

## Oldham Parish Church

### Secretary to the PCC Report – April 2022-May 2023

The year since our last APCM has seen many changes and challenges at Oldham Parish Church. A period of Interregnum was already underway after the last APCM with the retirement of Fr Derek Palmer on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Sadly we lost Derek on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 but celebrated his life and work on 2 beautiful occasions, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022. His funerals were led by Bishop Mark with many of his clergy colleagues in attendance alongside family and friends. The two services were very moving and certainly joyous as we learned of his life before and during his time at OPC.

The PCC has met 3 times and has also made decisions by 'logged' emails and recently at a brief meeting in church after a Sunday service. Archdeacon David Sharples and Area Dean Daniel Ramble supported 2 of our meetings during this time.

As parts of our service were re-introduced, the feeling of near-normality was returning except of course, appointing a new Vicar to lead us in worship and give us spiritual direction and guidance. A Parish Profile was compiled to tempt anyone considering the post to look upon us favourably!

Revd Canon Daniel Burton was licensed on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 by Bishop Mark and this was a wonderful occasion. He led his first service on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March followed by a full Sunday service on 5<sup>th</sup> March, we feel very blessed that he has been guided to OPC. The choir proudly showed off their new vintage gowns from 1990 sourced from Jessye Norman's backing Gospel Choir as they sang 'On Eagles Wings'!

I really must thank those who have ably guided us through the period of Interregnum, particularly Revd Canon Jean with the support of Fr Christopher Halliday, retired and our 2 ALM's, Martcha and Susan F. Our 4 Wardens, Austin, Derek, Paul and Susan F have also taken on many other duties along with John, our Verger. Archdeacon, David Sharples and Area Dean, Revd Daniel Ramble have also supported us through this time along with the Diocese.

The following is a brief account of our business throughout the year:

- The usual election of officers and committee members took place for the forthcoming year.
- Our monthly coffee morning, guided tours of the Crypt and the bric-a-brac stall continue to thrive and help develop social links with each other and the wider community. It is also a vital source of income.
- Rev Canon J Hurlston's work with the wonderful Street Angels and work associated with rough sleepers continues in the most supportive way to those who seek their help advice.
- We celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee throughout the Bank Holiday weekend - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and after the Sunday service on 5<sup>th</sup> June with a Ploughman's lunch for around 50 people in church; it was a very joyous occasion and lovely to see so many people joining in!
- Sadly our Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II passed away on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Oldham Parish Church paid its respects with the tenor bell being tolled, half muffled for 1 hour on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September along with other bells throughout the country. At our 10.30 Sunday service on 18<sup>th</sup> September fully muffled bells were tolled and again at 5.30pm, this also happened on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September prior to the State Funeral. Church bells are only fully muffled upon the death of a Monarch.



- Ethan Robinson was installed as our 'Youth Bishop.' Thank you Ethan and well done for doing a brilliant job in this very special and important role.
- Our superb Christmas Tree Festival took place again under the wonderful guidance of Miss R Shelmerdine. Thank you for overseeing this huge task and thanks too, to the great team of helpers. It concluded with our Carol Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
- In February 2023, OPC was once again part of Oldham's 'Illuminate' Festival. We hosted bright and colourful structures outside as well as beautiful 'flying' swans inside. It was lovely to see the church so full, some people had never been inside it before! Tea, coffee and Crypt tours were all part of our bringing the community together and showing what OPC has to offer.
- Our Lent Course was titled 'Dust to Glory' via 'Zoom.' Those who took part found it a very rewarding, emotional and motivational experience. Thanks to Martcha for organising it so well.
- We now have a digital card reader which will be available every Sunday and at all church events to encourage further giving as so many of us now carry little cash! Discussions are taking place regarding having QR Codes on the back of pews which will be another option of ways to give.
- We are celebrating King Charles III Coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May with a 'big' lunch after the Sunday service on 7<sup>th</sup> May. This will be similar to the wonderful shared lunch we had at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year.

#### Fabric and Faculties

- A new heating system has been approved for which we have obtained a substantial grant. The work will commence in early May.
- The fallen Rib near the North Door has been replaced through our insurance. A mould had to be made in order to replace it.
- Mr Alex Shaw, Principal Engineer, Highways Engineering Consultant has had several meetings with us regarding the planned development opposite church especially regarding the lack of parking for church congregation members, weddings, funerals and particularly those who are Blue Badge holders.

He has however agreed to the building of a proper ramp for easy access to the North Door and this work has now been completed.

- Guidon Flag – we need to apply for a faculty to have this hung in church.
- 'Singers not Sinners' Plaque – we need to apply for a faculty for a plaque to be placed in church.

Finally on behalf of everyone, heartfelt thanks must go to our Clergy, ALM's, Church Wardens, John Dunkerley, Verger and Brenda Andrews, PCC members, Sidespersons, the cleaning, flower and coffee teams and ALL those who continue to help keep Oldham Parish Church to be a safe and loving environment for us to worship in. Thanks must also go to Derek Thomas, our Ringing Master and his team for keeping the church bells pealing, to Diane Mundy and the Sunday School Teachers who inspire our children, our readers, intercessors and servers, Peter our organist and Richard Mundy and the choir. We truly have a devoted congregation whose skills and tireless efforts make OPC what it is today.

