises and leads worship on other occasions. Ann also preaches at intervals.

Sarah Dockree and Mary Williams hold a BCM (Pioneering) and continue to be involved in various aspects of parish life, continually seeking to connect the church with the local community and ensure all we offer is reaching as many people as we can in relevant and effective ways.

Gwilym Stone also has the BCM (Pioneering) and helped plan and lead some of the Threshold services.

Prayer Corner: -

This space has been used for informal prayer every week, as well as prayers after the Sunday 10:15 service when requested. It has also been used as sensory, quiet, and baby areas at various of our outreach events and is being used for meetings too. The comfortable seating, candles and supply of tissues makes for a place where people can meet intimately with God.

Schools work - The clergy have been invited into all our local schools (Mansbridge, Swaythling, Bassett Green, and Cantell) to take assemblies. Year R from Swaythling Primary visited St Alban's for their culture week to explore more about Christianity. We had the joy to bring the Easter story to Bassett Green and Mansbridge Primary, and welcomed Swaythling Primary to St Alban's. A group from Year 7 at Cantell to learn more about Christianity and its impact on the community as part of their RE curriculum. During autumn we welcomed Swaythling Primary for their harvest festival. We also had the privilege to share the Christmas story with all three primary schools and Peter Dockree gave the talk at the Cantell Christmas Concert.

Peter Dockree and Daniela Eisentraeger continue to work with Southampton City Mission to support an after-school club at Mansbridge. These connections with our local schools have been pivotal in facilitating the growth of other activities for families in the parish. We have also continued to work closely with the family liaison workers at the schools as we seek to support some of the same families. Early in 2024 Peter Dockree stepped down as part of the governing body at Bassett Green, having been a governor at the school for 7 years, and Gwilym Stone continued to be a part of the governing body at Mansbridge.

Thursdays Together - Every Thursday morning we continued to welcome people to St Alban's for hot drinks and toast, conversation and to offer various items of food to support those finding it difficult to make ends meet. Many came each week, some from time to time. Visitor numbers for food remain at 45-50 each week with several more coming just for company and coffee. At a practical level we provided a range of fresh and long-life foods, including surplus from local supermarkets. Each week limits are suggested based on what stock is available and to ensure fairness. During 2024 we started a regular arrangement with local charity "The Big Difference" who distribute surplus food – collecting fresh fruit and vegetables from them weekly thanks to a donation received.

We work closely with Frontline Debt Advice and Dominic Williams is present most weeks to chat to people as needed, which has proved a vital service for many who come. An opportunity to light candles and place prayers in a box to be prayed during the week was offered during the year and this has been well received, with a real hunger to engage in conversations, and sometimes prayer, with volunteers.

Youthwork and "The Cave"

Over the past year, we have been able to hold monthly Youth events at St Albans. These are run on a Thurs evening from 6.30-8pm for secondary school aged children. This is where young people are invited to come and take advantage of a safe place where they can either take part in activities such as games (both indoor and outdoors), crafts, karioke or to simply chill out. They can also enjoy free food and drink including toasting marshmallows on the fire pit. Despite us calling it a Youth drop in, we find that most young people come for the whole time.

The Youth events have proved popular and we have seen an increase in the numbers attending quite often being 30+. The aim of these is to continue to build relationships with young people and the Team of volunteers feel encouraged that this has started to happen. We are also encouraged that Cantell school have been so positive about letting pupils know about these events.

We have also started to have the occasional evening meal and get together for the Team. This is a great way of us relaxing, having fun as well as discussing the Youth events and having some training. Mary has done a great job in developing parent consent forms, registers and behavioural policies etc.

Due to the numbers of young people attending having increased, one of the challenges we now face is trying to recruit more volunteers to work as part of the Team. We are praying that God would allow us to find the right people to join the Team.

We really know a sense of God blessing these events and the safety of all who attend. We also believe that the church and its members can play a very important part by praying for these events. We will really appreciate your continued prayers for the young people on our estate and the volunteers who are trying to reach out and engage with them.

Mini Marvels – This group held its last meeting in February 2024 due to changes in circumstances for its leaders.

Holiday Tuesdays – these were held for 5 weeks of the summer holidays following generous funding from The Listeners Trust. Each week families were able to enjoy a variety of games and activities, inside and outside, including foam archery, pool, table tennis, board games, toddler toys, Lego and basketball, as well as being entertained by facepainters, visiting musicians and a bouncy castle. A home cooked meal was provided each week as well. These events proved really popular with local families.

Crafternoons (renamed Cake, Craft and Chat in September 2024) – these continued fortnightly

throughout term time and have become a regular community of people who enjoy meeting together to craft, chat and eat cake! Friendships have been forged and skills shared as well as providing a place for people to come together.

The PCC are immensely grateful to all who give their time and energy to the activities and events which happen in the Parish – whether playing music at a service, keeping the kitchen stocked up, preparing crafts for family events or being at present activities and so many more roles besides – we couldn't have the impact we do as a Parish without the commitment of so many. Thank you.

Safeguarding

Helen Parker has been Parish Safeguarding Officer since April 2023, Helen has been working with the Parish Safeguarding Administrator to refresh policies and procedures in line with the latest guidance and best practice for the PCC's adoption.

St Alban's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

The Quinquennial Inspection due for 2023 was postponed to Feb 2024, with the report being received by the PCC in Jan 2025. The PCC will now develop an action plan to address the recommendation in the report. .

We are in the process of applying for a faculty for a shed in the rear car park to store equipment for the youth group, for which a grant was obtained in 2022. The plan is to store equipment like the table tennis, table football and other bits which are currently stored in the church. An application to the Council to grant planning permission is also in progress.

As well as the Parish activities the Church and Community Room are also well used by a range of other community groups, such as City Life Church, Frontline Debt advice, Heart and Voice Choir, Fitness Class, and as concert venue for Southampton University Music Group and others.

St Mary's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

After all the fundraising efforts, the work on the roof took place over the summer, with the renewal of the roofs of the Nave, Chancel, Transepts, and Vestry. Work to renew the Tower Roof has been deferred due to the lack of funds but this will need to be addressed in the next couple of years. At the end of the year issues emerged with the heating system – at the time of writing this report a long term solution to these issues is still to be identified.

Churchyard

A loyal band of helpers meet each week on a Tuesday morning to tend to the churchyard.

The DAC has granted a faculty to enable us to increase the size of the Garden of Remembrance, but work on this has been deferred until after work on the roof is completed due to the placement of scaffolding.

Parish Hall / Community Hall

The parish Hall is well used by our regular lets: Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Explorers, Brownies, Westfield Drama, Pilates, and Hearing Dogs, plus we have had many one-off users running events ranging from classes for wreath making and cooking to celebration community events.

The roof on the Hall will require replacing soon, as well as other refurbishment such as the female toilets, therefore during 2024 the PCC has been exploring future funding options. The exploration remained ongoing into 2025.

Friends of St Mary's and Friends of St Alban's

There were no specific Friends of St Mary's events, as the focus has been on the Roof Appeal.

There were also no Friends of St Alban's activities during the year – reflection on how to relaunch and engage with the changing wider community around St Alban's is needed.

Deanery Synod

The Synod met on three occasions during 2024. Presentations topics included the work of Safe Families charity, links with the Church in Myanmar, and getting Grants. Archdeacon Jean attended the May Synod and gave an introductory talk about her work. In October the Synod passing a motion related to National Financial Support for Church Buildings, which was then forwarded to Diocesan Synod. The Synod received regular updates on clergy movements, and feedback from Deanery Representatives on Diocesan Synod.

Financial review

A great achievement this year has been the completion of the first phase of the roof project. Thanks are due to our Church Architect (Fiona Hudd), and the building company (B & M Clark (Builders) Ltd) for ensuring that the works were kept on budget. There are two more phases to the project: repairing the tower and the interior decoration. Hence, fund raising needs to continue if we are to complete these in a timely manner.

Whilst the General Account shows a small profit, this is entirely due to the non-payment of our Common Mission Fund (CMF) for most of the year. This was agreed by The Diocese to enable the funds to be directed to the roof project. In real terms, the account should be in deficit to the tune of £18,000. Payment of the CMF will resume in 2025.

Gift Aided giving and donations showed a slight increase over last year whilst church collections were somewhat diminished. Fund raising activities were directed mainly at supporting the roof fund and thanks are due to all those who contributed time, effort and money into ensuring the roof replacement could be financed.

The heating system at St Mary's is beginning to show signs of deterioration. A significant leak in the very old underfloor pipework has been repaired but it is likely that more work will need to be carried out. A decision will no doubt have to be made soon as to whether future repairs should be undertaken or if it would be more cost effective to install new pipework.

The hall once again showed only a small profit. As mentioned last year, the income needs to increase significantly if the necessary refurbishment and repairs to both the interior and exterior of the building are to be undertaken.

Following Laura Hewitt finishing as Parish Administrator, the PCC agreed that the role may be better served by having two people, a Parish Administrator and a Facilities Coordinator. The hours now worked are the same as was being done before but six hours/week were previously done voluntarily by Laura Hewitt on top her paid hours. Whilst this has resulted in some extra expenditure for the parish this arrangement is better aligned to our values.

The role of Treasurer is in the process of being handed over to Mrs Giang Nguyen. It is anticipated that she will fully take over the duties in early Spring 2025.

Following the retirement of Mr Bob Paulley as our Accountant, the appointment of Mr Tim Nutt as Independent Examiner of the Parish accounts was agreed by the PCC.

Structure, governance and management

The Parish of Swaythling was created in 1992, combining the parishes of St Mary, South Stoneham and St Alban the Martyr, Burgess Road, Swaythling.

The Vicarage is 357 Burgess Road, Southampton, SO16 3BD. This address also covers St Alban's Church where the Parish Office is situated.

St Mary's Church and the St Mary's Community Hall are situated in St Mary's Church Close, off Wessex Lane, SO18 2ST.

The Parish Website is <http://www.swaythlingparish.org.uk> and the Parish Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/#!/SwaythlingParish?fref=ts>. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission on 5 February 2010 with the title 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaythling' (registered charity number 1134132).

Electoral Roll At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (April 2024) 92 people were on the roll (87 in 2023).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) manages the financial affairs of the parish and also, as required under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, co-operates with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The members of the PCC during the year 1 January to 31 December 2024 were as follows:

Ex Officio

Revd P Dockree, The Vicar (Chair), Revd D Eisentraeger, Revd J Sweetnam (until November)

Churchwardens (St Alban)

Churchwardens (St Mary, South Stoneham)

Mrs J Trussler (until April)

Miss A Lewin (from April)

Mr G Stone (from April)

Deanery Synod Representatives

Miss A Lewin

Mr G Stone (Diocesan Synod) (Secretary)

Elected Members

Mr J Saunders

Helen Parker

Mrs J Hales

Mrs M Mew (Treasurer)

Mrs O Wilson (until April)

Mrs J Barry

Miss L Frankel (from April)

In attendance

Revd Canon B Hartnell (until August)

Mrs L Hewitt (until August)

S Pellington (from Sept)

F Waters (from Sept)

G Nguyen (from Sept)

Membership note

vacancies until April for 3 Churchwardens, 1 Deanery Synod Rep, 2 Elected Members of PCC
vacancies from April for 2 Churchwardens, 1 Deanery Synod Rep, 1 Elected Members of PCC

In 2020 the APCM had adopted a scheme which varied the membership of the PCC set out in the new Church Representation Rules (in order to maintain the Parish's pre-existing practice), however in 2024 the PCC felt that the association of the PCC's elected representatives of the laity with the two Church buildings was no longer representative of the nature of the Parish. As such the PCC recommendation that the APCM updated the scheme to remove this element. The APCM agreed with this recommendation, but maintained the elected places at eight and the term of office as two years.

In September the PCC appointed G Nguyen as Treasurer on the basis of a handover between M Mew and G Nguyen taking place at the end of the Parish's financial year (ie 31st Dec).

PCC

The PCC met seven times during the year. The PCC was also able to decide some formal business by correspondence. Some business was conducted through sub committees and groups.

Important elements of standard business considered by the PCC during the year included:

- regular reports on the Parish's financial situation.
- matters relating to the church buildings.
- Safeguarding.
- Details on these matters is reported in the relevant sections of this report.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf: _____

General Account**2024****2023****Receipts**

Gift Aided giving	24673.92	23287.39
Tax refunds	4701.68	4974.50
Non-gift aided giving	110	130
Donations	6036.1	4995.77
Church collections	637.9	1182.52
Refund of Parish Share overpay		
	36159.6	34570.18
Use of St. Mary's	615	45
Fees	1978	5506
Fund raising	3.2	6.30
Community Room	8781.20	6531.02
Rent of Office	1440	1440
Parish hall contribution		
Refunds - QI Architect		
Refund from Talk Talk		
Children's work		
HMRC furlough		
Refund of Income Tax	2126.07	2141.07
Ordination gift		
Sale of benches		550
	14943.47	16219.39
	51103.07	50789.57

Less Payments

Clergy expenses	786.79	1030.49
CEMES		
New computer		
Light, Heat, Water	14389.73	5834.26
Insurance	5167.01	4799.16
Maintenance	7259.7	3393.98
Fees, licences etc	880.12	513.74
Upkeep of Services	547.98	593.34
Parish Share	1935.82	24852.69
Organist, organ tuning and Choir		230
Cleaning SA and SM	2501.74	1873.02
Stationery/telephone	1489.82	1286.03
Major repairs (St Alban)		
Expenses re fundraising		
Community Room expenses		
Parish Office	8377.12	6937.57
Children's work and outreach	11.98	260.66
Income Tax	887.40	632.8
Gifts - J Sweetnam	200.00	147.6
		-147.6
Xfer to photocopier fund	544.21	430.12
	44979.42	52667.86
Surplus income over expend	6123.65	-1878.29

1. Summary of Unrestricted Funds

		Surplus (excess)	Balance b/fwd	Balance c/fwd
Parish Hall				
	<i>Receipts</i>			
	Receipts from users	13110.25		
	Donations	220		
	Insurance claim			
		<u>13330.25</u>		
	<i>Less Payments</i>			
	Light, heat, water	8970.53		
	Maintenance	772.00		
	Cleaning	1261.64		
	Insurance	1411.24		
	Mini Marvels			
	New toilets			
		<u>12415.41</u>	914.84	13189.04
				14103.88
Magazines				
	<i>Receipts</i>			
	Subscriptions			
	Advertisements			
	<i>Less Payments</i>			
	Photocopier			
	Postage			
		<u>0.00</u>	0.00	
Memorials				
	Receipts	5320.00		
	<i>Payment</i>			
	Xfer to roof	2000.00	2000.00	<u>2325.54</u>
				5645.54

2. Summary of Restricted Funds

			Surplus (excess)	Balance b/fwd	
Fabric Fund					
	Receipts				
	Grave prep				
	Less payments				
	Xfer to roof	7000		7777.85	777.85
Churchyard					
	Receipts				
	Payment for				
	inscriptions	150			
	Investments/divs				
	Donation				
	City Council grant				
					0.00
	Less Payments				
	Inscriptions				
	Maintenance	450.00			
			-300.00	2350.05	2050.05
Flower Fund					
	Receipts		10.00		
	Less Payments		431.14	-421.14	421.14
					0.00
Special Funds					
	St Albans Organ			729.69	729.69
	St Mary's Organ		-240.00	134.16	-105.84
	Roof income	see note*	166424.74		
	Roof expenditure		198042.03	-31617.29	37406.45
					5789.16
Make Lunch/Messy Church					
	Receipts		1820.62		
	Less Payments		282.83		
				1537.79	1544.61
					3082.40
Missions and Charities					
	Receipts				
	Donations				
	Less payments				
	Expenses				
	To Charities			0.00	182.21
					182.21

Photocopier***Receipts***

Printing service sheets	6.50			
Transfer from Police grant				
Transfer from General Fund	544.21			
	<u>550.71</u>			

Less payments

Photocopier maint.	550.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Stevens South Stoneham Fund***Receipts***

Deposit interest

Payments

Transfer to Roof	20000.00		23052.87	3052.87
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Friends of St. Mary's Fund***Receipts***

Membership fees & events

Payments

Xfer to roof	60000.00			
Concert				
		0.00	71766.59	11766.59

Friends of St. Albans Fund***Receipts***

Membership fees & events

Payments

HG Electricals	<u>984.00</u>			
		-984.00	4289.65	3305.65

Young Legacy***Receipts***

Abel Solicitor				0.00
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Outgoings

St Albans Building Project			10000.70	10000.7
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St. Albans Building Project*Receipts*

Refund of VAT

Payments

Seymour & Bainbridge

B&M Clark

Xfer to Gen Fund

0 1654.40 **1,654.40****3rd Millenium Grant***Income*

1,435.00

Payments

1,469.88

-34.88 2810.81 **2,775.93****The Cave***Receipts**Expenses*

Craft & refreshment

35.40

-35.40 2360.59 **2,325.19****Youth Project***Receipts*

Donation

Expenditure

Equip & refreshment

777.22

-777.22 3820.72 **3,043.50****Teachers' Lunch***Receipts*

Expenditure

0.00 498.55 **498.55****Fairbairn**

3,000.00

Expenses

399.99

2600.01 **2,600.01****Fisher**

2,400.00

1,660.55

xfer to Gen Acct

700.00

Gardening

39.45

Williams Legacy
Income

Expenditure

15,000.00

3. Summary of Reserves

Balance brought forward	11824.66	
CBF Interest	4469.37	
Transfer from Gen. Fund	<u>6123.65</u>	
		22417.68

Current Assets

CBF Deposit Account	11206.14	
Main NatWest Bank Account	<u>101150.42</u>	
		112356.56

Net Assets

Represented by

1. Unrestricted Funds	19749.42	
2. Restricted Funds	70189.46	
3. Reserves	<u>22417.68</u>	
		112356.56

Other Assets

Gift Aid account	70
Fees account	2172.17

*roof income + £6000 from HIHCT

NOTE: We should leave about £4k in the Roof fund for 2.5% retention to be paid in June/July 2025

We should expect an invoice from Radley House (possibly £2000).