*S. Johnson* 22.04.2023

**THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st DECEMBER 2022**

**Allen Mills Howard & Co.  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
& Registered Auditors  
Hyde**

**THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

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**THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**  
**COMPANY INFORMATION**

Registered Charity No: 1134239

Address: Rock Street  
Oldham  
OL1 3AN

Charity Trustees:

Mr Paul Anthony Tyler  
Mrs Marlene Armitage  
Susan Cunningham  
Brenda Andrews  
Mr William Sanderson  
Mrs Martcha Dorice Thomas  
Mrs Susan Margaret Fozard  
Mrs Carole Anne Howarth  
Mr Derek Thomas  
Dianne Mundy  
Alan Armitage  
Mrs Sally Patricia Johnson  
Rev Jean Margaret Hurlston  
Mr Austin Paul Shelmerdine  
Mrs Alice Idle  
Mr Jason Robinson  
Rev Canon Daniel Burton

Independent Examiner: Stephen Kenworthy Howard FCCA  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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# **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of The Parish of Oldham**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

## ***Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner***

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

It is our responsibility to

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

## ***Basis of independent examiner's report***

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

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## ***Independent examiner's statement***

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with the section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of the independent examination.

I have come across no other matter 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.

Mr Stephen Kenworthy Howard FCCA

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20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

# **THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**

## **BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a	3	3
Investment Assets	5b	75,497	85,550
		<u>75,500</u>	<u>85,553</u>
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
Debtors	7	800	878
Cash at Bank and in hand		177,148	169,668
		<u>177,948</u>	<u>170,546</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</u></b>			
	8	2,498	16,498
<b><u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		<u>175,450</u>	<u>154,048</u>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		<u>£ 250,950</u>	<u>£ 239,601</u>
<b><u>FUNDS</u></b>			
Unrestricted		159,940	141,748
Restricted		91,010	97,853
Endowment		-	-
		<u>£ 250,950</u>	<u>£ 239,601</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20th April 2023 and signed on its behalf :

Reverend Canon Mr D Burton (Chairman)

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Mr P Tyler (Warden)

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# **THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**

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

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
					<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
<b><u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>						
Voluntary income	2a	62,114	-	-	<b>62,114</b>	28,635
Activities for generating funds	2b	6,284	-	-	<b>6,284</b>	2,636
Income from investments	2c	2,216	1,883	-	<b>4,099</b>	2,274
Income from church activities	2d	6,231	-	-	<b>6,231</b>	4,439
Other incoming resources	2e	1,901	-	-	<b>1,901</b>	1,293
<b><u>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>		<u>78,746</u>	<u>1,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>80,629</b></u>	<u>39,277</u>
<b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>						
Church activities	3a	55,875	61	-	<b>55,936</b>	53,492
Costs of generating voluntary income	3b	-	-	-	<b>-</b>	-
Fund raising trading costs	3c	2,578	-	-	<b>2,578</b>	15
Governance costs	3d	1,955	78	-	<b>2,033</b>	2,076
<b><u>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</u></b>		<u>60,408</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>60,547</b></u>	<u>55,583</u>
<b><u>NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</u></b> <b><u>BEFORE TRANSFERS</u></b>		18,338	1,744	-	<b>20,082</b>	(16,306)
<b><u>INTER CHURCH TRANSFERS</u></b>						
Oldham Parish Church - Education Fund		1,320	-	-	1,320	1,320
<b><u>GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</u></b>						
- Realised		-	-	-	<b>-</b>	-
- Unrealised		(1,466)	(8,587)	-	<b>(10,053)</b>	6,446
<b><u>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</u></b>		<u>18,192</u>	<u>(6,843)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>11,349</b></u>	<u>(8,540)</u>
<b><u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</u></b>						
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2022 (2021)		141,748	97,853	-	<b>239,601</b>	248,141
<b><u>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</u></b> <b><u>AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022 (2021)</u></b>		<u>159,940</u>	<u>91,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>250,950</b></u>	<u>239,601</u>



# **THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements** **For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and (SORP (FRS102)).

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

#### **Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purposes for which the endowment was established.

*Restricted funds represent* (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

#### **Incoming Resources**

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

#### **Resources expended**

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

#### **Fixed assets**

##### ***Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings***

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts by S.10 (2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

##### ***Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment***

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated at rates deemed appropriate.

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### **Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31<sup>st</sup> December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove un-collectable.