Reminder: have only paid one Parish Share amount to date this year.

Note: We will receive a sum of money in the region of £50k in approx. July of 2025. This is a legacy from Robin Kelley and will be for the use of St Mary's Church.

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Of Swaythling

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaythling, Southampton ('the PCC') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC, 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and 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 PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Name: Tim Nutt

Signed:



Date: 7th March 2025

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Fees	1978	5506
Fund raising	3.2	6.30
Community Room	8781.20	6531.02
Rent of Office	1440	1440
Parish hall contribution		
Refunds - QI Architect		
Refund from Talk Talk		
Children's work		
HMRC furlough		
Refund of Income Tax	2126.07	2141.07
Ordination gift		
Sale of benches		550
	14943.47	16219.39
	51103.07	50789.57

Less Payments

Clergy expenses	786.79	1030.49
CEMES		
New computer		
Light, Heat, Water	14389.73	5834.26
Insurance	5167.01	4799.16
Maintenance	7259.7	3393.98
Fees, licences etc	880.12	513.74
Upkeep of Services	547.98	593.34
Parish Share	1935.82	24852.69
Organist, organ tuning and Choir		230
Cleaning SA and SM	2501.74	1873.02
Stationery/telephone	1489.82	1286.03
Major repairs (St Alban)		
Expenses re fundraising		
Community Room expenses		
Parish Office	8377.12	6937.57
Children's work and outreach	11.98	260.66
Income Tax	887.40	632.8
Gifts - J Sweetnam	200.00	147.6
		-147.6
Xfer to photocopier fund	544.21	430.12
	44979.42	52667.86
Surplus income over expend	6123.65	-1878.29

1. Summary of Unrestricted Funds

		Surplus (excess)	Balance b/fwd	Balance c/fwd
Parish Hall				
	<i>Receipts</i>			
	Receipts from users	13110.25		
	Donations	220		
	Insurance claim			
		<u>13330.25</u>		
	<i>Less Payments</i>			
	Light, heat, water	8970.53		
	Maintenance	772.00		
	Cleaning	1261.64		
	Insurance	1411.24		
	Mini Marvels			
	New toilets			
		<u>12415.41</u>	914.84	13189.04
				14103.88
Magazines				
	<i>Receipts</i>			
	Subscriptions			
	Advertisements			
		<u></u>		
	<i>Less Payments</i>			
	Photocopier			
	Postage			
		<u>0.00</u>	0.00	
Memorials				
	Receipts	5320.00		
	<i>Payment</i>			
	Xfer to roof	2000.00	2000.00	<u>2325.54</u>
				5645.54

2. Summary of Restricted Funds

			Surplus (excess)	Balance b/fwd	
Fabric Fund					
	Receipts				
	Grave prep				
	Less payments				
	Xfer to roof	7000		7777.85	777.85
Churchyard					
	Receipts				
	Payment for				
	inscriptions	150			
	Investments/divs				
	Donation				
	City Council grant				
					0.00
	Less Payments				
	Inscriptions				
	Maintenance	450.00			
			-300.00	2350.05	2050.05
Flower Fund					
	Receipts		10.00		
	Less Payments		431.14	-421.14	421.14
					0.00
Special Funds					
	St Albans Organ			729.69	729.69
	St Mary's Organ		-240.00	134.16	-105.84
	Roof income	see note*	166424.74		
	Roof expenditure		198042.03	-31617.29	37406.45
					5789.16
Make Lunch/Messy Church					
	Receipts		1820.62		
	Less Payments		282.83		
				1537.79	1544.61
					3082.40
Missions and Charities					
	Receipts				
	Donations				
	Less payments				
	Expenses				
	To Charities			0.00	182.21
					182.21

Photocopier***Receipts***

Printing service sheets	6.50			
Transfer from Police grant				
Transfer from General Fund	544.21			
	<u>550.71</u>			

Less payments

Photocopier maint.	550.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Stevens South Stoneham Fund***Receipts***

Deposit interest

Payments

Transfer to Roof	20000.00		23052.87	3052.87
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Friends of St. Mary's Fund***Receipts***

Membership fees & events

Payments

Xfer to roof	60000.00			
Concert				
		0.00	71766.59	11766.59

Friends of St. Albans Fund***Receipts***

Membership fees & events

Payments

HG Electricals	<u>984.00</u>			
		-984.00	4289.65	3305.65

Young Legacy***Receipts***

Abel Solicitor				0.00
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Outgoings

St Albans Building Project			10000.70	10000.7
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St. Albans Building Project*Receipts*

Refund of VAT

Payments

Seymour & Bainbridge

B&M Clark

Xfer to Gen Fund

0 1654.40 **1,654.40****3rd Millenium Grant*****Income***

1,435.00

Payments

1,469.88

-34.88 2810.81 **2,775.93****The Cave*****Receipts******Expenses***

Craft & refreshment

35.40

-35.40 2360.59 **2,325.19****Youth Project*****Receipts***

Donation

Expenditure

Equip & refreshment

777.22

-777.22 3820.72 **3,043.50****Teachers' Lunch***Receipts*

Expenditure

0.00 498.55 **498.55****Fairbairn**

3,000.00

Expenses

399.99

2600.01 **2,600.01****Fisher**

2,400.00

1,660.55

xfer to Gen Acct

700.00

Gardening

39.45

Williams Legacy
Income

Expenditure

15,000.00

3. Summary of Reserves

Balance brought forward	11824.66	
CBF Interest	4469.37	
Transfer from Gen. Fund	<u>6123.65</u>	
		22417.68

Current Assets

CBF Deposit Account	11206.14	
Main NatWest Bank Account	<u>101150.42</u>	
		112356.56

Net Assets

Represented by

1. Unrestricted Funds	19749.42	
2. Restricted Funds	70189.46	
3. Reserves	<u>22417.68</u>	
		112356.56

Other Assets

Gift Aid account	70
Fees account	2172.17

*roof income + £6000 from HIHCT

NOTE: We should leave about £4k in the Roof fund for 2.5% retention to be paid in June/July 2025

We should expect an invoice from Radley House (possibly £2000).

Reminder: have only paid one Parish Share amount to date this year.

Note: We will receive a sum of money in the region of £50k in approx. July of 2025. This is a legacy from Robin Kelley and will be for the use of St Mary's Church.

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Of Swaythling

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaythling, Southampton ('the PCC') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC, 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and 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 PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Name: Tim Nutt

Signed:



Date: 7th March 2025

Accounts

Membership note

vacancies until Aug for 2 Churchwarden, 1 Deanery Synod Rep, 2 Elected Members of PCC

vacancies from Aug for 3 Churchwarden, 1 Deanery Synod Rep, 2 Elected Members of PCC

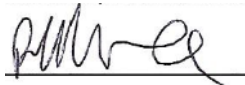
PCC

The PCC met six times during the year. The PCC was also able to decide some formal business by correspondence. Some business was conducted through sub committees and groups.

Important elements of standard business considered by the PCC during the year included:

- regular reports on the Parish's financial situation.
- matters relating to the church buildings (primarily as reflected in the reports on each church, as given in the relevant sections below).

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf:



Parish of Swaythling

St Alban's Church and St Mary's Church

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year 2023



St Alban's Church, Tulip Road



St Mary's Church, South Stoneham

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of Swaythling has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Peter Dockree, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and other activities, making suggestions about how they can involve the many groups that live within our parish, so that all that we do as a parish puts our faith into action.

During its May meeting the PCC reflected on the values we felt defined us as a Parish: these can be summarised by the following statements:

We want to be a growing vibrant worshipping community, living out Christ's example of love and acceptance of all people, providing a safe context in which to explore and question faith, as well as a home for those with strong and committed beliefs

We want to learn to be more flexible, while remaining true to ourselves, so that we can reach out into the community to find where God is at work, and help build the Kingdom.

The PCC also ensures administrative and financial policies and procedures are current and compliant.

Members of the PCC

The members of the PCC during the year 1 January to 31 December 2023 were as follows:

Ex Officio

Revd P Dockree, The Vicar (*Chair*), Revd D Eisentraeger, Revd J Sweetnam (*from February*)

Churchwardens (St Alban)

Mr G Card (*until Aug*)

Churchwardens (St Mary, South Stoneham)

Mrs J Trussler

Deanery Synod Representatives

Ann Lewin

Mr G Stone (*Diocesan Synod*) (*Secretary*)

Elected Members

Mr J Saunders

Mrs S Harvey (*until April*)

Helen Parker (*from April*)

Mrs J Hales

Mrs M Mew (*Treasurer*)

Mrs O Wilson

Mrs J Barry

In attendance

Revd Canon B Hartnell

Mrs L Hewitt

Structure, governance and management

The Parish of Swaythling was created in 1992, combining the parishes of St Mary, South Stoneham and St Alban the Martyr, Burgess Road, Swaythling.

The Vicarage is 357 Burgess Road, Southampton, SO16 3BD. This address also covers St Alban's Church where the Parish Office is situated.

St Mary's Church and the St Mary's Community Hall are situated in St Mary's Church Close, off Wessex Lane, SO18 2ST.

The Parish Website is <http://www.swaythlingparish.org.uk> and the Parish Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/#!/SwaythlingParish?fref=ts>. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission on 5 February 2010 with the title 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaythling' (registered charity number 1134132).

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (April 2023) 87 people were on the roll
(84 in 2022).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) manages the financial affairs of the parish and also, as required under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, co-operates with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievements and performance

Parish Life

We were delighted to welcome Joe Sweetnam to the Parish as curate in February 2023. His expertise as a former architect was a welcome asset when he took on co-ordinating the St Mary's roof project.

We said goodbye to KM a regular worshipper, RP and GH from our Thursdays Together community, who died in 2023.

From June 2023, the Vicar, Peter Dockree, was absent due to illness. We are pleased to report that he began a phased return to work in March 2024. Peter writes, *"I am grateful to the amazing team, for their hard work in not just keeping things going but seeing them flourish. I'm really excited to come back and to build on all that has been achieved whilst I've been off"*.

Worship

We are continually seeking to be a diverse, vibrant, inclusive and open worshipping community, where those who come feel welcome, connected and met by God's grace, whether they have never been to church before or are lifelong church goers. In 2023 it has been wonderful to welcome new people to all our different forms of worship.



On a Sunday:

The 8am Book of Common Prayer service at St Mary's offers quiet traditional worship.

The 10:15am at St Albans saw a growing and ever more diverse congregation. We have welcomed new people from the local community, some coming along after being part of our Thursdays Together community and others new to the area. We have continued to develop our musical worship, mixing traditional and contemporary hymns and songs and are particularly grateful to all those who have been part of making this happen.



The 5:30pm "Threshold" at St Mary's offered an inclusive space for reflection, questions, breaking bread together and community. It often met with very small numbers but there is a real sense that such a space is both needed and deeply valued. However, as numbers have become even more limited, during 2024 we will be exploring alternative options for how to continue to offer this space.

Across all of our Sunday services, the average attendance has been 45 adults and 5 children. 10 adults joined but 8 left, 5 children joined but 2 left.

Once a month, St Alban's welcomes up to 20 families exploring faith together through a variety of crafts and activities as part of our Messy Church service. The session ends with an energetic celebration bringing together the theme of the afternoon along with songs and prayers. Almost everyone stays on for a home cooked meal and conversation around the tables. It has been a joy to see this congregation become more established over the year and to build relationships with families who come. We often hear comments like this from our Messy church participants, "I love this place, it's like our home". We are hugely grateful to the team of volunteers who enable it to happen each month.



Thanks are also due to The Listeners Trust (for contributions towards the cost of a new water heater for the community room and towards Thursdays Together) and the Third Age Millennial Fund (for contributions towards holiday activities and food provision, cooking courses and providing breakfast at Thursdays Together during school holidays).

Our major funding project – to raise £200,000 to replace the roof at St. Mary's – has reached a total of £37,000 and we are enormously grateful to those who have contributed. In addition, we have been awarded grants of £10,000 each from the National Churches Trust, the Wolfson Foundation and the Cecil King Trust. We have also received a grant of £6,000 from The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Historic Churches Trust. Quotes have been received from three building companies and, in discussion with the church architect, we are currently in the process of selecting one of them. *[It should be noted that the PCC (with guidance from our Church Architect) has selected B & M Clark (Builders) Ltd. To carry out the works with a view to commencing in April 2024.]*

We are grateful to the late AW for his legacy of £15,000.

Finally, we are most grateful to R G Paulley and Associates who have once again agreed to independently audit our accounts at no cost to ourselves. However, this will be the final year of their help as Mr Paulley will retire during the summer of 2024.

Financial review

This year, it has been a struggle to keep the General Account in the black. Unfortunately, during December, the final payment of the 2023 Parish Share and boiler repairs at St Albans took the account into the red.

It is encouraging that Gift Aided giving was slightly higher than last year although this, not unexpectedly, meant that collections and non-gift aided giving were reduced somewhat.

Donations into the General Account were substantially lower than last year, which appears to be partly due to people choosing to donate to the Roof Fund or to community activities such as Thursdays Together and Holiday Tuesdays.

Utility bills show an expected slight increase but other expenditure was similar to last year.

The hall showed a profit of just over £2,000 but the revenue from hall users needs to increase significantly if we are to afford the repairs required to replace the flat roof (which is currently leaking), refurbishment of the female toilets and a replacement the water heater.

We are grateful to Southampton City Council who once again provided a grant towards the cost of maintaining St. Mary's Churchyard.

Over the year we came together for various services and worship activities to mark special or significant occasions and aimed at being both a comforting presence for those familiar with these services and a missional opportunity to reach those in the community who may be new to them. These included our annual All Souls and observance of Remembrance Sunday (with active involvement of the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and representation from the nearby Gurdwara).

In September Bishop Debbie joined us to celebrate the baptism, renewal of baptismal vows and confirmation of 7 candidates.



During Holy Week we offered a range of worship and reflection: a creative and reflective service to mark the last hour at the cross, a Taizé service, Stations of the Cross, a Maundy Thursday communion.

After a low attended Easter vigil the year before, we refreshed the way Easter was celebrated. We offered an Easter breakfast, followed by lighting the Paschal candle outside and then moved, accompanied by a South African song of praise, into the church where we continued the service.





In Advent we offered two Carol services, at St Alban's with 54 people attending, and St Mary's with 45 people attending. The services spoke to different demographics and were well received. Thanks to Laura Hewitt and Gwilym Stone who planned and led the services and all who contributed to them.



Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday which made it extra busy - a big thank you to all involved.



The **Christingle** services were well attended, 62 children and 84 adults at St Alban's, and 18 children, 83 adults at St Mary's.



47 people attended the **midnight communion** service at St Mary's. Then on **Christmas Day**, as has become tradition, it was a joy to celebrate at St Albans with the Baptist Church (52 people).



Home communion continued with those unable to get out, by the clergy and Ann Lewin.

The members of our congregation with **Bishop's Commission for Mission** continued with in their various ministries within the Parish.

Ann Lewin has the BCM (Worship), and leads the Ministry of the Word in the 10.15 service at St Alban's and devises and leads worship on other occasions. Ann also preaches at intervals.

The roof on the Hall will require replacing soon, as well as other refurbishment such as the female toilets, therefore during 2024 the PCC and hall users will be exploring future funding options.

Friends of St Mary's and Friends of St Alban's

There were no specific Friends of St Mary's events, as the focus has been on the Roof Appeal.

There were also no Friends of St Alban's activities during the year – reflection on how to relaunch and engage with the changing wider community around St Alban's is needed.

Deanery Synod

The Synod met on three occasions during 2023, including at St Alban's in October. Presentations topics included The Role of "Comms" in Sharing The Good News, Environmental Stewardship, Making Church Accessible for All. The Synod received regular updates on clergy movements, pastoral reorganisations such as the merger of the Parishes of Millbrook and Freemantle, and feedback from Deanery Representatives on Diocesan Synod.

As well as the Parish activities the Church and Community Room are also well used by a range of other community groups, such as City Life Church, Frontline Debt advice, Heart and Voice Choir, Fitness Class, and as concert venue for Southampton University Music Group and others.

St Mary's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

As mentioned in the finance report, much work has been done this year to raise funds to repair the roof. This included concerts, quiz night, ride & stride, cream teas, as well as obtaining several grants. Our Curates attended an award ceremony in London after St Mary's won a national award worth £10,000. Building works are due to start in April 2024.

Churchyard

A loyal band of helpers meet each week on a Tuesday morning to tend to the churchyard.

The DAC has granted a faculty to enable us to increase the size of the Garden of Remembrance, but work on this is being deferred until work on the roof is completed due to the placement of scaffolding.

Parish Hall / Community Hall

The parish Hall is well used by our regular lets: Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Explorers, Brownies, Westfield Drama, Pilates, and Hearing Dogs, plus we have had many one-off users running events ranging from classes for wreath making and cooking to celebration community events.

Sarah Dockree and Mary Williams hold a BCM (Pioneering) and continue to be involved in various aspects of parish life, continually seeking to connect the church with the local community and ensure all we offer is reaching as many people as we can in relevant and effective ways.

Gwilym Stone also has the BCM (Pioneering) and plans and leads some of the Threshold services.

Bible study

At the beginning of the year a group of people came together to learn more about the Bible and to enjoy fellowship. The group met first every Wednesday, and then every other Wednesday. It started with an introduction to the Bible, followed by a study on John 17. During Lent we stopped the Bible study and joined the Lent course 'Bless the Lent we actually have' created by Kate Bowler. After Easter the group studied the Gospel of Mark. We had a Christmas social, before the group stopped for the foreseeable future.

Prayer Corner

St Agnes Chapel was reimagined during the year to encourage its use as a prayer space throughout the week. One of our BCM's had the idea how to enhance the prayer area and to create a space that speaks to the people and context the church is placed in. The area is in regular use and since we've made the changes our prayer group has grown. People also meet in the area for pastoral conversations on Thursdays and the plan is to use it for other prayer activities during the week. We honoured the past by displaying an image of the old St Agnes church with an explanation of its history as the forerunner to St Alban's.

Schools work

The clergy have been invited into all our local schools (Mansbridge, Swaythling, Bassett Green, and Cantell) to take assemblies. We welcomed Mansbridge for an Easter service at St Mary's, as well as several year groups from Swaythling to St Alban's for visits and a group from Year 7 at Cantell to learn more about Christianity and its impact on the community as part of their RE curriculum. Our curate, Daniela Eisentraeger, also had the privilege to speak at the Cantell Christmas concert. Peter Dockree and Daniela Eisentraeger continue to work with Southampton City Mission to support an after-school club at Mansbridge. These connections with our local schools have been pivotal in facilitating the growth of other activities for families in the parish. We have also continued to work closely with the family liaison workers at the schools as we seek to support some of the same families.

Throughout 2023 Peter Dockree was a part of the governing body at Bassett Green. In September Gwilym Stone stepped down after 10 years as Chair of Governors at Mansbridge but remains on the governing body.

THURSDAYS TOGETHER

Every Thursday morning we continued to welcome people to St Alban's for hot drinks and toast, conversation and to offer various items of food to support those finding it difficult to make ends meet. Many came each week, some from time to time. Visitor numbers for food remain at 45-50 each week with several more coming just for company and coffee. At a practical level we provided a range of fresh and long-life foods, including surplus from local supermarkets. Each week limits are suggested based on what stock is available and to ensure fairness.

“ I don't know what I would do without this - it's the only time I leave the house each week ”

crafts for family events or being at present activities and so many more roles besides – we couldn't have the impact we do as a Parish without the commitment of so many. Thank you.

Safeguarding

The PCC was pleased to appoint Helen Parker as Parish Safeguarding Officer in April, filling a long-standing vacancy. Helen has been working with the Parish Safeguarding Administrator to refresh policies and procedures in line with the latest guidance and best practice for the PCC's adoption.

St Alban's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

Following on from previous works last year on The Cave, a working party set to in May to redecorate the cave with fresh paint and new curtains to give the space a new lease of life.

In November, high levels of rain caused problems in the basement with rising damp issues in the office. This became such a problem that the parquet flooring became regularly sodden. This resulted in the moving of the office functions upstairs to the vestry.

The heavy rain and high winds over the winter caused the rear flat roof to leak over the staircase. The Quinquennial Inspection due for 2023 was postponed to 2024. At time of writing, the inspection has been completed and the report is anticipated to include recommendations to remedy the leak.

We are in the process of applying for a faculty for a shed in the rear car park to store equipment for the youth group. The plan is to store equipment like the table tennis, table football and other bits which are currently stored in the church. An application to the Council to grant permission is also in progress.

Crafternoons – these continued fortnightly throughout term time and have become a regular community of people who enjoy meeting together to craft, chat and eat cake! Friendships have been forged and skills shared as well as providing a place for people to come together.



OPEN CHURCH for Halloween

We opened the community room at St Albans, on what was a very wet evening, for anyone who was out trick or treating and wanted a break, or anyone who was at home and valued having somewhere warm and welcoming to come along to. Yet again, the event proved popular with people who popped in for varying amounts of time. It provided a great opportunity for the church to be a place of light on an evening that can be a dark and difficult for many.

Cooking Group – Thanks to the generous grant from Third Age Millennial Fund we were able to invite 7 people to a fortnightly cooking group in St Alban's Community Room from October – November. This came about following requests from people we had met at Thursdays Together and a realisation that many people are looking for ways to increase their confidence and have opportunities to do things with others. The course was facilitated by an external tutor with volunteers from the church present to build on relationships and work alongside the group. There was very positive feedback from participants and a high attendance rate. Funding remains for further groups during 2024.

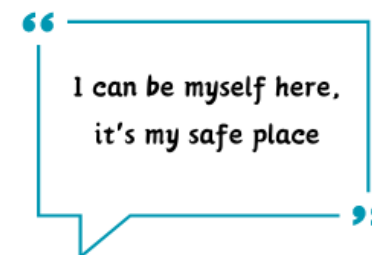


The PCC are immensely grateful to all who give their time and energy to the activities and events which happen in the Parish – whether playing music at a service, keeping the kitchen stocked up, preparing

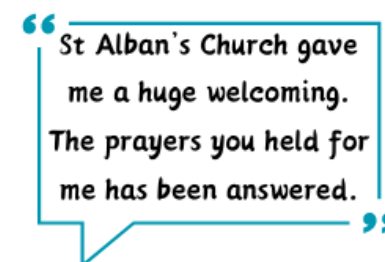
We work closely with **Frontline Debt Advice** and Dominic Williams is present most weeks to chat to people as needed, which has proved a vital service for many who come.



An opportunity to light candles and place prayers in a box to be prayed during the week was offered during the year and this has been well received, with a real hunger to engage in conversations, and sometimes prayer, with volunteers.



We will continue to explore ways of connecting with this congregation more over the coming year as this community develops. We are really grateful to all the volunteers who make this happen every week, as well



as countless others who collect food, contribute financially and pray for Thursday mornings.

In the summer term we were made aware of a need at a local primary school where staff were being impacted by the cost of living crisis. The school approached the church to ask if it was able to suggest any ways of helping – as a result we were able to secure a grant to extend the work of Thursdays Together to set up a small “community larder” for the school community in the staffroom. This also contained information about Thursdays Together and other local agencies and sources of support as well as details of activities in the parish.

Youthwork and “The Cave”

In March the rear car park at St Alban’s was used for 3 evenings, inviting local young people to come and play games and enjoy free food and drink, as well as share their ideas about how they would like to see a youth space develop. In August there was a weekly presence on Daisy Dip (linking with Friends of Daisy Dip’s community picnics “Dipnics”) offering activities and games to older children and young people, as well as the opportunity to chat to parents. In December we welcomed over 30 young people to a Christmas BBQ and firepit in the car park where it was wonderful to see young people we knew and those we hadn’t met before coming together to enjoy a fun evening.



From November we have been running the youth events at St Albans once a month on the last Saturday. The aim of these is to continue to build relationships with young people. These events feature a variety of activities, including a BBQ, firepit and Basketball in the rear car park and a variety of indoor activities ranging from craft tables to table football and challenges that have to be completed in a minute. These challenges have proved to be popular and are a good way of the young people gathering and chatting together as they try them. Mary Williams has worked hard to make the Cave an attractive space and this includes new curtains along with some lamps. Attendance has varied from 11-30.

We have been blessed with a great Team of regular volunteers with different skills and experience but would value some younger volunteers too. We sent 2 volunteers on a First Aider at work course.

Friday Lunch Club



Friday Lunch Club for over 50s continued to welcome 25-30 people every month

from the local community for a home cooked meal and warm welcome. We continued to welcome new people throughout the year and at Christmas celebrated Christmas dinner with all the trimmings in the church itself. We continue to deliver meals to a few people who are unable to get to the lunches and are grateful for all those who cook for this every month and who collect folk who come or deliver meals.



Mini Marvels

The group has welcomed between 8 and 15 families each week throughout the year for play, snacks, crafts, stories and songs and many of these families have then come along to other events as well. However, at the time of writing this report, the group has ceased meeting due to a change in circumstances for those leading it, but we look forward to exploring more ways of connecting during this vital phase of families lives in the future.



Holiday Tuesdays

These were held for 5 weeks of the summer holidays following generous funding from individuals and the Third Age Millennial Fund. Each week families were able to enjoy a variety of games and activities, inside and outside, including foam archery, pool, table tennis, board games, toddler toys, Lego and basketball. This was followed by a home cooked meal and then a film for anyone who wanted to stay. These events proved really popular with local families and at the final one over 100 people attended. A similar event was held in the Christmas holidays and was also really well received.



Fun at Holiday Tuesdays

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FUNDS
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

FIXED ASSETS:-

CURRENT ASSETS:-

C.B.F. Deposit Account	146736.77
Nat. West. Bank Account	66403.51
	<u>213140.28</u>

NET ASSETS:-

Represented By:-	<u>Notes</u>	
Unrestricted Funds	1	15514.58
Restricted Funds	2	185801.04
Reserves	3	11824.66
		<u>213140.28</u>

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SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023
GENERAL ACCOUNT

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:-</u>			
Gift Aided Giving		23302.39	21919.68
Tax Refunds		4974.50	4116.41
Non-Gift Aided giving		130.00	260.00
Donations		4995.77	9044.23
Church Collections		1133.32	1476.22
Refund of Parish Share overpay		<u>34535.98</u>	<u>4951.14</u>
			41767.68
Fees	5506.00		5307.00
Fundrasing	40.50		180.60
Use of St Mary's	45.00		50.00
Community Room	6531.02		6006.62
Rent of Office	1440.00		1195.00
Refund QI Architect			
Refund from Talk Talk			
HMRC Furlough			
Refund of income tax	2141.07		
Ordination gift			150.00
Sale of Benches	550.00		
	<u> </u>	<u>16253.59</u>	<u> </u>
		50789.57	54656.90
<u>Less EXPENDITURE:-</u>			
Clergy expenses	1030.49		739.41
Light,Heat,Water,Insurance	5834.26		3947.01
Insurance	4799.16		4667.94
Maintenance	3393.98		1303.24
Administration Fees etc	513.74		1849.91
Upkeep of Services	593.34		970.53
Parish Share	24852.69		25625.64
Organists & Choirs	230.00		400.00
Maintenance & SM Cleaning	1873.02		1724.83
Stationery/Telephone	1286.03		1074.56
Major Repairs			
Expenses Re Fundraising			94.80
Community Room Expenses			156.54
Parish Office	6937.57		8258.46
Childrens work & outreach	260.66		435.30
Income Tax	632.80		382.00
Overpayment to Dockree	147.60		
Overpayment to Dockree	-147.60		
Transfer to photocopier	430.12		
	<u> </u>	<u>52667.86</u>	<u>51630.17</u>
<u>SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>			
Transfer to/from Reserve		<u>-1878.29</u>	<u>3026.73</u>
		<u>50789.57</u>	<u>54656.90</u>

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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1)	<u>SUMMARY OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:-</u>			
	<u>PARISH HALL:-</u>			
	RECEIPTS			
	Receipts from users	7508.75		
	Donations			
	Insurance claim			
		<u>7508.75</u>		
	Less Expenditure:-			
	Light & Heat	1588.45		
	Maintenance/Tuning	594.00		
	Cleaning	1472.62		
	Insurance	1513.78		
	Mini Marvels			
	Transfer to Gen Fund	<u>5168.85</u>	2339.90	10849.14
				13189.04
	<u>MAGAZINES:-</u>			
	Receipts:-			
	Suscriptions			
	advertisements			
		<u>0.00</u>		
	Less Expenditure:-			
	Photocopier Costs			
	Postages	<u>0.00</u>	0.00	0
				0.00
	<u>MEMORIALS:-</u>			
	Powell		200.00	200.00
	Wilson		250.00	250.00
	Walker		625.54	625.54
	Eddis		250.00	250.00
	Wakefield		1000.00	1000.00
				<u>2325.54</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		Surplus (Excess)	Balance B/Fwd	C/Fwd
2)	<u>SUMMARY OF RESTRICTED FUNDS:-</u>			
	<u>FABRIC FUND:-</u>			
	Receipts:-			
	Grave Prep			
	Less: Payment			
	Update memorial	0.00	7777.85	7777.85
	<u>CHURCHYARD:-</u>			
	Receipts:-			
	Payment for Inscriptions			
	Investment Dividends			
	Donation			
	Grant from City Council	810.00		
		<u>810.00</u>		
	Less: Expenditure:-			
	Inscriptions	564.48		
	Maintenance	<u>208.96</u>	36.56	2313.49
				2350.05
	<u>MAKE LUNCH:-</u>			
	Receipts	374.00		
	Less Payments	<u>651.12</u>	-277.12	1821.73
				1544.61
	<u>FLOWER FUND:-</u>			
	Receipts:-			
	Less Payments:-	<u>0.00</u>	421.14	421.14
	<u>SPECIAL FUNDS:-</u>			
	St Albans Organ		729.69	729.69
	St Marys Organ		134.16	134.16
	Roof Income	9285.89		
	Roof Expenditure	7120.12	2165.77	35240.68
				37406.45
	<u>MISSION & CHARITIES:-</u>			
	Receipts:-			
	Donations	197.34		
	Less Payments:-			
	Expenses			
	Charities	197.34	<u>197.34</u>	0.00
				182.21
				182.21