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

# **THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( Continued )** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
				<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
<b><u>2. INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>					
<b><u>2a. Voluntary Income</u></b>					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid	16,340	-	-	16,340	17,292
Income Tax recoverable	11,940	-	-	11,940	5,303
Other	4,396	-	-	4,396	2,867
Collections (open plate)	3,420	-	-	3,420	2,395
Gift Days	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Donations, appeals etc	26,018	-	-	26,018	778
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>62,114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,114</u>	<u>28,635</u>
<b><u>2b. Activities for generating funds</u></b>					
Room hire & Car parking	1,580	-	-	1,580	80
Fetes and other fund raising	4,704	-	-	4,704	2,556
	<u>6,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,284</u>	<u>2,636</u>
<b><u>2c. Income from Investments</u></b>					
Dividends and Interest	2,216	1,883	-	4,099	2,274
	<u>2,216</u>	<u>1,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,099</u>	<u>2,274</u>
<b><u>2d. Income from Charitable and Church activities</u></b>					
Fees	6,231	-	-	6,231	2,153
Transfer from PCC	-	-	-	-	-
Street Angels	-	-	-	-	2,286
Magazines	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,231</u>	<u>4,439</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( Continued )**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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# THE PARISH OF OLDHAM

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( Continued ) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
				<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
<b><u>3. RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>					
<b><u>3a. Church activities</u></b>					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Home: Grant & Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Home: Church Societies	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Ministry : Diocesan Quota	27,008	-	-	27,008	29,410
Rectors/Curates Expenses	563	-	-	563	2,893
Upkeep of Services	2,930	-	-	2,930	1,646
Church Running Expenses	6,628	-	-	6,628	11,096
Church Maintenance	10,367	-	-	10,367	4,123
Columbarium	-	-	-	-	-
Flowers	902	-	-	902	695
Magazine Costs	-	-	-	-	47
Sunday School	-	61	-	61	290
Church fees	5,518	-	-	5,518	1,463
Transfer to PCC	-	-	-	-	-
Organists Salary	1,540	-	-	1,540	1,680
Sundry Expenses	419	-	-	419	149
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>55,875</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,936</u>	<u>53,492</u>
<b><u>3.b Costs of generating voluntary income</u></b>					
Costs of appeals, stewardship campaigns etc	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>3.c Fund-raising costs</u></b>					
Costs of fund raising events	2,578	-	-	2,578	15
	<u>2,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,578</u>	<u>15</u>

## **THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( Continued )** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>Endowment</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL FUNDS</u></b>	
				<b><u>2022</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>3d. Governance costs</u></b>					
Printing & Stationery	635	-	-	635	678
Accountancy	-	78	-	78	78
Independent Examiner	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,320
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,955</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,033</u>	<u>2,076</u>
 <b><u>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</u></b>	 <u>60,408</u>	 <u>139</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>60,547</u>	 <u>55,583</u>



# THE PARISH OF OLDHAM

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( Continued ) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
<b>4. STAFF COSTS</b>		
Wages and salaries	<u>1,540</u>	<u>1,680</u>

During the year the PCC employed an organist, who earned less than £40,000. p.a.  
None of those receiving salary were members of the PCC.

### **5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**

		<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>GROSS BOOK VALUE</b>	- At 1st January 2022	11,476	11,476
	- Additions	-	-
	- Disposals	-	-
	- <b>At 31st December 2022</b>	<u>11,476</u>	<u>11,476</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	- At 1st January 2022	11,473	11,473
	- Disposals	-	-
	- Charge for the year	-	-
	- <b>At 31st December 2022</b>	<u>11,473</u>	<u>11,473</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	- <b>At 31st December 2022</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	- At 31st December 2021	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

### **5b. INVESTMENTS**

Various investments with the CBF's Investment Fund - historical cost at  
31st December 2022 £32,806 ( 2021 £32,734).

Bath Street Ground Rents- historical cost at 31st December 2022 £Nil (2021 £Nil )

# **THE PARISH OF OLDHAM**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( Continued )** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

### **6. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>Fund</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
Fixed Assets	12,954	62,543	-	75,497
Current Assets	169,161	8,790	-	177,951
Current Liabilities	(2,420)	(78)	-	(2,498)
	<b><u>179,695</u></b>	<b><u>71,255</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>250,950</u></b>

### **7. DEBTORS**

	<b><u>2022</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
Income Tax Recoverable	800	878
	<b><u>800</u></b>	<b><u>878</u></b>

### **8. LIABILITIES : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

Accruals and deferred income	2,498	16,498
	<b><u>2,498</u></b>	<b><u>16,498</u></b>

### **9. FUND DETAILS**

The restricted Funds Comprise

Mission Fund	- provision and encouragement of mission work in the parish
Church Expenses Fund	- repair and maintenance of Church fabric
Sunday School	- school expenses
Curacy Funds	- expenditure connected with curate
Incumbents Funds	- expenditure connected with incumbent
Chadwick Fund	- poor of parish
Organ Appeal	- restoration of the Church organ

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We report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

## ***Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner***

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

It is our responsibility to

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

## ***Basis of independent examiner's report***

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

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## ***Independent examiner's statement***

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with the section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of the independent examination.

I have come across no other matter 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.

Mr Stephen Kenworthy Howard FCCA

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