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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<u>PARISH OFFICE:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Printing Service Sheets				
Transfer from Police Grant				
Transfer from Reserves	430.12			
	<u>430.12</u>			
Less Payments:-				
Photocopier Maintenance	430.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>430.12</u>			
<u>STEVENS SOUTH STONEHAM FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Deposit Interest				
Donation				
	<u>0.00</u>			
Payments:-				
Sculptor's fee	0.00	0.00	23052.87	23052.87
	<u>0.00</u>			
<u>FRIENDS OF ST MARYS FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Membership fees & events				
Rod Marshall				
	<u>0.00</u>			
Payments:-				
Postage				
Concert				
	<u>0.00</u>			
	0.00	0.00	71766.59	71766.59
<u>FRIENDS OF ST ALBANS FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Membership fees & events				
G Stone Donation				
	<u> </u>			
Payments:				
Trans to Gen Fund			4289.65	4289.65
<u>YOUNG LEGACY:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Abel Solicitor				
Outgoings:-				
St Albans Building Project		0.00	10000.70	10000.70

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ST ALBANS BUILDING PROJECT:-

Receipts
Refund of VAT

Payments
Seymour & Bainbridge
General fund
B&M Clark builders

	0.00	0.00	1654.4	1654.40
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3rd Millenium Grant

Income

3950.00

Payments

1139.19	2810.81	0.00	2810.81
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THE CAVE:-

Receipts
P Fairbain

1970.00

1970.00

Expenses
B&M Clark
Decorating

155.02	155.02	1814.98	545.61	2360.59
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Youth Project

Donations

Expenditure
Equipment

179.28	-179.28	4000	3820.72
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Teachers Lunch

Receipts

575.00

Expenditure

76.45	498.55	0.00	498.55
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Williams Legacy

Income

15000.00	15000.00	0.00	15000.00
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3rd Millenium Grant

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Teachers Lunch

Receipts 575.00

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YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Accounts

Parish of Swaythling

St Alban's Church and St Mary's Church

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year 2022



St Alban's Church, Tulip Road



St Mary's Church, South Stoneham

The Parish of Swaythling was created in 1992, combining the parishes of St Mary, South Stoneham and St Alban the Martyr, Burgess Road, Swaythling.

The Vicarage is 357 Burgess Road, Southampton, SO16 3BD.
This address also covers St Alban's Church where the Parish Office is situated.

St Mary's Church and the Parish Hall (renamed during the year: St Mary's Community Hall) are situated in St Mary's Church Close, off Wessex Lane, SO18 2ST, about a mile from the Vicarage.

The Parish Website is <http://www.swaythlingparish.org.uk> and the Parish Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/#!/SwaythlingParish?fref=ts>.

The Parish registered with the Charity Commission on 5 February 2010 with the title 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaythling' (registered charity number 1134132).

Members of the PCC

The members of the PCC during the year 1 January to 31 December 2022 were as follows:

Ex Officio

Revd P Dockree, The Vicar (Chair) Revd D Eisentraeger

Churchwardens (St Alban)

Mr J Moore (until May) Mr G Card (from Sept)

Churchwardens (St Mary, South Stoneham)

Mrs J Hales (until May) Mrs J Trussler

Deanery Synod Representatives

Ann Lewin Mr G Stone (Diocesan Synod) (Secretary)

Elected Members

Mr J Saunders

Mrs S Harvey

Mrs T Harrison (until Sept)

Mrs J Hales (from May)

Mrs M Mew (Treasurer)

Dr K Piggott (until May)

Mrs O Wilson

Mr G Card (from May to Sept)

Mrs J Barry (from May)

In attendance

Revd Canon B Hartnell

Mrs R Wadhawan (until May)

Mrs L Hewitt (from May)

Membership note

vacancies from May for 3 Churchwarden, 1 Deanery Synod Rep

vacancies from Sept for 2 Churchwarden, 1 Deanery Synod Rep, 2 Elected

Members of PCC

Electoral Roll

At the end of the year 2022 there were 84 people on the Electoral Roll (87 in 2021)

Parish Hall / Community Hall

The hall is well used by a range of groups such as the Beavers, Scouts, Brownies, Westfield Players, Lace Group, German Church, and Pilates Group.

The roof on the hall will require replacing soon, and external funding options are being explored.

Friends of St Mary's and Friends of St Alban's

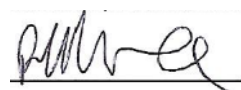
Friends of St Mary's as part of the launch of fundraising appeal for the roof held an enjoyable cream tea during which John Moore gave a talk about how as the City of Southampton grew numerous new Churches and Parishes were formed out of the ancient parish of South Stoneham (including of course St Alban's but now reunited).

There were no Friends of St Alban's activities during the year – reflection on how to relaunch and engage with the changing wider community around St Alban's is needed.

Deanery Synod

The Synod met on three occasions during 2022. Presentations included Warm-spaces, Front-line Debt Advice, and Youth Ministry. Updates on the Living in Love and Faith process were also given.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf:



Rev Peter Dockree (Vicar)

The annual clearance of the grounds with the pruning of shrubs and other vegetation did not take place during the autumn as intended but it is hoped that it can be done in the early part of 2023.

As well as the Parish activities the Church and Community Room are also well used by a range of other community groups, such as City Life Church, Frontline Debt advice, Heart and Voice Choir, Fitness Class, and as concert venue for Southampton University Music Group and others.

St Mary's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

We are looking for ways to publicise the availability of St Mary's Church building for Away days or days of Quiet reflection throughout the Diocese to raise some income.

As noted in the finance section the replacement of the roof is the major focus, with much planning and preparatory work being undertaken with a view to actual work on the roof happening during 2023.

Churchyard

A loyal band of helpers meet each week on a Tuesday morning to tend to the churchyard.

The DAC has granted a faculty to enable us to increase the size of the Garden of Remembrance, but work on this is being delayed until work on the roof is completed, so that roofers will be able to get their scaffolding up and have access to the East end of the church more easily.

PCC

The PCC met seven times during the year. The PCC was also able to decide some formal business by correspondence. Some business was conducted through sub committees and groups.

Important elements of standard business considered by the PCC during the year included:

- regular reports on the Parish's financial situation.
- matters relating to the church buildings (primarily as reflected in the reports on each church, as given in the relevant sections below).

Parish of Swaythling Finance Report 2022

It has been encouraging that the Parish finances have shown some resilience in the face of the current national economic situation.

The General Account was in credit at the end of the year as opposed to some £5k deficit last year. This is due mainly to an increase in donations; the refund of an overpaid Parish Share last year; and a refund of the VAT element of the cost of building works undertaken at St. Albans. Post-COVID, the bookings for the Community Room have increased and the income is approximately 50% more than that for 2021.

Despite keeping a tight rein on expenditure, the total for the year was only marginally less than last year. This was due mainly to increases in the cost of wages for the administration and cleaning staff and, as predicted, increases in energy and insurance costs. Some of our energy contracts are due for renewal in 2023 and it is hoped that we will be able to negotiate favourable rates. However, it is unlikely that prices will fall in the foreseeable future.

Income from users of the hall has risen slightly. This is welcomed as the boiler needs repairing and the flat roof needs repairs or replacement.

We are grateful to Southampton City Council who once again provided a grant towards the cost of maintaining St. Mary's Churchyard.

Building works to prepare 'The Cave' at St Alban's for youth activities were completed and thanks are extended to Southampton City Council and Arnold Clarke for their contributions towards the cost.

Our major funding project – to raise £200,000 to replace the roof at St. Mary's – reached a total of £35,000 and we are enormously grateful to those who have contributed. In addition, we have been awarded a Cornerstone Grant of £10,000 from the National Churches Trust. It is vital that the roof is replaced in the near future before the interior of the church begins to deteriorate more than it already has.

Following the interruption caused by COVID, we were pleased to hold Christingle services at both churches, raising £197.34 for The Children's Society.

Overall, the financial situation is stable but we must bear in mind that considerable expenditure is imminent.

Finally, we are most grateful to R G Paulley and Associates who have once again agreed to independently audit our accounts at no cost to ourselves.

Parish Life 2022

We were delighted to celebrate the Priesting of Daniela Eisentraeger at Winchester Cathedral in July.



The only death of a regular worshipper recorded during the year was that of [REDACTED]

St Alban's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

The main item to report relates to the Cave Project and the refurbishment of the former choir vestry as a youth centre. As previously reported, diocesan permission for the work to upgrade the room and the adjacent cloakroom was obtained in 2021 and the work was carried out during the early part of 2022. The main contractor was B&M Clark, who had previously carried out repair work in various parts of the church. The electrical work was done by Quayside Electrical Ltd. Final checks with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) in connection with fire and safety issues remained to be completed at year end.

There was no other major activity on the fabric of the church during 2022 following the completion of repair work in 2021, the details of which were included in last year's annual report. During the latter part of the year permissions from the DAC were sought to dispose of more of the old wooden seating and to install a post box for the Parish Office and responses were still outstanding at year end. The project to replace the flat roof above the clergy vestry and back stairs was put on hold with the expectation that it would be taken forward following the next quinquennial inspection, due in 2023.

A breakdown of the heating system occurred in early December, unfortunately at a critical time pre-Christmas with a number of concerts and other activities arranged to take place in the church. The system was repaired within a fortnight, with the annual boiler service being carried out at the same time, and the heating was back in action well before Christmas itself.

Crafternoons In the lead up to Christmas, we offered 3 standalone sessions on a Thursday afternoon in the community room at St Alban's, for people to come and enjoy a warm space to chat and meet people, work on a craft project if they wished to or have a go at a new



craft.

These proved very popular and were a wonderful mix of people from different groups within the church family and from the local community.

It is planned that these will continue into the new year in response to their success and to provide a place where people can connect, build friendships and experience a warm welcome.

Open Church for Halloween At the end of October, we joined with members of City Life Church to open the community room at St Alban's on Halloween.

Thanks to the generosity of local supermarkets, we were able to offer hot food and drinks to anyone who fancied a break from trick or treating or who were just looking for somewhere to be away from home that evening – over 100 people engaged with the event which provided a great opportunity for the church to be a place of light on what can otherwise be a dark and difficult evening for many.

Thank You We are immensely grateful to the huge number of people who give their time and energy to all of the activities and events which happen in the Parish – whether playing music at a service, keeping the kitchen stocked up, preparing crafts for family events or being at present activities and so many more roles besides – we couldn't have the impact we do as a Parish without the commitment of so many. Thank you.

Although by the end of 2022 Parish activities were virtually free of COVID related constraints it is worth recalling that the early months of the year were still dominated by it.

Worship As a Parish, we are continually seeking to be a diverse, vibrant, inclusive and open worshipping community, where those who come feel welcome, connected and met by God's grace, whether they have walked in having never been to church before or joined us as a result of another of our church activities, or as a lifelong church goer. In 2022 this has been realised in both established and new, innovative ways and it has been wonderful to welcome people to all our different forms of worship.



The **8am BCP** service at St Mary's on a Sunday morning continued to offer quiet traditional worship for those who attend, while the main **Sunday 10:15** morning worship at St Alban's saw a growing and ever more diverse congregation as we went through the year.

We have welcomed new people joining us from the local community, some coming along after being part of our Thursdays Together community and others moving into the area and joining in our worship.

Early on in the year we met together after one service, to hear from each other, acknowledge our differences, to own the changes that the pandemic had thrust upon us and to explore what this service could look like going forward.

Over the year, we have continued to develop our musical worship, seeking to incorporate traditional and more contemporary hymns and songs as we connect with our diverse congregation and are particularly grateful to all those who have been part of making this happen.

Our Fresh Expressions gathering “**Threshold**” which seeks to offer a weekly inclusive space for reflection, questions, breaking bread together and community, underwent a period of revisioning and reflection and took a break over the Summer of 2022.

It relaunched in the Autumn initially with very small numbers but an increasing sense that such a space is both needed and valued, with this being reflected in the growing attendance as we started the new year.

It is hoped that this space will continue to provide a valuable opportunity for people to come together and wrestle with their own big questions, whether new to faith or having journeyed with a faith for many years, whether they feel part of the church or very far from it.

Across all of our Sunday services, we have seen an average attendance of 41 adults and 5 children.

Once a month, St Alban’s is filled with up to 20 families exploring faith together through a variety of crafts and activities as part of our Messy Church service.

An energetic celebration at the end of each session brings together the theme or biblical story of the afternoon along with songs and prayers.

Almost everyone who comes then stays on for a home cooked meal and further conversation around the tables.

Over the year we came together for various special services and worship activities to mark special or significant occasions and aimed at being both a comforting presence for those familiar with these services and a missional opportunity to reach those in the community who may be new to them.

One of these was our annual **All Souls** service which offers to space to remember those who have died, to hear names read and to light candles as we come together to remember.



Mini Marvels In Feb 2022, Mini Marvels was started after a vision to see a baby and toddler group provided in the area again after lockdown and which could help us connect as a Parish with families in the community, especially those living in the Mansbridge area.



The group has welcomed between 8 and 20 families each week throughout the year for play, snacks, crafts, stories and songs and many of these families have then come along to other events as well. Changes in leadership have provided the challenge of how to continue to provide this weekly group but we are hopeful that these can be overcome and the group can continue to grow and thrive with new volunteers over the coming months.

Messy Mornings In the summer and Christmas holidays, we held a series of “Messy Mornings” as an opportunity to connect with families known through Messy Church and Mini Marvels during the holiday periods.

These have proved hugely popular with 70-100 people attending each one.

The summer ones were held in various locations to reach different people including Octavia Park in Mansbridge, the parish hall and St Albans.

They have also provided an excellent opportunity to chat to people about activities which go on during term time.

At many of these events we have had repeated feedback that people are drawn to the community atmosphere and welcome that they have experienced and we are keen to build on this as we get to know families and encourage them to connect regularly with the church in whatever way works for them.



We work closely with Frontline Debt Advice and Dom Williams is present most weeks to chat to people as needed, which has proved a vital service for many who come.



We are excited at the opportunities this ministry provides as we move into another year and are continually reviewing whether we are using our resources in the most effective way and providing the very best welcome and assistance that we can, that builds people up and supports them to reach their potential.

Youthwork and “The Cave” In March we were able to open the rear car park at St Alban’s for 3 evenings, inviting local young people to come and play games and enjoy free food and drink, as well as share their ideas about how they would like to see a youth space in this community develop.



In August, we were able to have a weekly presence on Daisy Dip, linking in with Friends of Daisy Dip’s annual community picnics “Dipnics” and offering activities and games to older children and young people, as well as having the opportunity to chat to parents as well.

In December we welcomed over 30 young people to a Christmas BBQ and firepit evening in the car park where it was wonderful to see young people we knew and those we hadn’t met before coming together to enjoy a fun evening just before Christmas.



Friday Lunch Club for over 50s continues to welcome 25-30 people every month from the local community for a home cooked meal and warm welcome.

It has been great to see numbers growing and several new people coming along.

We continue to deliver meals to a few people who are unable to get to the lunches.

Our observance of **Remembrance Sunday** continued to engage more widely in the community, with active involvement of the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and representation from the nearby Gurdwara.

In September we opened the church following the death of **HM Queen Elizabeth II** and welcomed various people from the community in to watch the funeral service together at St Alban’s – this was especially valued by several people who commented they would otherwise have been alone for this momentous and sad occasion.

During **Holy Week** we offered various opportunities for worship and reflection with a blend of traditional and newer services: a creative and reflective service to mark the last hour at the cross, a Taizé service, the church being open for the stations of the cross and the traditional Maundy Thursday communion and Holy Saturday vigil.

During the **Christmas** period it was a joy to be able to hold services fully again after all the restrictions of the last few years. 137 adults and 61 children attended the **Christingle** service at St Alban’s (with a



similar number at the St Mary’s service) and there was a wonderful atmosphere of community with almost everyone who came being already connected to the Parish in one way or another – whether through attending RE clubs, Thursdays Together, Sunday church



services, Messy Church or other community events.

At St Mary’s it was great to see more people attending again, with families coming back to reconnect with the church after several years when that has been difficult.

This was also seen at the carol service at St Marys and the midnight communion on Christmas Eve.

Community carols on Daisy Dip were well attended with support from City Life Church and also happened in Mansbridge on the green with

the support of Abri Housing. These events did not engage with the community beyond those already involved in church activities in the way we had hoped– something we will reflect on for next year.

The members of our congregation with **Bishop's Commission for Mission** continued with in their various ministries within the Parish.

Pastoral Care continues to be offered in many and varied ways, across our church family and across the many activities in the Parish, with people from different groups both seeking out and offering support and care to one another. Home communion continued to be celebrated with those unable to get out, both by the clergy and lay visitors. We are continually challenged by the need to get the balance between a formalised and safe structure to oversee this and a flexibility to be responsive to need as it arises. A new structure is being gradually developed, alongside a new Bible study group and other ways of offering and co-ordinating ongoing pastoral care.



Schools Work Throughout the year the clergy have been invited into all 3 local primary schools – Mansbridge, Swaythling and Bassett Green to take assemblies, as well as the local secondary school, Cantell. In addition we have welcomed several year groups from Swaythling School into St Alban's for visits as well as a group from Year 7 at Cantell who visited to learn more about Christianity and its impact on the community as part of their RE curriculum.



We continue to work with Southampton City Mission to support their provision of an after school club at Mansbridge school each week. The vicar continues to be a part of the governing body at Bassett Green School and our PCC secretary continued as chair of governors at Mansbridge School. These connections and opportunity to build

relationships with our local school communities have been pivotal in facilitating the growth of other activities for families in the parish. We have also continued to work closely with the family liaison workers at each of the local schools as we seek to support some of the same families in the local community at different times.

Builders and Trekkers For the first 2 terms of the year, Builders and Trekkers continued at the 10:15 service for children of primary school age, with usually 3 children regularly attending and occasional visitors.



In September it was decided that this may not be the most effective way of integrating children into the church family at this time, given their low numbers. Instead, the children's area in church was reimagined and crafting materials provided so that any children coming to the service could engage in relevant material whilst being part of the main service with their parent/carer. Going forward we will continue to evaluate this and adapt to changing patterns of attendance as needed as well as continuing to encourage families we meet to connect with our monthly Messy Church if Sunday church doesn't work for them.

Thursdays Together Every Thursday morning we continued to welcome people to St Alban's for hot drinks, conversation and to offer various items of food to support those finding it difficult to make ends meet. Many came each week, some from time to time. From January – August we saw 25-30 people most weeks, between September and December this rose to 40-50 people each week. At a practical level we provided a range of fresh and long-life foods, laid out on tables so that those visiting could select what they most needed.

Each week limits are suggested based on what stock was available and to ensure fairness. Those attending could enjoy a hot drink and snacks, with many people often staying to chat and catch up with others.



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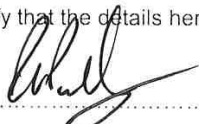
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Nat. West. Bank Account	64071.63
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NET ASSETS:-

Represented By:-	<u>Notes</u>	
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Restricted Funds	2	163930.76
Reserves	3	9331.41
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SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022
GENERAL ACCOUNT

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:-</u>		
Gift Aided Giving	21919.68	18383.22
Tax Refunds	4116.41	2845.84
Non-Gift Aided giving	260.00	2095.00
Donations	9044.23	5258.19
Church Collections	1476.22	1566.58
Refund of Parish Share overpay	4951.14	
	<u>41767.68</u>	<u>30148.83</u>
Fees	5307.00	2610.00
Fundrasing	180.60	988.50
Use of St Mary's	50.00	
Community Room	6006.62	3273.00
Rent of Office	1195.00	720.00
Refund QI Architect		708.14
Refund from Talk Talk		8.54
HMRC Furlough		502.27
Refund of income tax		3351.31
Ordination gift	150.00	
Insurance bonus		
Transfer from St Albans Build		
	<u>12889.22</u>	<u>5000.00</u>
	54656.90	47310.59
<u>Less EXPENDITURE:-</u>		
Clergy expenses	739.41	1187.07
New Computer		270.00
Light,Heat,Water,Insurance	3947.01	3440.43
Insurance	4667.94	4492.65
Maintenance	1303.24	1409.24
Administration Fees etc	1849.91	498.13
Upkeep of Services	970.53	225.63
Parish Share	25625.64	29706.84
Organists & Choirs	400.00	150.00
Maintenance & SM Cleaning	1724.83	1771.05
Stationery/Telephone	1074.56	1021.84
Major Repairs		2108.93
Expenses Re Fundraising	94.80	394.76
Community Room Expenses	156.54	
Parish Office	8258.46	5615.88
Childrens work & outreach	435.30	145.86
Income Tax	382.00	365.60
Transfer to photocopier		
New refrigerator		
	<u>51630.17</u>	<u>52803.91</u>
<u>SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>		
Transfer to/from Reserve	3026.73	-5493.32
	<u>54656.90</u>	<u>47310.59</u>

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		Surplus (Excess)	Balance B/Fwd	C/Fwd
1) <u>SUMMARY OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:-</u>				
<u>PARISH HALL:-</u>				
RECEIPTS				
Receipts from users	12926.82			
Donations				
Insurance claim				
	<u>12926.82</u>			
Less Expenditure:-				
Light & Heat	2817.18			
Maintenance/Tuning	781.98			
Cleaning	1505.83			
Insurance	1432.68			
Mini Marvels	48.18			
Transfer to Gen Fund	<u>6585.85</u>	6340.97	4508.18	10849.15
<u>MAGAZINES:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Suscriptions				
advertisements	<u>0.00</u>			
Less Expenditure:-				
Photocopier Costs				
Postages	<u>0.00</u>	0.00	0	0.00
<u>MEMORIALS:-</u>				
Powell			200.00	200.00
Wilson			250.00	250.00
Walker			625.54	625.54
Eddis			250.00	250.00
Wakefield			1000.00	1000.00
			<u>2325.54</u>	

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2) <u>SUMMARY OF RESTRICTED FUNDS:-</u>				
<u>FABRIC FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Grave Prep	20.00			
Less: Payment				
Update memorial		20.00	7757.85	7777.85
<u>CHURCHYARD:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Payment for Inscriptions	340.00			
Investment Dividends				
Donation				
Grant from City Council	1620.00			
	<u>1960.00</u>			
Less: Expenditure:-				
Inscriptions	738.36			
Maintenance	<u>9.48</u>	1212.16	1101.33	2313.49
<u>MAKE LUNCH:-</u>				
Receipts	955.00			
Less Payments	<u>531.22</u>	423.78	1397.94	1821.72
<u>FLOWER FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Less Payments:-	<u>20.00</u>	-20.00	441.14	421.14
<u>SPECIAL FUNDS:-</u>				
St Albans Organ			729.69	729.69
St Marys Organ			134.16	134.16
Roof Income	37547.52			
Roof Expenditure	<u>5725.01</u>	31822.51	3418.17	35240.68
<u>MISSION & CHARITIES:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Donations				
Less Payments:-				
Expenses				
Charities	76.60	<u>76.60</u>	-76.60	258.81
				182.21

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		Surplus (Excess)	Balance B/Fwd	C/Fwd
<u>PARISH OFFICE:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Printing Service Sheets				
Transfer from Police Grant				
Transfer from Reserves	896.74			
	<u>896.74</u>			
Less Payments:-				
Photocopier Maintenance	413.49	483.25	-483.25	0.00
	<u>413.49</u>			
<u>STEVENS SOUTH STONEHAM FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Deposit Interest				
Donation				
	<u>0.00</u>			
Payments:-				
Sculptor's fee	0.00	0.00	23052.87	23052.87
	<u>0.00</u>			
<u>FRIENDS OF ST MARYS FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Membership fees & events	126.00			
Rod Marshall				
	<u>126.00</u>			
Payments:-				
Postage				
Concert				
	<u>0.00</u>	126.00	71640.59	71766.59
<u>FRIENDS OF ST ALBANS FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Membership fees & events				
G Stone Donation	1000.00			
	<u>1000.00</u>			
Payments:-				
Trans to Gen Fund		1000.00	3289.65	4289.65
<u>YOUNG LEGACY:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Abel Solicitor				
Outgoings:-				
St Albans Building Project		0.00	10000.70	10000.70

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ST ALBANS BUILDING PROJECT:-

Receipts					
Refund of VAT		6317.32			
Payments					
Seymour & Bainbridge	108.00				
General fund	5000.00				
B&M Clark builders	<u>774.76</u>	5882.76	434.56	1219.84	1654.40

THE CAVE:-

Receipts					
Southampton CC		770.00			
Arnold Clark		<u>1000.00</u>			
		1770.00			
Expenses					
B&M Clark	5130.00				
Craft Materials	<u>38.39</u>	5168.39	-3398.39	3944	545.61

Flowers of Justice

Receipts	4000.00				4000
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3) **SUMMARY OF RESERVES:-**

Balance brought forward	10097.14
CBF Interest	100.51
Transfer to General Fund	<u>-5493.32</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>4704.33</u>

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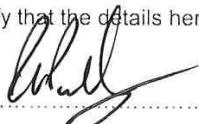
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	<u>0.00</u>			
Payments:-				
Sculptor's fee	0.00	0.00	23052.87	23052.87
	<u>0.00</u>			
<u>FRIENDS OF ST MARYS FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Membership fees & events	126.00			
Rod Marshall				
	<u>126.00</u>			
Payments:-				
Postage				
Concert				
	<u>0.00</u>	126.00	71640.59	71766.59
<u>FRIENDS OF ST ALBANS FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Membership fees & events				
G Stone Donation	1000.00			
	<u>1000.00</u>			
Payments:-				
Trans to Gen Fund		1000.00	3289.65	4289.65
<u>YOUNG LEGACY:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Abel Solicitor				
Outgoings:-				
St Albans Building Project		0.00	10000.70	10000.70

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

ST ALBANS BUILDING PROJECT:-

Receipts					
Refund of VAT		6317.32			
Payments					
Seymour & Bainbridge	108.00				
General fund	5000.00				
B&M Clark builders	<u>774.76</u>	5882.76	434.56	1219.84	1654.40

THE CAVE:-

Receipts					
Southampton CC		770.00			
Arnold Clark		<u>1000.00</u>			
		1770.00			
Expenses					
B&M Clark	5130.00				
Craft Materials	<u>38.39</u>	5168.39	-3398.39	3944	545.61

Flowers of Justice

Receipts	4000.00				4000
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163930.76

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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3) **SUMMARY OF RESERVES:-**

Balance brought forward	10097.14
CBF Interest	100.51
Transfer to General Fund	<u>-5493.32</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>4704.33</u>

Accounts

Parish of Swaythling

St Alban's Church and St Mary's Church

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year 2021



St Alban's Church, Tulip Road



St Mary's Church, South Stoneham

The Parish of Swaythling was created in 1992, having been formed by combining the previously separate adjacent parishes of St Mary, South Stoneham and St Alban the Martyr, Burgess Road, Swaythling. The Vicarage is 357 Burgess Road, Southampton, SO16 3BD. This address also covers St Alban's Church where the Parish Office is situated. St Mary's Church and the Parish Hall are situated in St Mary's Church Close, off Wessex Lane, SO18 2ST, about a mile from the Vicarage.

The website is www.swaythlingparish.org.uk and the facebook is facebook.com/SwaythlingParish. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission on 5 February 2010 with the title '*The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaythling*' (registered charity number 1134132).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) manages the financial affairs of the parish and also, as required under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, co-operates with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Members of the PCC

The members of the PCC during the year 1 January to 31 December 2021 were as follows:

Ex Officio

Revd P Dockree, The Vicar (Chair)

Revd D Eisentraeger (from July)

Mr J Moore

Churchwardens (St Alban's)

Mr J Moore

Churchwardens (St Mary's, South Stoneham)

Mrs J Hales

Mrs J Trussler

Deanery Synod Representatives

Miss A Lewin (from April)

Mr G Stone (Diocesan Synod) (Secretary)

Elected Members

Mr J Saunders

Mrs S Harvey

Miss A Lewin (until April)

Mrs T Harrison (from April)

Mrs M Mew (Treasurer)

Dr K Piggott

Mr E Dixon (until April)

Mrs O Wilson

Co-opted Members

None

In attendance

Revd Canon J Davies (until April)

Revd Canon B Hartnell

Mrs R Wadhawan (from April)

* Membership note - vacancies from April for 1 Churchwarden, 1 Deanery Synod Rep, 2 Elected Members of PCC.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

We were pleased to welcome Matt Hutchings who joined us for six months from January as part of an informal internship programme

We were delighted to welcome Daniela Eisentraeger as our new Curate from the start of July 2021. She was ordained Deacon at Winchester Cathedral, on 4 July, and we welcomed her at all three services on 11 July.



Bishop Debbie with Daniela, at Daniela's ordination at Winchester Cathedral

Three members of our congregation completed their Bishop's Commission for Mission training in Autumn 2019, but their commissioning service was delayed due to COVID, and at last took place at Winchester Cathedral on 11 September 2021.

We were saddened this year by the death of several long-standing members of our congregations: Don Biffen, Kate and Nigel Harley, Elizabeth Hawes, Jack Morgan and Alan Williams.

The death of John Davies on 13th April at the age of 92 was a particularly sad event in the life of the parish during 2021. John occupied a unique position in parish history having been Honorary Assistant Priest at St Alban's since 1964

and then in the Parish of Swaythling since 1992 when St Alban's joined with St Mary's, South Stoneham in the new parish. Until his retirement in 1994, John combined his ministerial duties with his 'day job' at Southampton University where he was Lecturer in Theology and latterly Director of Theology and Religious Studies. He had also been Canon Theologian of Winchester Cathedral from 1981 to 1991.

As assistant priest, John played a full and active role in leading worship until the lockdown began in March 2020. He combined his liturgical and musical skills and knowledge to good effect, especially at the parish



eucharist. When not officiating or assisting at services he often provided the musical accompaniment as he was a talented organist and pianist. John had served under four vicars of St Alban's when it was a separate parish and took ministerial responsibility during the vacancies between incumbents. He also served under three vicars of the Parish of Swaythling. A memorable Thanksgiving Service for John's life within a celebration of the eucharist took place on 20th August.

PCC

The PCC met seven times during the year. Five of those meetings were via Zoom due to Covid restrictions, the PCC also made use of the changes to Church Representative Rules that allow formal business to be decided by correspondence. Some business was conducted through sub committees and groups.

As had been the case in 2020, the main activity of the PCC during the year was responding to the challenges of COVID, especially how to make the most of the opportunities the easing of restrictions created for returning to in-person worship and activity.

Other important elements of standard business considered by the PCC during the year included:

- regular reports on the Parish's financial situation. To support this the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor was invited to the September meeting - see under Finance below.
- matters relating to the church buildings (primarily as reflected in the reports on each church, as given in the relevant sections below).
- the PCC created a small working group to look at the Eco-Church standard, and endorsed actions to move the Parish towards achieving an award.
- Living in Love and Faith – the PCC discussed how best to engage with this, and encouraged people to engage with the Deanery offering of the course at the start of 2022.
- PCC authorised an application for a temporary faculty to permit City Life church, who were without a building following the Methodist church's sale of 286, to worship in St Alban's once a month in the evening.

Finance

It is pleasing to be able to report that COVID restrictions have not interfered greatly with the Parish financial situation this year. However, our overall assets are considerably less than last year, due mainly to transferring £40,000 from the deposit account in order to carry out the building work at St. Alban's. The work has been completed and the VAT on the expenditure (just below the anticipated cost) will be reclaimed in 2022.

Although the bottom line for giving is less than in 2020, this is because we received some very generous donations last year. Both gift-aided giving and collections have increased this year. Thanks are extended to those who are using on-line methods of giving; this makes it very much easier to predict our income and hence plan our expenditure accordingly.

The Parish summary of accounts at the end of the year shows an unusually high amount for the Parish Share. This is because of a misunderstanding by the Diocese, who took two extra payments. This amounts to nearly £5,000 and will be refunded in 2022.

Income from users of the Community Room, Parish Hall, Parish Office and the churches is a welcome source of funding.

Expenditure for heating, lighting and water were lower this year but it is anticipated that it will increase considerably in 2022.

Unfortunately, because of COVID restrictions, the Christingle Service at St Mary's was significantly reduced in size and hence the donation to The Children's Society was less than usual.



We are very grateful to have been voted by the community to receive part of the "Community Come Together" funding to set up 'The Cave' at St. Alban's: a

meeting place for young people living in the local area.

All in all, the Parish has managed well in what has been a difficult time.

Parish Life

Electoral Roll

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April 2021 there were 87 people on the electoral roll (88 in 2020).

Church Attendance

From January to the end of March 2021 there was no public worship in the church buildings. On line recorded Sunday worship attracted an average of 40 households logging on. In person services resumed after Easter and the numbers logging on dropped. The Pandemic continued to affect attendance at services in person – a few people did not return for various reasons, others did not attend as regularly as before though were still in touch and then there has been a significant number of new people attending or those who previously attended less often doing so more frequently. The average Sunday attendance for 8.00 am and 10.15 combined from April onwards was 36. Threshold continued to meet on line until Easter, and then in person with an average attendance of 10 people.

Worship

2021 saw the start of the third national lockdown and a return to online services. Learning from previous experiences we continued our church life remotely, with a recorded morning service and Threshold held via Zoom. The Vicar sent out regular midweek online reflections during this time. Social activities were held too – a church quiz on Zoom in early February, and a Quiz for Amaudo in March, half-term craft packs for local families for Shrove Tuesday and Valentines day, with a family-orientated Facebook live session. A five-week Lent group on the psalms was held via Zoom. A short recorded Ash Wednesday service was held.



23 March marked the anniversary of the beginning of the first national lockdown, and as a parish we



supported the Marie Curie Charity's Day of Reflection, when we were encouraged to pause at 12.00 noon for a minute's silence and to offer a prayer: *'God of Love, As we think about all that has changed this year, help us to trust that you are always with us. As we remember those who have died, help us to trust they are at peace with you. As we reach out to others with kindness and care, may hope shine out in every heart and home. Amen.'*

In the lead up to Easter an Easter trail was set up in the churchyard at St Mary's Church and prayer stations in the garden area at St Alban's Church, to help us reflect on the challenges of the past year, and on the miracle of Easter, and the hope that it brings.

We were delighted to be able to resume in-person worship during Holy Week and then from Easter Sunday, 4 April at the 8.00am and 10.15am services. A recorded service continued to be offered at 10.00am on YouTube, until the end of June. Threshold resumed in person on 18 April.



From 19 July Covid restrictions officially ended but we retained a number of Covid secure measures to help ensure people felt safe at in person worship. It was a big step forward when congregational singing was reintroduced into our services from 25 July 2022.

Tuesdays together was able to re-start in September, but took a slightly different form – the last Tuesday of the month is now "Tuesdays Together does Messy Church", a themed session with crafts and activities in the main church building, a time of celebration with a message around the same theme and a shared meal in the community room. The remaining weeks of the month we offer board games in the community room.



For the first time, a 'walking nativity' took place on 22 December in Mansbridge and on 23 December on the Flower Roads. We were very pleased to be able to return to holding our usual Christingle services at both churches. There was one well attended Midnight service, at St Mary's, with advance booking to ensure the congregation could be accommodated safely. On Christmas day Holy Communion (BCP) took place at St Mary's at 8.00am, and we were pleased to be again joined by members of the Baptist church for a Christmas celebration with Holy Communion at St Alban's at 10.15.

Builders and Trekkers: Builders and Trekkers resumed at the 10:15 service in September. After several years of struggling to provide good all age material to cover 2-12 year olds, it was decided to focus on younger ages (6 and under currently) in order to use more age-appropriate material. The main challenge to this provision is the limited number of people able to lead the sessions, although parents of the children attending support by taking the role of 'additional adult'.

Community Engagement

Recipe box delivery: During 2021, we continued to partner with City Catering to provide to provide 60 local families, mainly identified through local schools, with recipe boxes during the School holidays. These contained all the ingredients for at least two meals, along with recipes and several times we also added activities and crafts as well. From September we took only a handful of boxes for families we had got to know who weren't receiving them through other routes, while local schools took on delivery of the rest. The scheme formally ended in December 2021.

Thursdays Together: Every Thursday morning (including during Lockdown, adjusted for applicable restrictions) we welcomed people to St Alban's for hot drinks, conversation and to offer various items of food



We are holding a
Service of Remembering
for those who have died
in the last two years,
and we invite you to join us on
Sunday 7 November at 3.30pm
at St Alban's Church,
Tulip Road, SO16 3BB
and for refreshments afterwards

On 7 November we held our annual service to remember and give thanks for loved ones who had died, at which, as usual, names of those who had died were read and everyone present was invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

On 14 November we marked Remembrance Sunday with a short ceremony at the war memorial at the end of our morning service, where we were joined by Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. We were very pleased for the first time to be joined by representatives from the new Sikh Gurdwara.



We had planned that our Christmas services would take place as usual; however at short notice, due to a rise in Covid cases and the small size of St Mary's Church, it was decided to move the carol service to outside the church.

to support those finding it difficult to make ends meet.



Many came each week, some from time to time. At a practical level we provided a range of fresh and long-life foods, laid out on tables so that those visiting could select what they most needed, rather than being handed a bag they have had no choice about (although this was the only option in the beginning due to restrictions in place). Each week limits are suggested based on what stock was available, to ensure fairness and preserve stock. Those attending could enjoy a hot drink and snacks, with many people often staying to chat and catch up with others.



A highlight in December was when several people joined together to make the Christingles for our services. Only one person who helped knew what these were, leading to some wonderful conversations about Christingles and Christmas, with one family then coming to the service for the first time, and later to the 10.15 service on a Sunday as well.

Frontline Debt

Advice: We were really pleased to welcome



Frontline Debt to its new base in St Alban's Church, from 24 May. The Team are available on Mondays and Wednesdays, offering free debt advice by appointment.

'The Cave' project – We were delighted to receive an award of £4,000 from the Community Come Together Fund to enable us to refresh and equip the downstairs vestry and outside car park space at St Alban's to be used as a venue for young people. Work on the space will begin in 2022. (See also under St Alban's below).

Friday Lunch Club, which had continued to operate through a 'home delivery service' started again in person in the community room 1 October, and it was a joy to welcome old and new friends to it. Monthly numbers are growing and we continue to deliver a meal to those who are currently unable or prefer not to attend in person.

Pastoral Care

Contact with all church members continued as before during the lockdown at the beginning of the year. With the return to in-person worship at Easter, changing attendance patterns and the welcome arrival of new worshippers, it was decided to look again at the way pastoral care is offered. Proposals for a new system were being finalised as the year ended.

Social Activities

As in 2020, due to coronavirus restrictions it was not possible to hold the usual social/fund-raising activities. On 10 July we again ran a 'Cream Tea in a Bag' Fundraiser, providing take-away cream teas for a donation of £5.



St Alban's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

The main building-related activity at St Alban's during 2021 was the work on the structural repairs, originally highlighted in the 2018 quinquennial inspection report and which involved repairs on the tower turret, in the tower room, in the floor of the Lady Chapel and in the nave of the church. As noted in the previous year's report, detailed specifications and costings had been obtained in the latter part of 2020 which meant that diocesan permission to carry out the work could be applied for in early 2021. Permission was granted on 17 January and as the proposed repairs fell within the scope of work that could be undertaken without a faculty but subject to consultation (known as 'List B' in the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules) a full faculty was not required. The contractor appointed was B&M Clark, a conservation building firm based in Portsmouth, and most of the work took place between May and July, with the final part (the Lady Chapel floor) being completed in September. A separate but related work was the renewal of the lightning conductor on the church tower which was carried out by the specialist firm Wallbridge in July. As part of this work the flag pole on the church tower was removed as the flag pole, which had been connected to the old lightning conductor, was the major cause of the damage on the tower turret and has not been replaced.

Another building-related activity was the development of plans to refurbish the largest of the downstairs rooms (previously the choir vestry) and the adjacent cloakroom area for use as a youth centre. This project, known colloquially as The Cave, was enabled financially by the award of a grant by Southampton Community Chest. Permission for this work has been obtained from the diocese, again as a List B item, and a quotation from B&M Clark for the major structural work has been received and

accepted. It is hoped that the work itself can be carried out during the first quarter of 2022.

The final building related issue for report relates to the flat roof at the east end of the building and which covers the clergy vestry and the back stairs. Currently a lead roof, it is in poor condition and there were many instances of water leakage onto the stairs during the year. Investigations for replacing the roof have begun and these have involved Fiona Hood, the church's inspecting architect. The possibility of using a non-lead material for the replacement is part of the investigation.

Community Room

At the start of 2021, and due to the third lockdown (until March 2021), the community room was used mainly for Thursdays Together, hosted outside the church at the start of the year, and then moving inside once restrictions were lifted.

As events were gradually permitted to be held inside, the keep fit class returned, and some of the regular church events returned, including the Friday Lunch Club, and Tuesdays Together. In addition, the room was also used for a community cooking course in the Autumn, with attendees from Thursdays Together and other local community connections.

City Life Church, having moved out of 286 Burgess Road in the summer, started using the community room occasionally for meetings, and once a month on Sundays. Frontline Debt (see under 'community engagement') have had occasional use of the room for seeing clients and for meetings.

Paid hires have been fewer than in previous years, meaning income from the hire of the room to help cover expenses has been significantly less in 2021. Expenditure has been higher, due to extra cleaning, Covid precautions, and increasing fuel costs.

St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church: Report on the Fabric, Furnishings and Grounds

The roof replacement project is ongoing. There has been significant money raised through legacies and we are close to being able to apply for match funding, but more will need to be raised in 2022. There is now full permissions from the Diocese in place to carry out this work.



Churchyard

A loyal band of helpers meet each week on a Tuesday morning to tend to the churchyard. The Scouts have provided a Bug Hotel and the beginning of a log pile.

The crab apple tree again produced lots of fruit which was made into jelly and sold in aid of the roof fund.

Friends of St Alban's and St Mary's

Neither Friends Group has been active in 2021 primarily due to Covid restrictions.

Parish Hall

The hall had little use during the beginning of 2021; the QR code, hand sanitisers and attendance record remained in place for the minimal use it had.



Most of the groups returned from May/June; extra cleaning was done during the week and requirement from groups after use. During August there was a summer club for children which was popular. Unfortunately the hall was broken into in in early August; some damage was done to the inside cupboards and interior doors. Thanks are due to the

hall users for helping to clear up, to Carlton Carver from the Scouts for repairs and Westfield Players for decorating. Also a big thank you to the gardening team who meet on Tuesdays to clear the carpark and maintain the gardens, cut grass and raking never-ending leaves etc. The building is looking good, broken locks have been replaced and the building is becoming popular with more enquiries for more groups.

The roof on the hall will require replacing soon, and some damp patches above the sink in the kitchen will need attention.

Deanery Synod

The Synod met on three occasions during 2021, all on zoom. Discussions centred on Clergy Wellbeing, on the implications of reorganisation of parishes, and on the various opportunities for training and authorisation offered by the Bishops Commission for Mission courses. Plans were being made to hold a Deanery wide course on Zoom to explore the Living in Love and Faith report.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf:

Rev Peter Dockree (Vicar)



Return of Parish Finance January to December 2021

Parish Name: Swaythling

If the form is NOT completed for the entire parish,
please list below the churches included:

Parish Code (6
digits):

Deanery:

Diocese:

30 Are your accounts Receipts and Payments [] OR Accruals [] ? (indicate ONE)

RECEIPTS/INCOME		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Voluntary giving				Costs of generating funds			
1	Regular giving	£ 20,478		17	Costs of fundraising activities	£ 395	
3	Collections at services	£ 1,567		Church activities			
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 5,258	£ 2,367	18	Mission giving and donations		£ 670
6	Gift Aid recovered (regular giving and one-off donations)	£ 6,197		19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 29,707	
7	Legacies received (capital value)		£ 3,541	20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 5,982	
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 502	£ 3,944	21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 1,187	
Total voluntary giving		£ 34,002	£ 9,852	Church expenses			
Activities for generating funds				22	Mission and evangelism costs		£ 370
9	Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 989		23	Church running expenses (including governance)	£ 8,430	£ 1,203
Income from investments				24	Church utility bills	£ 3,440	
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.		£ 232	25	Costs of trading	£ 3,269	
Church activities				Major capital expenditure			
11	Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£ 2,610		27	Major repairs to the church building	£ 3,518	£ 33,780
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising	£ 10,888	£ 70	28	Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration	£ 1,486	
Other incoming resources				29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.		
13	Other receipts/income not already listed			Other expenditure			
PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E		£ 5,730	£ 40,480	99	Other payments/expenditure not already listed		£ 45,790
Totals (from Financial Statements)		Unrestricted	Restricted	PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E			
A	RECEIPTS/INCOME	£ 54,219	£ 50,634	Totals (from Financial Statements)		Unrestricted	Restricted
B	COMBINED TOTAL	£ 104,853		C	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE	£ 57,414	£ 81,813
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES				D	COMBINED TOTAL	£ 139,227	
14	Number of regular givers	42		CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
16	Number of new legacies received in year	0		31	Cash and deposit balances as at 31/12/21	£ 18,678	£ 120,777
				32	Investments as at 31/12/21		

Please refer to the accompanying notes to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in *PCC Accountability*, 5th edn..

Name Maureen Mew

Date

22/01/21

Position Treasurer

Email or telephone mewmor@outlook.com

Looking back across 2021, were there any exceptional circumstances (other than COVID 19) that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in this box.

£ Parish share was overpaid by £4951.13. We are due a refund of VAT on building works of £6317.22. Both have been paid in January 2022.

30	Receipts and Payments OR Accruals ?	Your accounts and financial statements will have been prepared on one or other of these bases. Accruals accounting is mandatory for parishes with gross annual income of over £250,000. Please indicate which basis of accounting has been used to report these figures by placing an X in the centre of one of the brackets []	
1	Regular giving <i>[Combines previous "Planned giving" RPF 1 and 2]</i>	Money given regularly (e.g. weekly, monthly, quarterly) through a standing order or the parish giving scheme, by envelope or by cheque. Include gross amounts for money given through charity vouchers (e.g. CAF or Sovereign Giving) and payroll giving. Otherwise net amounts - report tax recovered separately under Gift Aid at RPF 6	
3	Collections at services	Money given in collections at services, excluding money given through planned giving envelopes, but including one-off gifts given through Gift Aid envelopes (net amount). Do not include monies passed to a charity that do not 'go through the books'	
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals <i>[Combines previous RPF 4 and 5]</i>	Money given in church boxes and wall safes, at Gift Days, through individual donations from givers, and the proceeds of special appeals	Accruals Accounts: Include (a) gifts of freehold or leasehold land or shares at market value; (b) donated services and facilities (expense the equivalent "value to the charity"); (c) gifts in kind for sale (estimated value at time of gift); (d) gifts in kind for own use (if material) - capitalise and expense over their useful economic life
6	Gift Aid recovered	Tax recovered from HMRC on all money given to the PCC under Gift Aid, split between restricted and unrestricted donations and allocated to the appropriate fund. This should include claims through the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme, on small cash and contactless donations. For limits see https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/small-donations-scheme	
7	Legacies received	The capital amount of a legacy, together with interest from the probate process, should be recorded in the year(s) that it appears in the accounts. Any interest from legacy investments should be recorded as income from investments.	
8	Grants <i>[Combines previous RPF 8 and 8A]</i>	External grants (whether one-off or recurring) received from trusts and other funding bodies for the PCC's General Fund or for a restricted purpose. Include VAT recovered through the Listed Places of Worship scheme. Do not include transfers within a benefice	
	Total voluntary giving	These will be the totals of the figures reported in the six rows above	
9	Fundraising activities	Money raised from sponsored activities, jumble sales, fetes, and other activities where the primary purpose is fundraising. Income should be stated gross, and any costs must be recorded separately as payments in RPF 17	
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	Bank and other interest including any reclaimed tax on investment income; dividends from shareholdings and investments; rent received from land or buildings owned by PCC. Report monies from sale of buildings or investments in RPF 13	
11	Fees retained by PCC	PCC Fees for weddings, funerals etc. Do not include fees received on behalf of the DBF or organist as these are not PCC funds	
12	Trading activities	Money received from trading activities including bookstall, letting of the church hall, sales and advertising of church magazines, membership fees, payments for events etc., where these are distinct from fundraising. Income should be stated gross, and any costs must be recorded separately as payments in RPF 17	
13	Other receipts/income not already listed PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E	These may include monies from the sale of buildings or investments, insurance claims, transfers from term deposits, loans received or transfers from other churches in the benefice	Accruals Accounts: Proceeds from the sale or disposal of assets that have already been capitalised (property, investments, fixed assets etc.) should be noted where they exceed the book value of the asset sold or disposed of, i.e. where there has been a gain on disposal
A	Receipts/income totals (from Financial Statements)	These will be the totals of the figures reported under the numbered receipts/income headings above. For accounts prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis, they should equal the "Total Receipts" figures reported in the financial statements for Unrestricted and Restricted Funds (except where they form part of total receipts for a parish with included churches)	
B	Combined Total	This will be the sum of the two totals reported in row A above. They will not usually be shown as a separate figure in the financial statements.	
14	Number of regular givers <i>[Combines previous RPF "Planned givers" 14 and 15]</i>	Each regular giver should only be counted ONCE. If more than one person is associated with a regular giving scheme, only ONE person should be counted	

16	Number of new legacies received in year	A legacy should only be counted in the first year that money from it is received. Each legacy should only be counted once	
17	Costs of fundraising activities	Costs of fundraising events, which have contributed to the monies received in RPF9 above. Also include fees paid to a professional fundraiser, the costs of a stewardship campaign and the costs of supporting regular giving e.g. envelopes	
18	Mission giving and donations	Donations to external missions and charities that come from the PCC's receipts. Collections that go directly to external charities should not be included	
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	All payments made during the year, including arrears or prepayments	Accruals Accounts: Payment due for the year
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	Employments costs of assistant staff, youth worker, vergers, administrators, sextons, organists and choir etc. Include NI/Pension costs where applicable	
21	Clergy and staff expenses	Working expenses of the incumbent and assistant staff: e.g. telephone, postage, stationery, travel costs, secretarial assistance, office equipment, maintenance of robes, hospitality. Include costs relating to clergy/staff housing paid by the PCC (including where applicable repair costs, water rates, council tax, and redecoration)	
22	Mission and evangelism costs	Costs of mission and evangelistic outreach, including courses and activities, but excluding staff salaries	
23	Church running expenses <i>[Combines previous RPF 23 and 26]</i>	Insurance, routine maintenance, cleaning, church office costs, upkeep of services, organ tuning etc. Also include governance costs, e.g. fees for audit or independent examination.	Accruals Accounts: Where equipment, IT or other fixed asset costs have been capitalised, depreciation is included in church running expenses
24	Church utility bills	Total costs of electricity, gas, oil, water etc	
25	Costs of trading	Include the cost of trading activities that generated the monies received in RPF 12	
27	Major repairs to the church building	Include repairs that are not routine and internal and external decoration	Accruals Accounts: Works integral to the fabric or structure of consecrated church property may be expensed as incurred. Where works project costs have been otherwise capitalised, depreciation is expensed over their useful economic life
28	Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property		
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.	New buildings, major alterations and extensions to church or other property, including professional fees	
99	Other payments/expenditure not already listed PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E	These may include monies to purchase of buildings or investments, transfers to term deposits, loans repayments or contributions to other churches in the benefice to shared costs	Accruals Accounts: Proceeds from the sale or disposal of assets that have already been capitalised (property, investments, fixed assets etc.) should be noted where their book value has not been realised, i.e. where there has been a loss on disposal
C	Payments/expenditure totals (from Financial Statements)	These will be the totals of the figures reported under the numbered payments/expenditure headings above. For accounts prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis, they should equal the "Total Payments" figures reported in the financial statements for Unrestricted and Restricted Funds (except where part of total receipts for a parish with included churches)	
D	Combined Total	This will be the sum of the two totals reported in row C above. They will not usually be shown as a separate figure in the financial statements	
31	Cash and deposit balances as at 31/12/21	Total Restricted and Unrestricted balances as at 31/12/21 for all current and deposit accounts, plus cash in hand	Accruals Accounts: Adjust cash and deposit balances to account for (a) stock (net realisable value); (b) trade debtors and prepayments, and subtract (c) short-term liabilities, e.g. trade creditors (usually = "NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)")

32	Investments as at 31/12/21	Total Restricted and Unrestricted balances as at 31/12/21 for all investment assets, including shares, bonds, CBF funds, CCLA and long-term interest-bearing accounts. These should, where possible, be reported at market value as at that date. Exclude investments held for Endowment Funds. Exclude Tangible fixed assets
E	Additional comments	This box is to report (a) any exceptional circumstances (other than COVID 19) that may have led to unusual figures in this return; (b)detail of exceptional receipts/income from RPF 13; (b)detail of exceptional payments/expenditure from RPF 99

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FUNDS
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

FIXED ASSETS:-

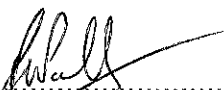
CURRENT ASSETS:-

C.B.F. Deposit Account	120764.87
Nat. West. Bank Account	18676.67
	<u>139441.54</u>

NET ASSETS:-

Represented By:-	<u>Notes</u>	
Unrestricted Funds	1	6833.72
Restricted Funds	2	127903.49
Reserves	3	4704.33
		<u>139441.54</u>

I have examined the books, records etc. presented to me and together with the appropriate explanations:
I certify that the details herein represent a true record of the current financial affairs.

.....  R G Paulley, I.C.P.A. (FELLOW)

..... 11/3/2022 Date

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021
GENERAL ACCOUNT

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:-</u>			
Gift Aided Giving		18383.22	17634.14
Tax Refunds		2845.84	2548.09
Non-Gift Aided giving		2095.00	442.00
Donations		5258.19	13293.36
Church Collections		<u>1566.58</u>	<u>1166.00</u>
		30148.83	35083.59
Fees	2610.00		1452.00
Fundrasing	988.50		1551.30
Use of St Mary's			615.00
Community Room	3273.00		1963.00
Rent of Office	720.00		
Refund QI Architect	708.14		
Refund from Talk Talk	8.54		
HMRC Furlough	502.27		1092.90
Refund of income tax	3351.31		5236.59
Insurance bonus			130.00
Transfer from St Albans Build	<u>5000.00</u>	<u>17161.76</u>	<u>47124.38</u>
		47310.59	
<u>Less EXPENDITURE:-</u>			
Clergy expenses	1187.07		553.98
New Computer	270.00		
Light,Heat,Water,Insurance	3440.43		5083.60
Insurance	4492.65		4495.23
Maintenance	1409.24		209.60
Administration Fees etc	498.13		2443.13
Upkeep of Services	225.63		199.79
Parish Share	29706.84		26815.60
Organists & Choirs	150.00		245.00
Maintenance & SM Cleaning	1771.05		1730.80
Stationery/Telephone	1021.84		1724.40
Major Repairs	2108.93		2749.80
Expenses Re Fundraising	394.76		384.89
Community Room Expenses			85.53
Parish Office	5615.88		5673.84
Childrens work & outreach	145.86		396.58
Income Tax	365.60		357.60
Transfer to photocopier			
New refrigerator			319.99
		<u>52803.91</u>	<u>53469.36</u>
<u>SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>			
Transfer to/from Reserve		<u>-5493.32</u>	<u>-6344.98</u>
		<u>47310.59</u>	<u>47124.38</u>

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		Surplus (Excess)	Balance B/Fwd	C/Fwd
1) <u>SUMMARY OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:-</u>				
<u>PARISH HALL:-</u>				
RECEIPTS				
Receipts from users	4487.25			
Donations				
Insurance claim	2396.00			
	<u>6883.25</u>			
Less Expenditure:-				
Light & Heat	1185.09			
Maintenance/Tuning	1486.01			
Cleaning	1389.41			
Insurance	694.86			
New Boiler				
New Water Heater				
New Equipment				
New Toilets				
Transfer to Gen Fund	<u>4755.37</u>	2127.88	2380.30	4508.18
<u>MAGAZINES:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Suscriptions				
advertisements	<u>0.00</u>			
Less Expenditure:-				
Photocopier Costs				
Postages	<u>0.00</u>	0.00	0	0.00
<u>MEMORIALS:-</u>				
Powell			200.00	200.00
Wilson			250.00	250.00
Walker			625.54	625.54
Eddis			250.00	250.00
Wakefield			1000.00	1000.00
				<u>6833.72</u>

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		Surplus (Excess)	Balance B/Fwd	C/Fwd
2) <u>SUMMARY OF RESTRICTED FUNDS:-</u>				
<u>FABRIC FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Grave Prep				
Less: Payment				
Update memorial	738.72	-738.72	8496.57	7757.85
<u>CHURCHYARD:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Payment for Inscriptions	300.00			
Investment Dividends				
Donation				
Grant from City Council				
	<u>300.00</u>			
Less: Expenditure:-				
Inscriptions				
Maintenance	<u>774.00</u>	-474.00	1575.33	1101.33
<u>MAKE LUNCH:-</u>				
Receipts	570.00			
Less Payments	<u>335.96</u>	234.04	1163.90	1397.94
<u>FLOWER FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-	170.00			
Less Payments:-	<u>50.59</u>	119.41	321.73	441.14
<u>SPECIAL FUNDS:-</u>				
St Albans Organ			729.69	729.69
St Marys Organ			134.16	134.16
Roof	388.40	388.40	3029.77	3418.17
<u>MISSION & CHARITIES:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Donations	408.64			
Less Payments:-				
Expenses	33.97			
Charities	300.22			
	<u>334.19</u>	74.45	184.36	258.81

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		Surplus (Excess)	Balance B/Fwd	C/Fwd
<u>PARISH OFFICE:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Printing Service Sheets	70.00			
Transfer from Police Grant				
Transfer from Reserves				
	<u>70.00</u>			
Less Payments:-				
Photocopier Maintenance	<u>428.52</u>	-358.52	-124.73	-483.25
<u>STEVENS SOUTH STONEHAM FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Deposit Interest	120.26			
Donation				
	<u>120.26</u>			
Payments:-				
Sculptor's fee	0.00	120.26	22932.61	23052.87
<u>FRIENDS OF ST MARYS FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Membership fees & events	10.00			
Rod Marshall	<u>3024.52</u>			
	<u>3034.52</u>			
Payments:-				
Postage				
Concert				
	<u>0.00</u>	3034.52	68606.07	71640.59
<u>FRIENDS OF ST ALBANS FUND:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Membership fees & events				
G Stone Donation	<u>1000.00</u>			
Payments:				
Trans to Gen Fund		1000.00	2289.65	3289.65
<u>YOUNG LEGACY:-</u>				
Receipts:-				
Abel Solicitor	515.70			
Outgoings:-				
St Albans Building Project	40000.00	-39484.30	49485.00	10000.70

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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ST ALBANS BUILDING PROJECT:-

Receipts				
Transfer from deposit account		40000.00		
Payments				
Seymour & Bainbridge	3564.00			
General fund	5000.00			
B&M Clark builders	<u>30216.16</u>	38780.16	1219.84	1219.84

THE CAVE:-

Receipts				
Mutual Gain		3944.00	3944.00	3944.00
				<u>127903.49</u>

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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3) **SUMMARY OF RESERVES:-**

Balance brought forward	10097.14
CBF Interest	100.51
Transfer to General Fund	-5493.32
Balance carried forward	<u>4704.33</u>

Accounts

Parish of Swaythling
St Alban's Church and St Mary's Church

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year 2020



St Alban's Church, Tulip Road



St Mary's Church, South Stoneham

The Parish of Swaythling was created in 1992, having been formed by combining the previously separate adjacent parishes of St Mary, South Stoneham and St Alban the Martyr, Burgess Road, Swaythling. The Vicarage is 357 Burgess Road, Southampton, SO16 3BD. This address also covers St Alban's Church where the Parish Office is situated. St Mary's Church and the Parish Hall are situated in St Mary's Church Close, off Wessex Lane, SO18 2ST, about a mile from the Vicarage.

The website is www.swaythlingparish.org.uk and the facebook is facebook.com/SwaythlingParish. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission on 5 February 2010 with the title '*The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaythling*' (registered charity number 1134132).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) manages the financial affairs of the parish and also, as required under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, co-operates with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Members of the PCC

The members of the PCC during the year 1 January to 31 December 2020 were as follows:

Ex Officio

Revd P Dockree, The Vicar (Chair)

Churchwardens (St Alban's)

Mrs A Moore (until Oct)

Mr J Moore

Churchwardens (St Mary's, South Stoneham)

Mrs J Hales

Mrs J Trussler

Deanery Synod Representatives

Mr J Moore (until Oct)

Mr G Stone (Diocesan Synod) (Secretary)

Elected Members

Dr R Wilson (until Oct)

Mr R Goldie

Mrs S Harvey

Miss A Lewin

Mrs M Mew (Treasurer)

Dr K Piggott

Mr E Dixon

Mrs O Wilson (from Oct)

Mr J Saunders (from Oct)

Co-opted Members

Mr N Taylor (until October)

In attendance

Revd Canon J Davies

Revd Canon B Hartnell

Mr S Canadas (until July)

Mr L Thompson (March)

*Membership note - vacancies from Oct for 1

Churchwarden, 2 Deanery Synod Reps, 1 Elected Member of PCC.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2020

PCC

The PCC met 5 times during the year. Two of those meetings were via Zoom due to COVID restrictions, the PCC also made use of the changes to Church Representation Rules that now allow formal business to be decided by correspondence. Some business was conducted through sub committees and groups, which reported regularly to PCC. In line with permission given by Bishop the AMP & APCM was also delayed until October.

The main activity of the PCC during the year was responding to the challenges of COVID, and specifically the PCC passed necessary resolution related to the temporary suspension of in person worship during the summer.

Other important elements of standard business considered by the PCC during the year included:

- regular reports on the Parish's financial situation - see under Finance below.
- matters relating to the church buildings (primarily as reflected in the reports on each church, as given in the relevant sections below).

Finance

It is remarkable that despite such a tumultuous year in every respect our general financial situation has remained reasonably stable. Income patterns have changed, with church collections and gift-aided giving substantially lower than usual; however, donations have increased very significantly, in some part due to the new online Stewardship method of giving. The reduction in our Parish Share by some £2,000 was particularly welcomed. As expected, revenue from use of the community room and parish hall were greatly reduced.

Of particular note regarding income, we are deeply indebted to the late Sheila Young and Rodney Marshall who have bequeathed substantial amounts to the Parish which will help facilitate the forthcoming building works.

Major works are planned over the next year or two at both St. Albans and St. Mary's which has meant the involvement of our Church Architect in drawing detailed plans and schedules of work as well as producing the Quinquennial Report for St. Mary's. Hence, this has incurred a significant cost. Other outgoings have remained much as usual with nothing significant to report.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in October 2020 there were 88 people on the electoral roll (92 in 2019).

Church Attendance

The Covid 19 Pandemic affected personal attendance at public worship, but also opened up new opportunities for worship online. In the first three months of 2020, Sunday attendance at the 8am and 10.15 services averaged 49. In August, after the period of closure fewer people returned, and the average personal attendance dropped to 33. A similar pattern emerged after the second closure for the month of November. But from March and throughout the year, the recorded service sent out via YouTube reached an average of 50 households, some of which would have had more than one person taking part. Paper copies of the worship material was sent to any who didn't have internet access. Threshold continued on line throughout, with an average attendance of 12.



It is impossible to produce an accurate figure for attendance, but it is evident that on-line worship has engaged more people than would normally enter one of the churches. Most have not identified themselves, but some of those who have joined in are former members of the congregation, living at some distance from Southampton.

Worship

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic our church buildings were closed for worship between 19 March and 18 August, and 5 November to 2 December. However,

during this period opportunities for worship and engagement with our wider church community were offered in various ways:

- From 26 April a pre-recorded Service of the Word was broadcast via YouTube on Sunday mornings, with different members of our congregation leading us in sung worship, readings and prayers.
- Printed service sheets were available for those without Internet access.
- Threshold continued via Zoom on Sunday evenings, with space to worship, pray, and to share news.
- A pre-recorded midweek Reflection usually by the Vicar was broadcast on YouTube.
- Evening prayer was held online on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 9pm, via Zoom
- St Mary's Church was opened for one session a week for private prayer, after 18 July until services began in church buildings in August.
- Children who usually attend Builders and Trekkers were sent regular packs of activities to complete at home during the closure period.
- Short craft videos were produced for Tuesdays Together, with some ideas for simple projects to do at home, available via Facebook and our Youtube channel.
- Zoom services were held in the evenings during Holy Week. A short interactive and reflective service was held on-line via Zoom to celebrate Ascension Day.



Between 18 August and 2 November, and after 2 December, services in person were able to take place. This was subject to a full risk assessment and careful planning, within various coronavirus measures implemented. Services were held at 8am at St Mary's

(Holy Communion) and 10.15am at St Albans. In the first instance this was a service of the Word, with Holy Communion reintroduced a couple of weeks later.

Threshold recommenced in person from 6 September. The impossibility of ensuring small children observed social distancing meant that Builders and Trekkers could not re-start in its previous format with children in church for part of the service. Provision was therefore made for children in the community room, with their parents present for the full duration of the service, and with individual sets of material produced. This ceased at the end of October amidst concerns about rising infection rates.

An online Service of Remembering, to commemorate those from our church and community who had died in the last year, was broadcast on our YouTube channel on 1 November. Our community Remembrance Day gathering this year also took place online, with a pre-recorded two-minute silence at the memorial at St Alban's aired on YouTube at 10.50am on Remembrance Sunday.

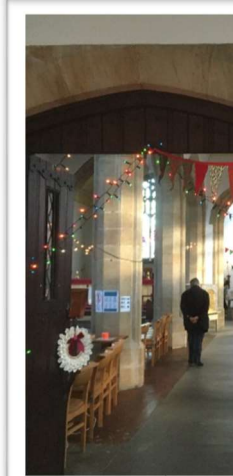
We were pleased to be able to hold some face-to-face activities over the Christmas period, even if under restrictions. Socially-distanced 'walk-through' Christingles were held at both churches (outside at St Mary's), with music, lights and displays and the opportunity to collect a Christingle in a bag.

We were thrilled to welcome over 70 individuals between our two Christingles.

There was one well attended Midnight service, at St Mary's, with advance booking to ensure the congregation could be accommodated safely. Holy Communion (BCP) took place at St Mary's at 8am, and we were pleased to be again joined by members of the Baptist church for a socially-distanced service of Holy Communion at St Alban's at 10.15.

On 23 August we said goodbye Scott Canadas at the end of his Ministry Experience Scheme year, and we have all very much enjoyed and benefited from having him with us. We have been pleased to have Lee Thompson with us in the Spring term as a final year ordinand.

Alan Williams 'retired' as Sacristan at St Alban's after many years and we thank him for all his faithful service.



Midnight Mass
11.30pm on Christmas Eve at St Mary's Church
Please book in advance via the website www.swaythlingparish.org.uk



THE YACHT TAVERN



Community Engagement

In March 2020, as the first Lockdown started, we worked closely with local schools to ensure children who usually receive free school meals received provision in place of them. After a few weeks, Cantell School offered to make extra lunches and asked us to distribute them locally to families who would benefit. Once this stopped, at Easter, a local pub, The Yacht Tavern, in Woolston offered to step in and continue to provide over 40 packed lunches every day until the summer holidays.

Their involvement continued through the summer holidays when they switched to providing nearly 70 hot meals once a week which a team then delivered to families locally, some already known to us and others referred by local schools.

Alongside this we worked closely with City Catering to ensure the continuation of the holiday lunch club for families at risk of holiday hunger, that had been started in the parish at the end of 2019. Whilst these couldn't meet in person, City Catering secured funding to provide recipe boxes which we then gave to families who had previously attended, and as funding increased, to other families identified by ourselves or local schools as requiring support. By October half term we were involved in delivering 60 boxes which we added craft packs to as well, made up by members of the parish.

Over the summer holidays we held a weekly collection point outside St Alban's, not only for the recipe boxes but for anyone requiring help with food, which was sourced through Fareshare-Go (collecting food that would otherwise be thrown away from local supermarkets) and donations from Basics Bank and individuals. Referrals could also be made to basics Bank as well as other local services including debt advice, as needed.

Following this summer holiday activity, we launched "Thursdays Together" out of recognition of an increasing need and concerns about food poverty in the local community.

This continues to meet every Thursday morning at St Alban's. It provides a meeting place where people can collect food, and when the government regulations allow, have a drink and a chat.

As pensioners' lunches have not been able to happen in person, from June, a team of volunteers were able

to deliver homemade lunches to those who usually come as well as some others who we were made aware of and who very much appreciate this contact. This continued monthly and has received very positive feedback.

Supported by a range of community organisations, individuals and businesses we were able to be involved in a number of activities for families and individuals during the Christmas period:

- Delivering recipe boxes from City Catering and Christmas craft activities to 60 local families
- Delivering 50 hampers made up by the Yacht Tavern, Woolston which included fresh food, tinned food and gifts, to local families identified by schools or ourselves as being in need of support
- Making up and delivering a further 10 hampers to families or individuals who had not been supported by the other options but were still in need of support
- Delivering 35 Christmas dinners to those who would usually attend Pensioner's lunch

Pastoral Care

Contact with all church members was made by phone throughout the period of closure. Following discussions at the beginning of the year, the Lay Pastors re-formed the Care-Rings system. Under the new arrangement each of the main congregations was placed into a group of 6/8 individuals or families, supported by group pastors who would keep in contact with those in their care, being aware of any unusual or prolonged absences, and letting the Vicar know of any concerns of which he should be aware. The new system was launched just in time for the second period of lock-down.





Social Activities

Due to coronavirus restrictions, it was not possible to hold the usual social and fund-raising activities. We held a virtual summer fair, on Saturday 18 July, with deliveries of a cream tea door to door, and the sale of Seville Liqueur marmalade for a donation to church funds, with an online quiz for all the family in the evening. In place of the Christmas fair, on Saturday 5 December we offered a delivery of sweet and savoury Christmas gift bags.

St Alban's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds and Church Committee / User Group

Because of the lockdown restrictions, no progress was made in the first half of the year in moving forward the preparations for the structural repairs highlighted in the 2018 quinquennial inspection report (cracking on the tower turret, in the tower room, and in the floor of the Lady Chapel). But in the early autumn the church architect was able to resume work on the



project and detailed specifications for the works were produced. The specifications were put out to tender during November and four bids were returned in early December. Also in November, PCC passed a resolution agreeing that the repair works should go ahead subject to diocesan approval and affordable quotations. Permission from the diocese was due to be sought early in the New Year so that a final decision on costs could be taken by PCC at its January meeting.

With the church either closed or with restricted access for much of the year there was little opportunity for regular maintenance of the building. The repair to a leaking toilet cistern in the cloakroom area in October and the annual maintenance of the heating boiler in December were the only minor works carried out during the year.

In the grounds, the shrubs were pruned, and the rear hedge was cut by an external firm in September, as in the previous year. Grass cutting was less frequent than usual during the year because of the restrictions.

Friends of St Alban's

It was not possible to hold a Friends annual meeting during the year because of the restrictions but subscription renewals were invited and there was a positive response from most members. Membership stood at 28 following the subscription renewal.

Community Room

As a result of the lockdowns and the Coronavirus-related restrictions all external

bookings for the Community Room were cancelled from March onwards. General parish activity also ceased, including post-service refreshments, but the room was used, together with the church itself, for a number of community activities, including Thursdays Together, related to food distribution.

Mavis Ryan stood down as administrator of the Community Room in March, having held the position since the room was opened in 2006, and thanks are due to her for all her work during this time.



St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church: Report on the Fabric, Furnishings and Grounds Church Committee / User Group

2020 saw the quinquennial inspection of the church by the Architect. The full report has now been received which gives us sufficient details to push ahead with an application for a faculty for the roof repairs. We are hoping this can be done in 2021

During the summer when restrictions were eased a thorough spring clean was done.

Churchyard

When permitted the gardening group met on Tuesdays but social distancing was kept and no shared refreshments. The rear of churchyard was left to grow wild and it was a blessing to see the wild flowers flourish.

Friends of St Mary's (FoSM)

There has been no opportunity for a meeting in 2020. It is hoped a meeting will be possible in 2021.

Parish Hall

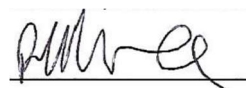
The hall has had little use during 2020. A QR code is in place with sanitisers and attendance record for the minimal use it has had. A thorough clean was done before the hall was used before the further lock down.



Deanery Synod

The Synod met on two occasions during 2020. At February meeting Bishop Debbie spoke to the Synod. In September The Revd Sheena Williams was appointed Area Dean, and The Revds Kathy Hicken and Gary Roberts appointed Assistant Area Deans. At the October meeting, held by Zoom, a new Lay Chair, Su Brakewell, was elected, as Claire Robinson stepped down to begin training for ordination as distinctive Deacon.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf:



Rev Peter Dockree (Vicar)

End of Year Audited Accounts – 31 December 2020

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

FIXED ASSETS:-

CURRENT ASSETS:-

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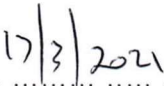
NET ASSETS:-

Represented By:-	<u>Notes</u>	
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Restricted Funds	2	158824.11
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..... R G Paulley, I.C.P.A, A.T.T,



..... Date

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020
GENERAL ACCOUNT

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		<u>35083.59</u>	<u>37317.98</u>
Fees	1452.00		2833.00
Fundrasing	1551.30		2865.02
Use of St Mary's	615.00		
Community Room	1963.00		3197.00
Refunds			2785.67
Children's work			10.00
HMRC Furlough	1092.90		
Refund of income tax	5236.59		
Insurance bonus	130.00	12040.79	
		<u>47124.38</u>	<u>49008.67</u>
<u>Less EXPENDITURE:-</u>			
Clergy expenses	553.98		496.14
CEMES			4320.00
Light,Heat,Water,Insurance	5083.60		3930.32
Insurance	4495.23		4531.56
Maintenance	209.60		1673.56
Administration Fees etc	2443.13		1279.60
Upkeep of Services	199.79		1007.44
Parish Share	26815.60		29322.28
Organists & Choirs	245.00		443.21
Maintenance & SM Cleaning	1730.80		1627.56
Stationery/Telephone	1724.40		1183.45
Major Repairs	2749.80		
Expenses Re Fundraising	384.89		421.96
Community Room Expenses	85.53		418.97
Parish Office	5673.84		5615.88
Childrens work & outreach	396.58		190.46
Income Tax	357.60		393.40
Transfer to photocopier			20.00
New refrigerator	319.99		
		<u>53469.36</u>	
		53469.36	56875.79
<u>SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>			
Transfer to/from Reserve		-6344.98	-7867.12
		<u>47124.38</u>	<u>49008.67</u>

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			Surplus (Excess)	Balance B/Fwd	C/Fwd
1) <u>SUMMARY OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:-</u>					
<u>PARISH HALL:-</u>					
RECEIPTS					
Receipts from users		4344.26			
Donations					
Grant for fire doors					
		4344.26			
Less Expenditure:-					
Light & Heat	1487.20				
Maintenance/Tuning	642.00				
Cleaning	1286.56				
Insurance	1368.44				
New Boiler					
New Water Heater					
New Equipment					
New Toilets					
Transfer to Gen Fund					
		4784.20	-439.94	2820.24	2380.3
<u>MAGAZINES:-</u>					
Receipts:-					
Suscriptions					
advertisements					
		0.00			
Less Expenditure:-					
Photocopier Costs					
Postages					
		0.00	0.00	0	0.00
<u>MEMORIALS:-</u>					
Powell				200.00	200.00
Wilson				250.00	250.00
Walker				625.54	625.54
Eddis				250.00	250.00
Wakefield				1000.00	1000.00

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2)	<u>SUMMARY OF RESTRICTED FUNDS:-</u>				
	<u>FABRIC FUND:-</u>				
	Receipts:-				
	Grave Prep				
	Less: Payment				
	Update memorial				
			0.00	8496.57	8496.57
	<u>CHURCHYARD:-</u>				
	Receipts:-				
	Payment for Inscriptions				
	Investment Dividends				
	Donation				
		20.00			
	Grant from City Council				
		810.00			
		830.00			
	Less: Expenditure:-				
	Inscriptions				
	680.40				
	Maintenance				
	600.00	1280.40	-450.40	2025.73	1575.33
	<u>Make Lunch:-</u>				
	Receipts:-				
		1180.00			
	Less: Payment				
	472.94	472.94	707.06	456.84	1163.90
	<u>FLOWER FUND:-</u>				
	Receipts:-				
	Less Payments:-				
			0.00	321.73	321.73
	<u>SPECIAL FUNDS:-</u>				
	St Albans Organ				
				729.69	729.69
	St Marys Organ				
				134.16	134.16
	Roof				
		407.10	407.10	2622.67	3029.77

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			Surplus (Excess)	Balance B/Fwd	C/Fwd
<u>MISSION & CHARITIES:-</u>					
Receipts:-					
Donations					
Less Payments:-					
Charities		466.46	-466.46	650.82	184.36
<u>PARISH OFFICE:-</u>					
Receipts:-					
Printing Service Sheets		60.00			
Transfer from Police Grant		10.27			
Transfer from Reserves		70.27			
Less Payments:-					
Photocopier Maintenance	930.99	930.99	-860.72	735.99	-124.73
<u>STEVENS SOUTH STONEHAM FUND:-</u>					
Receipts:-					
Deposit Interest		230.13			
Donation		230.13			
Payments:-					
Sculptor's fee	50.00	50.00	180.13	22752.48	22932.61
<u>FRIENDS OF ST MARYS FUND:-</u>					
Receipts:-					
Membership fees & events		45.00			
Rod Marshall		58983.44			
		59028.44			
Payments:-					
Postage					
Concert					
	0.00		59028.44	9577.63	68606.07
<u>FRIENDS OF ST ALBANS FUND:-</u>					
Receipts:-					
Membership fees & events		263.00			
Tax Refund					
Payments:					
Trans to Gen Fund			263.00	2026.65	2289.65
Young Legacy					
Receipts:-					
Abel Solicitor		49485.00	49485.00		49485.00
					158824.11

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3) **SUMMARY OF RESERVES:-**

Balance brought forward	16109.91
CBF Interest	332.2
Transfer to General Fund	-6344.97
Balance carried forward	<u>10097.14</u>

End of Year Audited Accounts – 31 December 2020

SWAYTHLING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

FIXED ASSETS:-

CURRENT ASSETS:-

C.B.F. Deposit Account	160698.55
Nat. West. Bank Account	12928.54
	<u>173627.09</u>

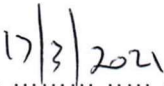
NET ASSETS:-

Represented By:-	<u>Notes</u>	
Unrestricted Funds	1	4705.84
Restricted Funds	2	158824.11
Reserves	3	10097.14
		<u>173627.09</u>

I have examined the books, records etc. presented to me and together with the appropriate explanations:
I certify that the details herein represent a true record of the current financial affairs.



..... R G Paulley, I.C.P.A, A.T.T,



..... Date

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020
GENERAL ACCOUNT

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:-</u>			
Gift Aided Giving		17634.14	25498.55
Tax Refunds		2548.09	2792.98
Non-Gift Aided giving		442.00	1787.80
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